

Rotary



Club of Livermore

Club Meeting

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Meets at GHMG Hotel (Good Hotel Management Group)
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Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM
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Spur Report Aug 14, 2019

By Don Wentz on Thursday, August 15, 2019



Spur Report for August 14, 2019 Spur Reporter Jim Schmidt



Jay called the meeting to order at 12:30. After the Pledge was taken, songsters executed a modified set of lyrics to *Folsom City Blues* by Johnny Cash. This was in honor or speaker, John Mindermann, a former FBI Special Agent.

The visiting Rotarian was none other than Bob Tucknot (Hello Fellow Rotarians!)



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Our new inbound foreign exchange student from Belgium,
Elisa PeLince

Guests of Rotarians include Deborah McQueen, Anne and Isaac Hutchson, George Dankiewicz and Kari Miller. Guests of the Club were John Mindermann, Onyx Mindermann, and Steve Goodman.





Patricia Lord gave the Thought of the day a thoughtful description of the public offerings of the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District 40+ neighborhood parks, 3 community parks, 7 dog parks, miles of trails. They provide facilities, Spaces, and Sports. She urges Rotarians to visit our parks local, state, and national. Live Holidays!



President Jay showed some slides of his Texas hometown of Hassel. He showed a water tower, bandstand, and a piece of original unimproved land except for an oil well that pumped for many years. Jay showed his promised lively cartoons. He also showed The President's Graph of the week-- a before and proposed after Club President's Discretionary Budget drawn on a steer the before had the President's discretionary portion as a small slice of the rump. redrawn it became the body of the beast. This was to show he needed a President's discretionary budget large enough to buy Lulu the steer and bring her back to Livermore to ride in the Rodeo parade.



Announcements:

Joel Swanson: Sunflower Hill Picnic Tables project is proceeding. Call him if you want to add a signup. Joel also announced the Marilyn Avenue back to school BBQ was announced for Thursday afternoon. Jim Schmidt spun the tale of the little old lady driver of a fast Ferrari who avoided speeding tickets by setting the speed 1 mph under the speed limit. It worked fine until she dialed in the 101 highway sign instead of the speed limit and freaked out her passengers. That cost Jim \$50 for the Music Scholarship fund ♦ Worth it! Mary Anne Rozsa spoke of Mini Grants. Quarterly deadlines are due soon. Bob Cowan spoke convincingly of the READY program and the need for a few more mentors and urged sign-ups. Sonya also spoke of her rewarding experiences ♦ she doesn't know the New Math ♦ so the kids teach her and they improve their skills in the process! Participants must complete a level of the Youth Protection Program. Dennis O ♦ Brian announced that Las Positas is beginning a mentoring program for Vets ♦ talk to Mike for details.





Today's program was John Mindermann, a former FBI Special Agent. John Linderman gave a fascinating tale of an insider's witness of some aspects of the Watergate Investigation. He spoke of the origin, key events, meetings and personnel.



The break-in came on a Friday night when police in DC are very busy. A DC police detail was dispatched to Watergate, but it turns out they were sidetracked by running out of gas! So the FBI offered a drug undercover unit nearby. John feels the quiet arrival of the undercover unit caused the security guards to deliver the unit to the exact place where the burglars were, permitting an arrest of all the intruders. So the intruders get arrested, but why is the FBI involved? It turns out that one bag seized contained a microphone which permitted a broad-based FBI investigation. (Seems like odd reasoning in 2019 when half the population could be carrying a microphone aka cell phone) John states that a major factor in success is that the DC police, government agencies, and the FBI all used proper procedures, search warrants, etc. which prevented stalling or sidetracking. Recovered somewhere were 3,300 new, crisp bills (100s?) in serial number order!

A very key break in the investigation was the auditor of the Nixon Reelection Committee. When summoned, she apparently could say little while flanked by attorneys. But she was given a card to call if she recalled more information she apparently was incensed by what she had been witnessing and she called in and offered to be interviewed, alone, in her home. The interview yielded 19 single spaced pages of testimony and information. At that point the investigation shifted to the Re-elect Committee. (Is this the famous Follow the Money advice from Deep Throat??) In 1973 the White House and Secret Service were contacted by the FBI and told, in effect, We will occupy and secure all business sections of the White House. They did, and the rest is history.

Apparently John has written a book that he has for sale after the meeting.



Next week's meeting will Axis Health by Sue Compton.

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