



Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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MEETING NOTES: 10/30/2024

Call to Order: President Carolyn, Pledge/Patriotic Song led by David B. National Anthem

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Lee S., new to Rossmoor for 4 months Dana S., spouse; Marna G., guest of Dick O; Liz J., spouse of guest speaker, Mike C; Patti D., spouse of Jim D.; Don M; John Van S., brother of Peter Van. S.; Edie S.; Muriel, here to listen to guest speaker.

Thought for the Day: Jim O. Mark Twain: ""Patriotism is supporting your country all the time. And your government when it deserves it." From General Stanley McChrystal quoting Thomas Paine: "Character is the ultimate measure of leadership for those who seek the highest office of the land." According to Thomas Paine, "reputation is what men and women think of us. Character is what God and Angels know of us."

Happy Dollars: Jim O., baptism of 12th great-grandchild; Eddie F., son's visit. He's competing in SF Half Marathon; Teddi; Peter V.S, brother's visit; Jean D., for her birthday; Sharon, happy that the Gala is almost here; Patrice, the visit to her daughter; Sue, "go Yankee's;" sorry Sue, they gave the gift of victory to the Dodger's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rotary's 37th Annual Gala – November 9th

Sharon reminded us of the event on Saturday, November 9,2024. We are nearing the goal of 150 attendees. Patrice told of the announcement of our Gala in the latest edition of ROTARY magazine.

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.

Friday, November 22, 2024- Carolyn and Bill B. will host an event inviting new Rotary members and those who have been members in other clubs to discuss what Rossmoor Rotary can do to improve the experience of our members based on their past experiences in other clubs.

Global Uplift Project- Carolyn spoke of the generosity of our members who gave dollars to TGUP. Joy talked about our club's cooperation with Clayton Valley Rotary in supporting TGUP.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Today! For Jean D.

Member Anniversaries- Patrice J., 2012; Wolfgang M., 2019; David B., 2019

Raffle: Jim D., and Irv F., both wine.

PROGRAM

WAYNE C., Attorney. "My Experience Before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Wayne, a resident of Rossmoor gave us a "through attorney's eye" view of his appearance before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1983. His case, Vincent v. Los Angeles, was a First Amendment case re: freedom of speech. As attorney for a candidate for Los Angeles City Council and COGS, which made signs for his campaign, he argued that the First Amendment prevented the City from removing temporary cardboard signs posted on behalf of the candidate on public property.

Wayne talked about the Court's history, customs, and procedures. He showed photos of the Court's stately chamber, the justices, and the type of signs at issue in the case. He told us of how lawyers are expected to begin their address to the Court with "Mister Chief Justice and may it please the Court." He showed us two writing quills that he was given in keeping with a tradition that went back to 1800's. He explained that opposing attorneys are each given 30 minutes to present their cases. He talked about his interactions with Judges John Paul Stevens and Thurgood Marshall. He thought he had persuaded Stevens to his client's side of the case, and feared that he had lost Marshall's vote by an answer to one of his questions that the other justices found humorous, at Marshall's expense. In the end, the Court found in favor of Los Angeles in a 6-3 decision. Stevens wrote for the majority; Marshall joined in the dissent. Wayne concluded by saying that his client's sign business prospered because the competition complied with the L.A. ban on signs, while his wayward client ignored it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



