



Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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MEETING NOTES: 09/11/24

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn at 12:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Peter Sherwood. The National Anthem was sung in an outdoor setting to a huge crowd in Washington, D.C.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Barbara C and Jackie S, OLLI friends and Rossmoor residents now; Nancy Murr, marketing manager of OLLI, and Susan Hoffman, of OLLI, U.C. Berkeley, who is our speaker. Also guests Mike B and Robert W.

Thought for the Day: Eddie F had a special Thought for the Day today, the 23rd anniversary of the New York bombing of the twin towers. Eddie, a pediatric dentist in New York at the time, lost 9 fathers of his practice, 3 NYFD friends, 3 FDNY friends, and 23 children in his practice lost their fathers. He attended 19 funerals.

His thought was a poem given him by a neighbor friend who lost her husband. It was a poem about a little girl who went to school on a day with fathers, after her father was killed in the disaster. It was very moving how she knew he would always be with her. Carolyn commented her son was nearby that day, but managed to escape.

Happy Dollars: Bill B, found \$20 on a golf tee, and gave it to us; Ruth R's granddaughter is going to have twins; Brenda J reminded us that whole neighborhoods were decimated after the bombing as so many residents were killed; Pete S had a Rotarian friend who had a dental appointment, and missed being killed; another Rotarian had a friend who was depressed, considered suicide, and resigned from Canter Fitzgerald end of August 2001. He just missed the bombing, and felt his life must have some meaning. Eddie also had a friend who was working at home, but went in to Canter Fitzgerald that day anyway. Eddie also celebrated Robin's birthday today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim O. talked about the Polio Plus Warriors. Rotary would like people to sign up to pay \$100 per year to end polio now. 640,000 have been vaccinated in Gaza, with the new vaccine. Bill Gates has matched Rotary's \$50 million.

We are dark Oct. 18. The Rossmoor Safer Street committee will meet in our room, as October is Safer Streets month. We are having a picnic at Sportsmen's Park, with pizza, beer, bocce, and bingo. Come at 11:30.

Trinity needs clothes, shoes, jeans, etc. Please see Carolyn if you have contributions. Our Rotary is cooking breakfast there on Sept 24.

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. 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.

Gala: we can still use more silent auction items.

Birthdays: Jeff KI and Ruth R. Ruth was in attendance and we sang Happy Birthday to her.

We have two new members, Philip M and Dick O. Dick, who earlier belonged to Alamo Rotary, received his red badge.

Raffle: John S won wine and Kathy S won the money.

We were invited to take home the roses Eddie left on our tables in honor of the day.

PROGRAM

Susan Hoffman told us of the origins of OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute). Bernard Osher, 95 years old this week, wanted the university life to embrace more people, especially those in their healthy aging years. About 23 years ago he set up the OLLI model: he started with Cal, but wanted the idea to spread all over the country. He is a billionaire twice over, and he pledged \$100,000 and 3 years to colleges and universities who would build stimulating programs for older people. Cal itself has received 2.4 million from him, and the support is ongoing.

During the pandemic, OLLI relied on zoom, and encouraged faculty, staff, and members to use it. They now offer live streaming of classes, and also recording of classes to be listened to later. In-person classes are at the Lafayette Library and the Golden Bear Center on University Ave in Berkeley. OLLI also has one-hour talks, social media, clubs, field trips, etc.

Susan went through many of the very interesting courses for the coming Sept. 16 to Oct. 7 period, covering movies, politics, music, science, writing, books, etc. We were given brochures of all the current offerings. If you wish more information, please go to olli.berkeley.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 18	Picnic in Sportsman Park in lieu of regular meeting
Sept 25	Member Bios
Oct 2	Mary Vollmer, St Mary's College – Sprituality of Sports

PHOTOS



Guest Speakers and President Carolyn