



MEETING NOTES: November 28, 2018



Happy Dollars: Igor gave for his kitchen remodel. Patrice gave simply for being happy. Dave honored his team. Jim Olson and Bob Sutherland also donated Happy Dollars. There were also a couple of "Unhappy Dollars" donated. Pat Zahn was unhappy with her Cobb Salad. Earl Abbe was upset by an incorrect quote in the last bulletin.

Thought for the Day: Don Peterson shared several humorous quotes from Mark Twain.



Raffle: Ted and Bea won bottles of wine.

Paradise Fire video: The Paradise Rotary produced a video that we viewed which showed losses from the campfire. They are asking for help. One donation fund is earmarked exclusively to the 3,000 children who apparently lost everything. This will include backpacks and other supplies. The cost is \$20 per child.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



New Rotary Banner: Hogey received a new Rotary banner for our club.

Reminder: No meetings will be held on December 12th, December 26th and January 2nd.

Sign up for the Holiday Party! A wonderful evening is planned for Wednesday, December 12th at 5 PM in the Fireside Room. You will have a choice of medallions of beef, grilled salmon, or stacked polenta veggie lasagna. Wine is included. Entertainment will be provided by the San Ramon Valley High School Chamber Choir. District 5160 VIPs will be attending to hand out some special awards. We will be providing rides for those requesting it. Send your check for \$50 per person with your food choice to **Joy Alaidarous**, 2737 Ptarmigan Drive, #2, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Donations for Campfire Victims: Checks should be made out to the Rossmoor Rotary Foundation. They will be matched by the Foundation and will go to the Paradise Rotary for distribution.

Three scholarships were funded to Ygnacio Valley and we received gracious letters from the recipients.

PROGRAM

Ben Weise of the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District spoke on carbon farming in Contra Costa County. The group started in 1941. The concept was to expand a green planet for our area. They have been involved in projects such as improving salmon breeding and expanding areas of increased farm development and production. The goals are to reverse worsening soil health, improve corn, fruit and nut growth potential, and put carbon back into the soil to make it blacker and healthier in order to counteract the effects of pesticides, additives and over-fertilization.

Increasing carbon content in the soil helps it stay together and not disintegrate. This helps biologic activity and prevents the weakened soil from blowing away and maintains the soil's health. In addition, hedge rows also protect the land health. Farm land requires better soil integrity than forests. If farm soil deteriorates badly, oak trees will take its place and prevent farming.

CALENDAR



Today	Rotary District Governor Jonathen Dwyer
Next Week	No Meeting Holiday Party at 5 PM in the Fireside Room