



# Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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## MEETING NOTES: 08/24/2024

**Call to Order:** Sue A., Pledge- David B., Patriotic Song- "God Bless America"

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Christy L., Liann M., Dick O. (prospective new member); Deborah D. (friend of Fumi)

**Thought for the Day:** Peter V.S.-on giving "freely of oneself," and reaching "stability."

**Happy Dollars:** Eddie F., happy about the successful donations to Israel during the conflict of thousands of ambulances. Jim O., happy about club members recommendations for good speakers; Joy, for our new members; Bill, in memory of his beloved Hershey; Elliot, just because; David B., happy as usual; Jim D., because he got rid of all of his bad golf shots the other day; Irv F., and Sue for our new members too.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rotary's 37th Annual Gala - November 9th

Tickets are now on sale for the upcoming Gala fundraiser. You may purchase them before the weekly meetings or online at [rossmoorrotary.com/gala](http://rossmoorrotary.com/gala). Costs are: \$175 pp / \$1200 table for 8 / \$1500 table for 10. Payment can be made by check, cash, or credit card. Checks are made payable to: Rossmoor Rotary Foundation or RRF. For more information contact Sharon Long at 209-304-5118.

#### **Sangkoo Yun is selected to be 2026-27 Rotary International president**

By Etelka Lehoczky

Sangkoo Yun, of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Seoul, Korea, is the selection of the nominating committee to become Rotary International's president for 2026-27. He will be officially declared the president-nominee on 15 September if no other candidates challenge him.

Yun received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the Syracuse University School of Architecture in the U.S. and an honorary doctoral degree from The University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He is the founder and CEO of Dongsuh Corp., which engineers and markets architectural materials, and the president of Youngan Corp., which operates in real estate and financial investment. He is involved in many civic organizations and has a special interest in the preservation of cultural heritage.

A Rotary member since 1987, when he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Sae Hanyang, Yun has served Rotary International as a director, trustee, committee member and chair, and RI learning facilitator.

Yun received The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2021-22. He was appointed an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II, awarded the Friendship Medal by the president of Mongolia, and recognized for distinguished services by the president and prime minister of Korea. He is a veteran of the Republic of Korea Army and an emeritus elder at Andong Presbyterian Church. Yun and his spouse, Eunsun, are Rotary Foundation Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Arch Klumph Society, the Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society. They have two children. To learn more about Yun, [Click this link](#) to read his interview and vision statement, which outline his goals for Rotary.

**New Member Inductions**-Jim O. inducted Richard H., retired mining engineer and financial consultant; and, Brenda Jahn, former hospital director. Welcome!

**Polio Plus Society**- Jim O. presented a 5-minute video of Bill Gates emphasizing the importance of Rotarians years long effort in ending polio worldwide. Jim encouraged members to donate \$100 annually for this effort which enables them to become "polio plus" society members.

**Rossmoor Rotary and the Italian American Club Host Golf Tourney and BBQ**- Connie and John P., invite us to participate in this fun annual event, **Friday, September 13**. There will be a 9-hole scramble golf event on the Creekside course, followed by a **BBQ** catered by **Back 40 Texas BBQ** at Stanley Dollar Picnic grounds. The Cost is \$40 per person. Sign-ups for golf can be made at the golf shop. For more information, contact Connie P.

**Raffle:** Fumi S., and Bill B. both lunches

## PROGRAM

**Christy L., and Liann M.-Introduced by Peter V.S.-** The topic was **The Sisterhood of Sobriety**- A place in Walnut Creek for women seeking recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. Christy co-founded the Sisterhood in 2012. She talked about her own experience of 37 years of recovery. The **Sisterhood** provides a safe harbor for women seeking recovery. At the time of its founding, there were no "women only" safe homes. The programs scope of recovery is multi-faceted. **The Sisterhood of Sobriety is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit.** It recently had its most successful Gala. Operations are funded through grants, sponsors, and individual donations. Christy talked about the mission of Sisterhood. To "create a safe and nurturing living environment, where women can build a firm foundation of recovery from the disease of addiction."

There are 300 graduated alumni in its 12 years of existence. Purpose driven scholarships are also provided to those seeking careers in various fields.

Liann talked about her success in recovery, now 4 years. She is now a member of the Board and treasurer. Becoming a part of the "family" of Sisterhood of Sobriety has enabled her to rediscover herself.

Questions from members were about the size of the home, 7500 sq.ft., and total number of beds, 16. The home is about 10 miles from Rossmoor. The average stay in the home is 1 year. There is no time limit for staying, and children are accepted. For more information, see [info@sisterhoodsobriety.com](mailto:info@sisterhoodsobriety.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 28 | League of Women Voters – General Election Information and Dis Information

Sep 4	Camp Royal Students – Student Experiences
Sep 11	10:30 Club Board of Directors
Sep 11	Nancy Murr – Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Sep 13	Golf Tourney and BBQ

## PHOTOS

Guest speakers Christy and Liann with Peter V



Welcome new members Rick and Brenda with Jim O