



Rotary ROSSMOOR ROTARY NEWS



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MEETING NOTES: 04/23/2025

Call to Order: President Carolyn H at 11:50 p.m. David B led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung by the late Whitney Houston.

Four-way Test:

- a. Is it the TRUTH?
- b. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- c. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- d. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Guests and Visiting Rotarians: Joel S and Jackie O

Thought for the Day: Ed F – Ten Commandments of Aging

Sunshine Report: Jean D is recovering nicely. Bill B is in the hospital. Our best wishes to both of them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Trinity Center – Ed F, David B, and Bill B cooked breakfast on 4/22.
- The Blackhawk Museum tour is scheduled for next Wednesday, April 30, right after our club's lunch for those who signed up. Any questions, please contact Carolyn H, our president.
- The District Conference is May 2-4th in San Ramon.
- Byron Park has invited us to a happy hour on May 29. More information will be forthcoming.
- Loaves and Fishes (an organization that provides lunches at the Trinity Center) is holding a June 2 fundraiser. If interested, see Carolyn H, our president.

Birthdays: David B and Kathy S on 4/27

Raffle: Sharon L - won \$227, which she is donating to the gala. Norm A - won a bottle of wine.

Fun and games: Stan H. was the one left standing for his experience at age 15 of almost falling out of a plane helping during a forest fire.

PROGRAM

Lauren MacDonald, the dean of the Library and Academic Resources and executive director of the Museum of Art at Saint Mary's College, was the guest speaker. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Art History and History from Dominican University, a Master of Arts in Architectural History from the University of Virginia, and a Master of Science in Library and Information Science from Drexel University. Her presentation was "Saint Mary's College Museum of Art: William Keith and the California Landscape Collection."

Saint Mary's College Museum of Arts (MoA) believes art illuminates our lives and creates a more humane world. The museum began in the early part of the 20th century with a collection of paintings by artist William Keith (1838-1911). The gallery expanded in 1977 with a grant from the Hearst Art Foundation, and continued expanding in 2011 with a renovation that expanded it by 40 percent. The museum was accredited in 2011 and re-accredited in 2020 and is the only accredited museum in Contra Costa County.

The collection of California landscapes was inspired by William Keith. A 19th century leading artist and visionary in San Francisco, Keith is mostly known for his impact on preserving and sharing the California landscape through paint and brush. The Saint Mary's College Museum of Art cares for the most-comprehensive body of work created by him. As a teacher, he influenced others to continue his legacy to capture California's natural beauty. A comprehensive biography of Keith was written by Brother Fidelis Cornelius Braeg, F.S.C. of Saint Mary's College.

The museum's permanent collection includes:

- California Landscapes
- African Art
- Asian, Oceanic and Indigenous People
- Alberti Collection
- American Photo Collection
- Religious Collection

Current exhibits:

[Past Lives](#) – Through June 22, 2025

Featuring original work by Seonna Hong, *Past Lives* uncovers and explores identity-defining memories through dreamlike landscapes, wandering figures and subtle symbolism. Interweaving her Korean and American heritages, Hong traces how these memories can shape visual narratives to reveal belonging and meaning.

[Isole: A Voyage Among My Dreams](#)

Isole features paintings, assemblages, sculptures and drawings by Cianne Fragione. Through visual marks, color and spatial relationships, Fragione explores the fluidity of motifs and memories of the sea.

Upcoming Exhibits:

[Echoes of Yosemite](#) – September 17 – December 14

This exhibit will include contemporary artists and William Keith's work will be part of that exhibit. In 2027/8 there will be a William Keith's retrospective.

The museum is free and open to the public Wednesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. See the museum's website <https://www.stmarys-ca.edu/museum-art> for more information about current exhibits and upcoming programs and events.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30	Blackhawk Museum Tour and Lunch
May 7	Brian Riddle – Home Placement Services
May 14	10:30 Club Board of Directors Meeting
May 14	John Swearingen – Jamaican Dentistry Good Will
May 21	10:30 RRF Trustee Meeting

PHOTOS



