



# Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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## MEETING NOTES: 10/02/2024

**Call to Order:** Sue A. rang the meeting to order at 12:30. Peter S. led the flag salute. The Patriotic song was "Star Spangled Banner."

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Mike B., Palo Alto Rotary

**Thought for the Day:** Jean D. presented several thoughts and ended with "we have courage to share dreams with someone else."

**Happy Dollars:** Eddy F. welcomed Phil M. to Rossmoor Rotary and today begins the Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah, Jim D. had a great trip to Europe that was interesting and educational, Patrice J. was sad as they had to say goodbye to their dog, Joy A. will be celebrating her birthday with daughter and granddaughter, Mike B. happy women are in sports.

**Sunshine:** Jean D. reported that an obituary for a former Rossmoor Rotary member, Gordon A., told of his life and was a president of Rossmoor Rotary as well as founding the Ashmoleon Singers in Rossmoor.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rotary's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala – November 9<sup>th</sup>

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.

- Sue A. announced the next Board of Directors meeting is October 9.
- The Food Drive will take place near the bus stop at Gateway on October 12 and reminded all that there will be no meeting on October 16.
- Sharon L. reminded all of the annual Gala on November 9<sup>th</sup>. This is the fund raiser to support Parkinsons, Cancer and Alzheimer's. There will be a hosted bar, dinner, Fund a Need and auction. So far this year we have many sponsors to support our Fund Raiser.

**Raffle:** Mike B. the money and Ron B. wine

**Birthdays:** Joy A. and Irv F.

**Anniversaries:** Patrice J., David B. and Wolfgang M.

**New Member:** Phil M. was welcomed as a new active Rossmoor Rotary member.

## PROGRAM

Jim D. introduced Mary Volmer of St. Mary's College. Mary's specialty is spirituality in sports. She is the author of two novels *Crown of Dust* and *Reliance Illinois*, was a mission fellow for athletes and a professor/author/chaplain. Mary shared that she coached 12-year-old boys on her son's basketball team and demonstrated a hand trick with a basketball.

Mary played basketball in college as she earned a college scholarship at Saint Mary's College in Moraga. She said they won a lot, which was great but she was undersized and rarely played.

After college, she studied writing on a Rotary Scholarship at the University of Aberystwyth, Wales. And it was there she decided to write a novel. Mary stated that art is a spiritual act and a human right.

A term she stressed she uses is "The 'I' in team. She would often go to the library to read many books and discovered spirituality in sports. Mary became a Mission Fellow, Lay Chaplain and offers spiritual direction to advise athletes in fellowship and she teaches meditation. Mary stresses the Lasallian guiding principle, which is academic excellence, faith formation, inclusion, respect for the individual and service and social justice. She also stresses success is not measured by how high you climb, but it is the whole athlete and whole student.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:27

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 9	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Oct 9	Ellen Osmundson – Walnut Creek Village Services and Support for Seniors
Oct 11	4:30 TGIF Party Rossmoor Dollar Clubhouse
Oct 16	Dark

## PHOTOS



Sue and Speaker Mary



New member Phil M (seated)