

# Rotary



# Club of Livermore

## Club Meeting

Livermore  
Meets at We are meeting via  
Zoom for the foreseeable future.  
Zoom  
Livermore, CA 94551  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM  
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## Spur Report September 2, 2020

By Kathy S. Coyle on Monday, September 7, 2020



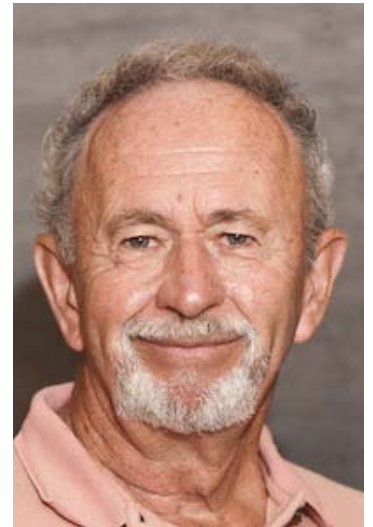
### By Cheri Sheets

**Welcome:** President Carolyn welcomed us to the meeting.

**Pledge** ♦ Don Wentz was asked to lead us in the pledge and so ....  
From Wentz it came♦.

**Song:** Michael Ferrucci did a solo rendition of "The Best things in Life are Free ♦ Give Me Money" in honor of our guest Speaker State Treasurer Fiona Ma ♦.

**Thought for the Day:** Originally we received a muted response from John (we all know that feeling!!) ♦ John was able to find his voice and he proffered the following thoughts...Couple of years ago a good friend passed away. Before passing his friend sent a copy of the Rotary 4 way test dated 1946 to John. #1 Is it the Truth? #2 Is it fair to all concerned? #3 Will it build good will and friendships? #4 Will it be beneficial to all concerned? In Hamlet Polonius says: ♦This above all: to thine own self be true. And it must follow, as the night the day. Thou canst not then be false to any man/Farewell, my blessing season this in thee!♦  
He learned this lesson early in life when his Dad asked if he did something bad. John lied. His dad told him that he would be punished for lying but not for the bad deed. John then told truth . John is a true believer in ♦The truth will set you free.♦ Good to remember



### Meeting Front Line

- Zoom Host: Jeff Youngsma
- Zoom Greeter: Norm Bregman
- Zoom Chat Monitor: David Rounds
- Audio Visual: Alan Frank
- Spur Reporter: Cheri Sheets
- Spur Publisher: Kathy Coyle

**Visiting Rotarian** ♦ Shawn Kumagai from Dublin♦s Tuesday noon meeting. He is also a Councilmember.

**Guests:** Noah Starr is visiting us from Treasurer Ma♦s .Mike Morgan♦s daughter oldest daughter, Melissa is with us but is a silent partner. Bill Nebo had as a guest his wife Jane!

**Walking Livermore Photo** ♦ Carolyn continued her weekly walks in Livermore. She photo♦d the Livermore logo sign on a Jack London at El Charro near the Outlet Malls but what really caught her eye (what she really wanted us to see) was that Sees♦ candy is open♦

**Member Talk:** Mike Morgan ♦ A Livermore native. His dad met his Mom when hitchhiking to Pleasanton. His uncle Hap of Hap♦s restaurant. Grandfather Volunteer fire chief in Livermore 1953 began the family business Gene Morgan Insurance Agency.

Mike attended Fifth Street (Del Valle School) in Livermore. Graduated from US Santa Barbara. Commissioned into Navy in 1969. Active duty in Japan. Attended law school. Served as



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## Events

No Events found



Rotary Opens Opportunities

deputy District Attorney with Alameda County DA's office, then joined his Dad in the family business at 4<sup>th</sup> and Livermore. In 1979 daughter joined the family business and is currently the co-owner of the agency. Mike married Nancy and they had triplets in 1985. Melissa was oldest and works for Apple. Middle child Meredith is a teacher in Pleasanton. Michelle is his business partner.



During the 1990 Desert Storm activation. Mike took supplies, munitions, and personnel to the Gulf. He was an officer in Naval Reserve as Navy Captain and retired in 1999. He joined Rotary in 1985 and was president 2005-2006 he also was director of Granada Boosters for over 40 years. Nancy was a great support. Great guidance from his parent.

Given Mike's experience we can be assured that we are Insured and Defended against all enemies foreign and domestic!



**RI News:** African region is free of wild poliovirus. A strong commitment **can** rid the world of polio!!

For more information:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/african-region-declared-free-of-wild-poliovirus>

**Paul Harris Recognition** - Pat McMenamin announced that Beth Wilson received her PHF +2 award. Beth Wilson is recognized for her generous giving to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and her outstanding service to our club and community. As many of you know, Beth is a retired teacher and over the years, among other things, she has provided music lessons to Ready Program students at Junction Avenue Middle School. Beth has also been a very strong supporter of our club's Music Scholarship Program. Please join me as we congratulate Beth upon receiving her Paul Harris Fellow + 2 pin, and express our gratitude for her generous giving to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.



**District 5170 News:** District Book Club Formed  
First book is Wrestling the World

**INAUGURAL ROTARY BOOK CLUB**

**AUTHOR'S SERIES**

**WRESTLING THE WORLD**  
The Life and Times of  
Robert Armstrong, 1861-1914  
BY KATIE COONEY

WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020  
6:00PM - 7:00PM

TO REGISTER FOR THE  
EVENT, GO TO  
[HTTPS://EVENTS.ROTARY  
DISTRICT5170.ORG/](https://events.rotarydistrict5170.org/)

Katie Cooney  
Rotary Club of Palo Alto University,  
Assistant Governor District 9 and  
current past president of the Rotary  
Club of Palo Alto University

.Weblink: <https://rotarydistrict5170.org/Stories/inaugural-district-rotary-book-club> ♦

**Club News:** Club Grant Applications due Sept. 9 Please encourage non-profit folks to apply.

**Club Activities:** Join LARPD's 50 in 50 Fitness Challenge ♦ Patricia Lord invited participation. Free shirt with \$10 application fee if you sign up by September 6. Trying to encourage activity. Register at the website:



[https://apm.activecommunities.com/larpd/Activity\\_Search/50-in-50-fitness-challenge/19077](https://apm.activecommunities.com/larpd/Activity_Search/50-in-50-fitness-challenge/19077)



**Other :** Mike Thompson ♦s Offer ♦ Vacation at the Four Seasons in Carlsbad ♦ Mike & Anita will donate \$1,000 in your honor to the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore Contact Mike for details; weeks start Oct. 25 and Nov. 1. Great location near the ocean and wildlife and trail.

**Next Week ♦s Program**

Mike Slessor, CEO FormFactor headquartered in Livermore. ♦ Introduced by Jay Davis

**This Week ♦s Program**



**Fiona Ma, CPA, CA State Treasurer** ♦ Introduced by Beth Wilson. The department was formed in 1849. It provides money for roads, schools, housing, etc. She is the state ♦s primary banker. She handles over \$2 trillion per year and oversees \$102 billion in investment funds.

Treasurer Ma is a CPA by training from Earnings and Winney in SF. Began her own practice at 28 years old. Her parents were born in China. They did not encourage her to be in politics as it was not considered an honorable profession. She became a representative of a non-profit and local business at age 28. She formed her own West Side Chinese Democratic Club. Senator John Burton asked her to be his representative. Parents said do not shame them. She compromised and worked for him part time and kept her honorable job as a CPA. She got an MBA from Pepperdine University. She wanted to run for office but parents said get married first. She found a good guy and got married. Finally, they acquiesced and let her run for office. Her parents then left for Las Vegas. She then spent 4 years on the SF Board of Supervisor. Then ran for State Assembly Whip from 2006-2012 then Speaker pro

tem. She had 60 bills signed under 2 Governors and 3 Speakers. She termed out. Parents moved back in with her. Her Mom had depression which she eventually overcome. It must of worked because they are still living together after 15 years. Parents said go back to accounting work. Instead she ran for the State Board of Equalization. Served 2014 ♦ til 2018. Did lots of Rotary events to describe her work. She then got rid of the Board of Equalization and ran for the State Treasurer. Her dad now understands how important her job is. Faced recessions in 3 of 4 elected positions. dot com, financial bank failures in 2008, and now Covid plus. State received upgraded rating last Fall and has maintained it even given Covid.

She sits on CalPers and CalSters, I bank, GoBiz etc ♦ Resource guides have been developed at <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/covid-19.asp>.

Census deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>. Need everyone to respond. State received \$9.2 Billion in federal funds based on census data. Please go to <https://my2020census.gov/> and make sure you have responded. State has resources if you are looking for a job go to <https://onwardca.org/>.

Women looking to serve on a Board of Directors for a corporate can also board also can obtain information at the Treasurer ♦s web-site.

There are various state resources to help businesses including - \$50 million in I-Bank which is a loan guarantee program. The Treasurer can also be a Lender of last resort also. EIDL Program is also still available. Awaiting the Hero Act to be acted upon as well as the Infrastructure act. Livermore just passed a grant program for small business.

Below are a listing of sites that are available for support:

- **Treasurer Ma's COVID-19 resource lists:** <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/covid-19.asp>
- **Constituent email inbox for Treasurer Ma's office:** [AskFiona@treasurer.ca.gov](mailto:AskFiona@treasurer.ca.gov)
- **Census Website -** <https://my2020census.gov/>
- **One Stop Resource for Californians impacted by job loss due to Covid-19 -** <https://onwardca.org/>
- **IBank Loan Guarantee Program -** <https://ibank.ca.gov/small-business/loan-guarantees/>
- **Treasurer Ma's California Capital Access Program (CalCap) -** <https://www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcfca/calcap/sb/index.asp>
- **Economic Injury Disaster Loans ("EIDL) -** <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loans>

Then Rotarians asked numerous questions:

- What fraction of budget goes to paying long term debt interest? CalPers and CalSters has an unfunded liability. Like your mortgage. 2012 PEPPRA reforms should be fully funded in 2050 (pre-pandemic).
- Are college students eligible for PPE and unemployment subsidies? Yes they are.
- Is the state keeping up with infrastructure to support the mandated affordable housing growth? Yes, but it relies on collaboration with Developers, cities and State.
- Where are we State \$\$ ? Need \$14 billion from federal government to close gap.
- Any Involvement with Franchise Tax Board? No
- Plans to standardize Property Tax Collection and EFTs? Administered by each County Assessor. Not done at State level.
- Depending on the pandemic impacts are there any planned changes to pretty tax or estate taxes? Watch out for the ballot initiatives. Prop 19
- When do you sleep? Tries for 8 but usually gets 7!
- Call or text anytime.

Treasurer Ma closed her presentation by reminding us of their 4 W's

1. Wear Mask
2. Wash Your Hands
3. Watch your Distance
4. We are All in this together

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Check out our Flickr site for all of today's photos and more!  
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