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Led by President Christene Freedman, 12 Rotarians and one guest came together on Flag Day and the US Army's birthday to enjoy good fellowship, good food, and a very informative program at Rolling Hills CC.

Guests/Visitors

Margaret Sanko, daughter of Judy White.

Announcements

1. Upcoming Events

- **June 20:** Installation Dinner. RHCC, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Christene turns the gavel over to Pam Brown. ***Please get your reservations in to Carol Johnson by COB Monday!***
- **June 21:** Regular meeting.
- **June 28:** Last meeting of Rotary year!
- **June 30:** Last day to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation for this Rotary year.
- **July 1:** New Rotary year begins!
- **July 4:** Independence Day. Happy 243rd birthday USA! Fly the flag!
- **July 5:** **NO** meeting.
- **July 12:** First official meeting of the Pam Brown administration.
- **July 20:** Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale. 9 AM - 5 PM, along Old Ridgefield Road.

2. **Carnival Update:** Phil Sherlach has stepped forward to head fundraising for the Carnival (13-14-15 September). Sponsor banners will be his top priority. Make his job easier by giving leads to Phil for potential sponsors.

3. **Rotary Mini Flags:** Patrick brought in a large banner that was in his basement affixed to which were dozens of mini-flags members have collected over the years when they visit another club. If you have a mini-flag to add, please bring it in to a future meeting. We are also looking for a stand/pole to help display the big banner. It's an impressive addition to our displays in the RHCC boardroom.
4. **Perfect Attendance:** Congratulations to Paul Burnham for achieving **25 years** of perfect Rotary attendance!

Today's Program

Yours truly led a presentation on the history of Flag Day, and how to properly respect and display the American Flag. A pre-test was first administered to club members to assess how much they knew about the flag (see below). Here are some facts about Flag Day and the Flag you might find useful:

- Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the US flag by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777.
- The flag is known as Old Glory, Star Spangled Banner, Stars and Stripes, Ensign, Colors
- The current flag has 13 alternating red and white horizontal stripes, each representing one of the original 13 colonies, and a blue Union, containing 50 white stars, which represent the 50 states.
- The flag should only be flown from sunrise to sunset. If flown after sunset, it must be illuminated with a light.
- The flag is lowered to half staff to observe the passing of a major figure in the United States or a significant national event (Pearl Harbor Day, 9/11, Memorial Day). Only the president and the governor of a state can order the US flag to be lowered. All other flags must also be lowered as no flag can fly higher than the American flag.
- Indoors, the flag is to be displayed on its "own right" facing an audience (or on the left as the audience sees it). When hanging vertically, the Union is to be in the upper left as seen from the audience.
- When a military unit marches in a parade, the order of precedence for flags from right to left as they march is: American flag, Army flag, Marine Corps flag, Navy flag, Air Force Flag, Coast Guard flag (based on age of the service).
- When the flag is no longer suitable for display (faded/tattered), it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified ceremony. American Legion Post 86 conducts such a ceremony in September of each year.

Overall, members did well on the pre-test. The one question everyone missed, however:

Q: In what year was the Pledge of Allegiance first recited?

A: **1892.**

Next Meetings: Thursday, 20 June, 5:30 PM (Annual Dinner) and Friday, 21 June, 12:15 PM, both at Rolling Hills Country Club