



# Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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## MEETING NOTES: 11/20/2024

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by President Carolyn. Sargent at Arms David B. led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and our patriotic song was God Bless America.

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Assistant Governor, Debbie R. from the Moraga Club was visiting with us today.

**Happy Dollars:** Connie P. for all the good wishes for husband John. David B. for all of us. Patrice to let us know she attended the memorial service for Beth Reisman. Joy A for all the support for Brian M. Debbie R. for Black Hawk, Sue A. for Sharon's and John's over the top effort on the Gala

**Sunshine Report:** by Jean D.: Scott P. is recovering in a care facility in San Jose post stroke. Irv F. has an injured foot. Connie P's husband, John, is improving, but not yet out and about.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CAP GALA** Sharon L gave us a report about our most successful ever CAP Gala. She had profound thanks for the wonderful participation of so many people. She recognized each by name and the role they played. Everything worked well from sponsorships, ad sales, tickets sold, room decorations, catering, photo booth, silent auction, live auction, auctioneer, fund a need, and tech help. All of our efforts combined resulted in us netting \$68,495. The very ambitious goal was \$70,000. One of our members donated the remaining \$1,505 To allow us to reach the goal of an amazing \$70,000.

The various charities we support which help families dealing with Cancer, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's will greatly benefit. We will be told who gets what later, when Grants Committee divides up the monies.

Joy A. told us a little about our club's involvement with Brian Mboni, a young man from Uganda who Joy met during our Global Grant project in Ethiopia. She then read us a letter from Deborah Luyima, a Ugandan Rotarian who has been the lead in her club partnering with us for Brian's schooling to become a doctor. He has completed his undergraduate studies and is now enrolled in medical school. We continue to support him. The letter is addressed to Dr. Eddie as chair of our Foundation.

Dear President Edward,

I hope this email finds you well.

I am writing to share the exciting news of Brian Mboni's upcoming graduation from Kampala International University, where he will receive a Diploma in Clinical Medicine on 23rd November 2024. This achievement is a testament to Brian's hard work and dedication, and we are honored to have played a part in his journey.

As you may recall, Brian was sponsored by Rotary Club of Rossmoor, California, USA, with Rotary Club of Muyenga serving as his host club. Rtn Herbert Muyinga and I had the privilege of serving as his host counselors.

Brian is deeply grateful for the support he received from our Rotary family and would like to extend his appreciation to the club members.

Best regards,

Deborah Luyima  
Host Counselor, Rotary Club of Muyenga

Dr. Eddie talked to us about our annual **See's Candy fundraiser**. We will be doing this in front of Safeway for 4 Saturdays and one Wednesday at Waterford.

April 20, 2025 **field trip to the Blackhawk Museum**. The field trip will be after our regular meeting. We will have a docent led tour and arrange carpools.

Dec 18 our District Governor, Dan Gerald will have his club visit with us. He will also be running the Board of Directors meeting that day. Please make every effort to attend. We want him to see us at our best. His district project is the Wheelchair Foundation. He is raising money for this by requesting that each club give him a basket. He will be bringing the basket of the club he has just visited to auction, and will take the one we give him on to the next club he visits.

Friday evening the 22<sup>nd</sup> Bill B. will hold a **get acquainted social** at his home for newer members.

**Trinity: bring an item** needed by their clients to our **holiday gathering on Dec 11**. These folk are unhoused and in need of socks, warm clothes, jackets, hoodies, jeans, sweat pants, blankets. Or you can give Carolyn H cash, and she will purchase said items.

## PROGRAM

The program was about Early Alert Canines presented by Alysia Santos. She had a beautiful golden lab with her. First it is important for all of us to understand that a service dog has a lifesaving job to do. They have full access to anywhere their person goes. Please do not try to engage these dogs, they are working. This is quite different from an emotional support dog and completely different from a pet. Please do not try to misrepresent your pet (no matter how much you love them) as working dogs. They are not!

The Early Alert Canines are trained to work for individuals who are Type 1 insulin dependent diabetics. Dogs have 40% more scent receptors in their brains than we do. Type 1 diabetics have sudden crashes in their blood sugars which can result in confusion, coma and death. These dogs are trained to alert individuals or in the case of babies or young children their caregivers so corrective lifesaving action can be taken.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 27	DARK
Dec 4	Janette Kennedy – Food Insecurity in Contra Costa County
Dec 5	9:30 Program Committee Meeting – Rossmoor Realty
Dec 11	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Dec 11	Holiday Party

## PHOTOS

