



Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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MEETING NOTES: 10/23/2024

Call to Order: President Carolyn called the meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance and our National Anthem led by David B.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Lee S., new to Rossmoor for 4 months, considering membership; Marna G., guest of Dick O.

Thought for the Day: David B. presented thoughts on being responsible, sacrificing for good, and patriotism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary's 37th Annual Gala – November 9th

Sharon said we are “down to the wire.” There are 120 attendees thus far. Lots of wonderful “silent” and “live” auction items. Keynote speaker from the Parkinson's Network, Mt. Diablo, has agreed.

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.

Jim-World Polio Day, Thursday, October 24. Encouraging members to join the District 5160, Polio Plus Society. There has been a discouraging recent uptick in new Polio cases worldwide, including Gaza. Our contributions will keep the fight against Polio alive.

PAUL HARRIS AWARD- Jim presented to DAVID C. This award is the most honored award for Rotarians. This is David's sixth. It includes a pin with Ruby signifying David's contribution of \$6000, and dedication to the principles of Rotary. Congratulations.

New Member- Jim inducted Robert W. into Club 461 (Rossmoor), District 5160. Presentation of his Red Badge and steps to achieve his Blue Badge were given.

Trinity- Carolyn said the next two dates for food preparation and serving are, November 14, and December 20. She is still ironing out details for our assisting in the mailroom.

November 22- Bill B. and Carolyn will host a new member get together. Of special interest, is learning from new members who have transferred to Rossmoor Rotary, what “best practices,” were used in their former clubs that might be beneficial to our club if used.

PROGRAM

Brenda Birrell, Program Director, THE GLOBAL UPLIFT PROJECT- Formerly from the U.K., Brenda moved with her husband to Los Altos in 1983. An educator, she retired in 2017 to devote her energies to The Global Uplift Project aimed at helping thousands of children in the developing world. She described with enthusiasm many of the organization's projects and successes such as new solar panels for a school in Malawi, building small-scale high impact education projects in the developing world, including classrooms, libraries, science labs, playgrounds, etc. Of special interest is the 6C Program, which stands for Cluster of Clubs Collaborating to Create Catalytic Change. This is a joint effort with other service clubs, such as Rotary, and Lions, to carry out international development projects.

The project that is closest to Brenda's heart is SAVE A GIRL. She gave an impassioned talk about her work, which started in 2017. She learned that 20 million girls in Africa drop out of school for being unable to cope with their "periods." She created kits lasting up to 5 months for concealing sanitary pads to reduce the embarrassment and shame often associated with menstruation. She taught seamstresses how to make these kits. She brought some of the kits for us to see.

Over 89,000 kits have been made thus far in sewing centers in Cameroon, Kenya, Zambia, South Africa, and soon Guatemala. When distributing these kits, young girls also learn about feminine hygiene, sexuality, and pregnancy. Because they can stay in school rather than drop out, they are empowered to seek higher education, and their GPAs improve. Their lives are transformed.

For more information, contact brendaab@tgup.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 30	Wayne Canterbury – Experience at US Supreme Court
Nov 6	Dark (see you at the Gala Nov. 9!)
Nov 13	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Nov 13	Gary Parkhurst – Mt. Diablo Interpretive Center Update
Nov 20	Alysia Santos – Early Alert Canines Services

PHOTOS



Jim and David C



Rob and Jim



President Carolyn and Brenda