



ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 110922

Call to Order: David Brown, President, Hogie led the national anthem.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Chris Ruffe (Joy), Richard Benison (Meiko), Carol Symes (Jean D.), Kerry Smith (Connie), Rick Stevens President Parkinson's Network and Carol Jeha of the Jeha Family, Speakers Peter Li and Andy Chu

Sunshine: Jean D. announced the death of past Rotarian Jim G. and she has sent a note of condolence to Jack G. Nancy R.'s husband sustained a fall, and Mitzi B.'s husband has been ill. On a sunny note: WELCOME BACK IRV FORD!

Thought for the Day: Norm Jacobs with a serious thought, "Sorrows also make our lives."

Happy Dollars: Bill B., David B., Chuck L., Joy A. for her friend from Sydney Australia's visit, Sharon L. and Connie P. showing appreciation for our guest speakers, Jim O., Teddy S., JoAnne A., Eddie F., Carol J., Thank you all for your generosity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Harris awards presented by Joy to Connie Palladino, her plus 7, and to Bill Broxham his plus 2. Congratulations!

Parkinson's Network Presentation – John Rice presented Rick Stevens and Carol Jeha a check for \$35,000 from the recent Jeha Golf Tournament sponsored by the Rossmoor Rotary Foundation. This award will go to the Network's Respite Care Program.

See's candy holiday sales – Updates from John Rice about dates, locations, and times for the Foundation's annual sale. **Dates and Locations:**

Rossmoor Safeway on Saturdays Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10, and 17

Rossmoor Gateway Dec. 8 and 15

Waterford on Dec. 7

Joanne Anderson will coordinate scheduling. Please sign up and participate in this fun and worthy event.

Both raffles were won by Marlene Miller – a largesse of wine.

Annual Holiday party – Bill B. provided details. Patrice is coordinator. When: Friday Dec. 9 from 5-9. Location is at the Fireside room. We have a caterer and entertainment. The price is TBD. Details to follow.

Club Board of Directors and officers nominations – At our Dec. 7 annual meeting, a slate of candidates will be nominated to fill the Presidential nominee (2023-2024), Club Secretary and Treasurer, and two directors' positions. If you are interested in serving please contact Bill Broxham, chair of the nominating committee.

PROGRAM

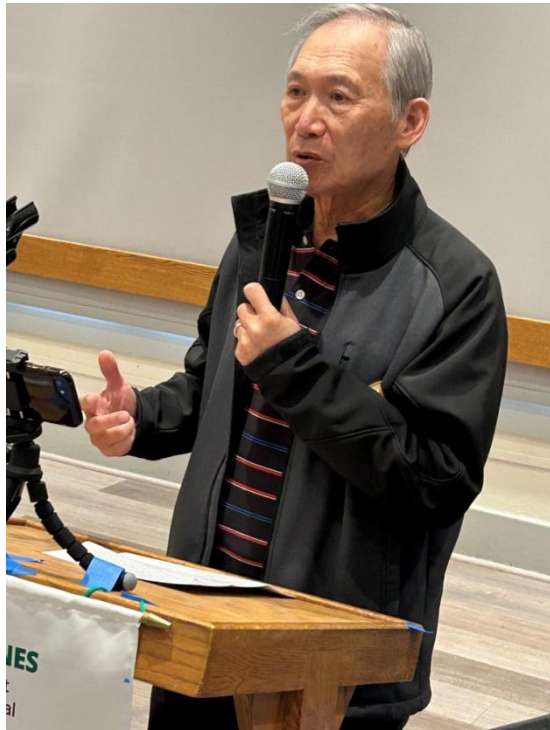
Speakers were Andy Chu and Peter Li on Understanding anti-Asian racism. A strongly appreciated presentation to our members. Both men are immigrants to this country. Peter and Andy expressed their gratitude for being in America, and both acknowledged that our country was the best place in the world to achieve successful careers and status, and how much they loved living at Rossmoor. Yet, as Peter described anti-Asian racism is not new in the U.S. and that is exacerbated by economic disparity, heated political rhetoric, and negative media portrayals. For Peter the key to alleviating this negativity is to find means of communication and understanding the fear of Chinese assimilations. Just think of our love of Chinese food and the popularity of using chopsticks in overcoming such fears. Peter quoted Ronald Reagan, "You can come to America and become American." The pillars to build against anti-Asian racism are dialogue, understanding, and compassion.

Andy immigrated to the U.S. sixty years ago. He was given numerous opportunities to achieve the American Dream. He has never personally encountered direct racism; nevertheless he acknowledged that Asians face considerable turmoil in part by being blamed for causing Covid-19. As president of the Chinese American Association of Rossmoor, Andy has been a leader in the establishment of successful diversity programs at Rossmoor. It is his way of communicating and educating us so that we understand all of us belong right here. Andy then showed a wonderful video with this as its theme.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 16	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting
Nov. 16	Lynne Forette Assistance League – Diablo Valley
Nov. 23	Dark

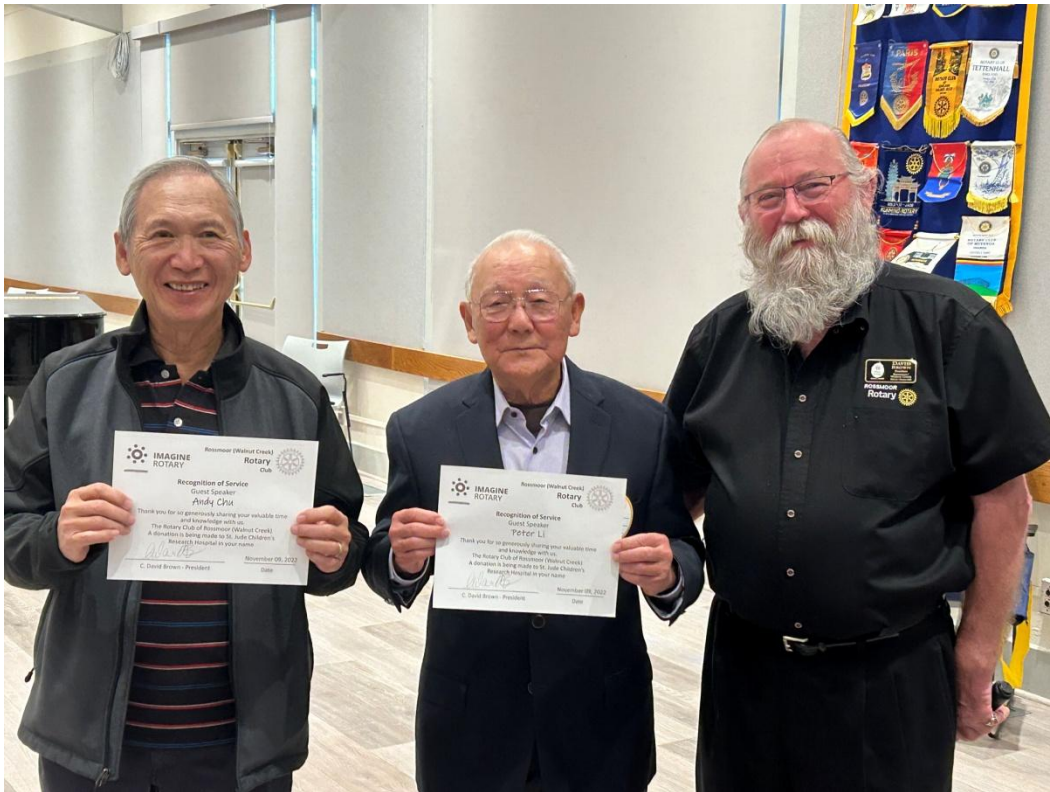
PHOTOS



Speakers Andy Chu



and Peter Li



Andy, Peter, and President Dave



Paul Harris award recipients



Jeha grant recipients