



Rotary **ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS**



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MEETING NOTES: 02/20/2025

Call to Order: President Carolyn called the meeting to order, David led the Pledge of Allegiance,
4 Way Test- Is it the Truth?

Is it Fair to All Concerned?

Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships??

Will it Be Beneficial to All Concerned?

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Lee S., Rotarian; Guests of Joy from India, Suhil, DGE, and spouse Ruby; Susan S. (prospective new member); Claire R., past District 5160 Governor.

There was a ritual exchange of Club Flags between Rossmoor Rotary Club 461, and Suhil's club in India. Suhil also rewarded our President Carolyn with a beautiful scarf. And Suhil expressed warm thanks for the reception he and Ruby have received from our Club and District 5160.

Sunshine Report: None noted

Thought for the Day: Patrice. Poem by Amanda Gorman "Closure"

Happy Dollars: David, happy that Fumi was feeling better and attending; Patrice, a sad dollar since her daughter's job suffered the fate of other's terminated by the new administration; Joy, for the pleasure of the company of our guests from India and Claire; Carolyn, thanks for all of the support we have given her at Trinity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members support and RRF funding up to \$5K to be matched, plus award to **Shelter Box**.

-St. Pat's Party- Sunday, March 16, Fireside Room. Almost all tickets have been sold.

-District 5160 Assembly- Saturday, March 22, 8:30-2 pm. In Fairfield. Car-pooling will be available. **We encourage all "new" members to attend**, as well as others.

-District 5160 Annual Conference, May 2-4, in San Ramon. Check DACdb to register. Look for emails from the District.

Member Birthdays- Patrice J., and David L. both 2/21

Raffle: Merilee, wine. Rotarian Lee, visitor, the **Money**. \$78 which he generously awarded our Club.

District 5160 Rotary Clubs, The Wheelchair Foundation, and Howard Tours

Rotary 

Wheelchair Distribution Project

Creating Friendships, and Providing Community Service and Mobility to People in Need

Monterrey, Mexico
March 05 — March 09, 2025



You will never be the same after you have looked into the appreciative eyes of someone whose life you have changed.

Since 2004, U.S. Rotarians have worked with Rotarians in Monterrey to create something special - a lifetime of friendships, an opportunity to work, side-by-side with Monterrey Rotarians on community service projects, and the ability to personally deliver wheelchairs to those who lack mobility. This trip provides enduring memories and emotions, but is just the beginning. In addition to delivering wheelchairs we will:

- Visit humanitarian sites and projects.
- Spend a day working with the Monterrey Rotarians doing "hands-on" community service projects.
- Explore Monterrey's sights, sounds, history and cultures.
- Build friendships with the fellow members of Rotary.


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PROGRAM

Tom C., Golden Rain Foundation Director of Public Safety for Rossmoor.

Tom gave us a thorough update on Rossmoor security. He has been director of public safety since 2021. Tom gave an overview of **Securitas’ activities; front gate operations; Rossmoor Emergency Operations Plan; How to Prepare for Wildfires and Earthquakes.**

He described in specific terms Securitas’ 24/7 operations. The 1,040 staffing hours; the work of “dispatch,” pertaining to non-resident access to Rossmoor.

He made it clear that Rossmoor is “not an assisted living facility,” although Securitas does aid those less able, such as “Stairtrac,” which can be used up to 20 times per year per manor for those with mobility incapacity.

Rossmoor is an “active adult community,” a “blue zone,” where life expectancy is long.

Tom described how residents can buy RFID (radio frequency identification) tags for family members. 3-4 million vehicles annually go through our security gates. The new gates recently installed will no longer cause damage to our cars if hitting them when we drive through. 90% of our gate damages are caused by drivers

Tom gave us a statistical summary of the number of medical calls. Falls are the number 1 event for calls. He emphasized calling 911 first, not Securitas.

Other statistics: There has been a reduction in thefts, and a greater documentation of visitors. The cause of recent grass fires has been turkey vultures spreading their wings onto power lines. The number 1 cause of home fires, implements left on stoves. GRF landscape operations is now responsible for mowing grass on our hillsides, and they are active in safeguarding our surroundings. Trespassing is down. The most recent incidents were by 1 person. The total calls for service to Mutual Operations is down from 7024 in 2023 to 6524 in 2024.

Most residents are happy feeling safe here especially with the improvements at the front gate, the installation of new security cameras, and license plate readers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 26	Susan Grossman and Suzanne Bragdon – Rotary International Peace Fellowship
Mar 5	Michael Cunningham – Servant Leadership
Mar 12	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
Mar 12	Camp Royal Candidates

PHOTOS

