



Club Meeting

Livermore
Meets at GHMG Hotel (Good Hotel Management Group)
720 Las Flores Rd.
Livermore, CA 94551
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM
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Events

Spur Report July 17, 2019

By Kathy S. Coyle on Sunday, July 21, 2019

The Spur Report

July 17, 2019

Carol Gerich

President Jay Davis opened the second meeting of his term. After Sheila Fagliano led us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance, we sang ♦America the Beautiful. ♦ Phil Dean in his ♦Thought for the Day♦ relayed a charming story of the construction of a school among the Zulu tribe in Africa that had been built by Rotarians in Livermore and Stockton. A plaque noting the Rotary origin of the school still hangs over the door

Visiting Rotarians this week were:

♦ Kevin McCallum from the Livermore Valley Morning Club

♦ Russ Jones from the Fremont Morning Club

♦ Bob Tucknot of the Dublin Club

Guests included:

♦ Lisa Lagorio, Board Member of the Pedrozzi Foundation, guest of Carolyn Siegfried

♦ Maya Pillon, Intern for the Pedrozzi Foundation and scholarship winner, guest of Carolyn Siegfried

♦ Loretta Kaskey, applicant for membership, guest of John Hart

♦ Liza Walkup, guest of Russ Jones

♦ Kari Miller, wife of member Dale Miller

Jay then discussed his ♦last slide♦ that he forgot to show during his inaugural address last week. On this slide he related his personal goals for presiding over Rotary in the coming year. First, he wants to increase membership, especially of younger members because our Club♦s average age is 67. He also wants to report more thoroughly on the Club♦s portfolio of giving. His third goal is to ensure that our projects and processes run smoothly. Finally, he proposes to have more fun and contribute mightily to the Livermore community.

On the next slides Jay introduced photos of the dedication of the John Shirley City Council Chambers on July 13 in the new City Council building. A special photo was of John and his entire family. Representative Eric Swalwell was the keynote speaker. A video of the program is on the Rotary website.

Pat McMenamin then recognized two recent Paul Harris winners: Ed Coats and Dale Miller. Ed received his Paul Harris +4 Pin; Ed has been a Fellow since 1988 or 31 years. Dale Miller received his Paul Harris +5 pin; he has been a Fellow since 2007 or 12 years.

Pat also reported on our Club♦s 2018♦2019 giving totals to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. Our Club donated \$39,112 to the Annual Fund and \$22,175 to the PolioPlus Fund♦a total of \$61,287.

Kathy Coyle announced that she was donating \$500 on behalf of her tenure as President and fun demotion party: \$250 to Music Scholarships and \$250 to the Mini-Grants.

Alan Frank introduced his new book, *Depot*, which marks the 150th anniversary of the Livermore Railroad Depot for which Alan headed up the renovation and move to its original site. Plans are for the sale of the book to work as a fundraiser for the John Shirley Scholarship through the Pedrozzi Foundation.

Jacob Reid announced the birth of his new granddaughter, Aria Roxanna. He says he plans to join the President♦s Club in honor of Aria♦s mom (and Jacob♦s daughter), Shara. Mike Thompson reminded the club that when a new child or grandchild is born, the Club passes the hat and the person announcing the newborn matches what ends up in the hat. The hat contained approximately \$650, and Jacob indicated that he will put that same amount in a 529c for the baby.

Mike Thompson reminded folks of the Mystery Golf outing on Tuesday, July 30. Cost is \$35.

Jessica Carroll was presented with her Blue Badge.

Speaker: Alameda County Sheriff Greg Ahern

Livermore Police Chief Mike Harris introduced Speaker Ahern, who is a life-long resident of Alameda County.

Sheriff Ahern presented a fast-moving and detailed report on the Alameda County Sheriff♦s Office. He reminded the audience that Alameda County was formed in 1853. He stressed both the typical police work as well as the new ventures in helping the victims, especially the youth.

Traditional crime and criminal responsibilities of the Sheriff♦s Office

There are six major divisions in the Sheriff♦s Department, which include the Dublin Police Department and the jail at Santa Rita. There are about 1000 badged officers plus 500 other staffers.

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The Sheriff's Department oversees the Coroner, works with the Crime Lab and offers mutual aid to other counties. In addition, they supervise the Office of Emergency Services.

Today, according to Sheriff Ahern, more people in Alameda County are dying of drugs than in accidents. The Sheriff's Department runs many different drug programs geared to reducing drug use in the county. Sheriff Ahern spoke of new laws that do not mandate drug treatment, which he finds troubling. Officers in the Sheriff's Department are responsible for searching for drugs and apprehending those smuggling and selling them. They also are responsible for finding and seizing illegal weapons. Revolvers are now being used more often because no casing remains behind as evidence, reported Sheriff Ahern.

One specialty is transit crime where the department is trying to cope with more crime on BART, AC Transit and on the highway. A stolen cell phone from a BART passenger can bring \$200-\$400 on the black market, Ahern reported.

The Sheriff's Department has special units dealing with Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking. California is one of the 10 states most involved in human trafficking. In addition, the Department has a unit dealing with suppressing gangs.

Ahern referred to the Ashland/Cherryland areas of the county that have the most crime. These areas are between 150th and 170th streets in Oakland and west into Hayward. The average annual family income there is \$19,000, which makes it a very high crime area.

Ahern said that his department has trouble hiring new sheriffs because of the recent negative press regarding police violence.

New Outreach programs sponsored by the Alameda County Sheriff's Department

One of the major departments is Youth and Family Services. The Department sponsors many programs--sports and others--through their Police Activities League. Youth who participate must only supply their own shoes. The Department gives them uniforms and sports equipment.

Youth are also mentored and guided to become Explorer Scouts and then to move on to become Cadets where they spend a day in school and the other working for the Sheriff's Department.

Other outreach programs include Operation School Safety in which officers help get young students to school and back home in unsafe neighborhoods. At the Dig-Deep Farms Program residents grow food for their communities and youth gain employment.

Operation My Hometown Re-Entry Program offers counseling for those arrested. Recidivism rates are a very low 14% for those graduating from the program. The Sheriff's Department also runs a vital drug disposal program

Sheriff Ahern reminded us that in our communities we have many parks for children and adults to use. In the Ashland/Cherryland area there are none. It is a deprived area for the children in many ways. But he also proudly declared that the Sheriff's Department soccer teams could easily beat our Tri-Valley players and have gone to the State Meet!

Next week's program is Z-Care, a program to prevent teen suicide.

Click on the photo to see Pat Coyle's photos of the meeting. Note: this might not work from your iPhone! Copy the link and open it in a web browser, if it doesn't.



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