



# Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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## MEETING NOTES: 01/15/2025

**Call to Order:** -Call to Order-Carolyn H. Pledge and Patriotic Song-David B.

**Guests and Visiting Rotarians:** Kenn A. guest speaker; Roberta A. (guest of Anne H.); visitors here to listen to guest speaker, Richard D., friend Mimi.

**Thought for the Day:** David C. cited 5 words that embody Rotarians. Strength; wisdom; courage; prosperity; favors; and love.

**Happy Dollars:** Joy; David B., Carolyn in appreciation of Irv; Anne for the company of Roberta; Patrice for the pending visit of her daughter; Eddie, for the pending ceasefire between Israel and Hamas; Miekko; and, Irv, in appreciation of Carolyn.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Rossmoor Foundation Grant Process- Patrice J. asked for recommendations for local organizations to receive Foundation grants. She explained the process for getting grant applications submitted by these organizations. The Grant Application form is available from our [rossmoorrotary.org](http://rossmoorrotary.org) web site under "documents."

-We have received appeals from our District 5160 to provide aid to fire victims in District 5280, Los Angeles. Members can send checks directly to District 5280, or through our Rossmoor Rotary Foundation. Checks made out to RRF will be matched by our Foundation up to \$5000. The Foundation Board unanimously agreed to this motion.

-Eddie F. also expressed positive feelings for the pending ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas.

-**GREETER**- Alison Lee had a good time as greeter today and encouraged all of us to participate. Patrice J. is coordinating this activity.

-**Geoff Dockter, custodian**- In appreciation for all the dedicated work Geoff has done for our club over the years, he was gifted a check for \$250. Geoff will advance to GRF Recreation department.

-**Fab 5 Luncheon**- The luncheon will be held, Wednesday, February 5, during our regular meeting time, in the Event Center. Sharon Long will take member reservations. The cost is **\$40**.

**-St.Patrick's Day Party-** This will be a joint party shared with the **Irish American Club**. The date is Monday, March 16, 2025, in the Fireside Room. Norm Aaro is our contact person interacting with the Irish American Club. More details to follow.

**-Ideas for Small Fund Raisers-**President Carolyn and President-Elect Peter Van S. have been meeting about putting on small fund raisers for the Club. The Club's only fund-raising activity is the July 4, Hot Dog Picnic. They will welcome any new ideas.

**-February 2, 2025, Memorial Dinner for Rick King-** Joy announced this. Rick King is a well known International Rotarian. The dinner will be at **Blackhawk Museum**. Ticket cost is \$150. Look for announcements from District 5160.

**-Raffle-** Brenda J. and Peter V.S., both gift certificates.

**-Foundation Day/Grants Training** February1, 2025 The District Foundation Day/Grants training will be here before you know it. It is scheduled for Saturday morning February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. You will be able to log in starting at 8:45 and the program will start promptly at 9:00. We will finish by 1:00. PLEASE register now. The foundation part is especially helpful for newer members, However, all of us can be reminded of the importance of The Rotary Foundation. As a special treat, we have Larry Lunsford, a TRF trustee chatting with us.

## PROGRAM

Kenn Adams, **Synergy Artistic Director**. Kenn brought a lively interactive program involving our members which explained "classic short form improv. Games. We learned about simple exercises for understanding story structures embraced by improvisers, writers, and teachers such as Kenn, the world over. Here are the 3 rules of improvisation that we learned: 1. Be spontaneous 2. Always make your partner look good 3. Build on your partner's ideas. His work also involves bringing the culture of improvisation into the workplace that are applied to teams that show how improvisational ideas can be used by teams to reach shared goals.

Kenn also told us about the upcoming programs Synergy Theater will be staging at the Leshner Center for the Arts. The next one will be a 2-hour improvisational full act play of **Law and Order** with 10-14 castmembers. For more information, check the Synergy Theater.com website.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 22	John Bateman – Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Barrier
Jan 29	Alison Simon - AMTRAK
Feb 5	Feb 5 - Annual Meeting

## PHOTOS

