

# Rotary



# Club of Livermore

## Club Meeting

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Meets at GHMG Hotel (Good Hotel Management Group)  
720 Las Flores Rd.  
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Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM  
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## The Spur August 28, 2019

By Don Wentz on Thursday, August 29, 2019

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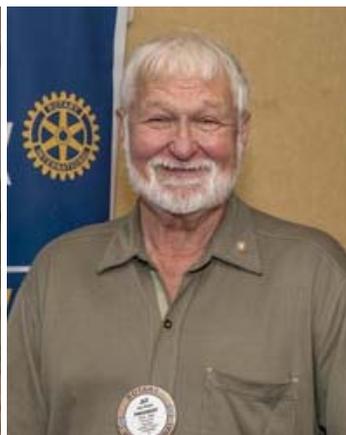
August 28th, 2019

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The Meeting was called to order by President Jay at 12:28.

Opening festivities: Kathy Coyle, recently returned from gadding about Europe, lead us all in the pledge of allegiance. With a medical theme for our program today, Michael Ferucchi and Stu Frazier lead us all in singing Good Lovin<sup>♠</sup>. This song is from 1966, first recorded by the Rascals. In singing this, I immediately flashed back to 7th Grade!

The Thought for the Day was from Nile Runge and concerned being alone. The other night he mused about whom to call if he wanted company. Are we always alone? Being alone is not always a bad thing: Alone is where we go to read a book, and where ideas erupt. It<sup>♠</sup>s where we come up with solutions to bothersome issues. A pet can keep us from being alone. If you want to be happy, learn to be alone without being lonely.

The Meeting Front Line was covered next. Our photographer was Don Wentz, with Nile serving again as Videographer. Traveling Microphones were staffed by Sheila Fagliano and Ted Michaels, and Audio/Video was ably handled by Alan Frank.

Visiting Rotarians<sup>♠</sup> Today<sup>♠</sup>s visiting Rotarian was Gary Schwagerle, from the Pleasanton club. He<sup>♠</sup>s a frequent visitor and a Realtor.



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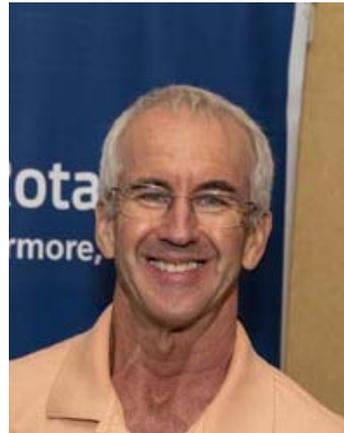
Guests of Rotarians- Gary Schwagerle had a guest with him: Alan Cerro, who deals in real estate for disadvantaged groups. Jean Otto, John Shirley's daughter and a Friend of Rotary, introduced Pat Katcusin, who's also helping out at the Shirley household. Claudia Berry was Tim Berry's guest (and wife of 43 years). Patricia Lorde introduced Liza Walkup. Jennifer Thaete introduced her daughter, Kathleen. Finally, past president Kathy Coyle introduced Valerie Jonas from Axis community health.

*Photos of today's guests can be found in the "Read More" found at the bottom of the page.*

President's Graphic of the Week - Jay talked about John Hudson's membership drive and the average age of the members, then showed a comic that was possibly age-related.



Announcements: Don Wentz talked about the Spur, and how to view links to more pictures or other information when viewing it on line. Diana Geyer updated us on John Gordon's health.



Paul McCandless presented Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Birthdays in August included the following club members: Phil Dean, John Hudson, Chuck Hartwig, Chris Ising, and Jennifer Thaete. Those celebrating anniversaries included Jacob Reid, Jannifer Thaete, Mike Thompson, Nile Runge, Will Bateson, Lance Cavalieri, Carolyn Siegfried, Tim Barry, Tom Vargas, Irv Stowers, Alan Frank, Dale Miller, and Jim Hannon. Phil Dean's wife sent us all a cake, in honor of Phil's 85th birthday... congratulations Phil! After we all had a serving of delicious cake, Jay restarted the meeting at 12:57, with the help of the club gong (he didn't use the club bell, for fear that we'd all think the meeting was over and leave).



## Happy Birthday Phil



Kathy Coyle introduced Sue Compton, our speaker from Axis Community Health

Sue Compton has led Axis for 12 years now. Sue started her talk by thanking Rotary for all the support we've given over the years. Over time, our club has donated six thousand dollars in monetary grants, and \$8722 worth of dental equipment. Axis has been around since 1972, where they started with basic medical care. They provide dental services, women's health services including prenatal care, mental health counselling, and integrated behavioral health (which is a recent addition). They provide enrollment help for MediCal, CalFresh, and covered California. They do case management, monthly food distributions, court ordered DUI classes, and a WIC nutrition program. (which covers about a thousand kids).

Axis runs five locations throughout the Tri-valley, with three in Pleasanton, one in Dublin, and one here in Livermore. Future growth will target a Livermore location. Staff is about 175 personnel. This staff includes mental health professionals, dental care staff, nurses, et cetera, all of whom handle 15,000 visits per year. Their funding comes from MediCal for 60%, federal sources provide 11% (and require a lot of paperwork), County 15%, State 3%, with patient fees, grants, donations, and other sources rounding out the income. Expenses include taxes, salaries, and utilities. Patients from Livermore comprise about 43%, with Pleasanton contributing 20%, Dublin 16%, and other 21%. People served are mostly working poor, either at poverty level or below, or up to twice the poverty level (these are 92% of

patients). One fifth of patients need to use public transportation to get to a center. Ailments diagnosed and treated include hypertension/cardiovascular problems, behavioral health, obesity, and diabetes related problems. Dental care has always been a shortfall for patients who use Axis. In February of this year, Axis opened a site specifically for dental care, in Dublin. The site had previously been a dental clinic, and already had a lot of the necessary equipment, much to the delight of the people starting up this clinic. Dental services target kids and pregnant women mainly, since their needs must be addressed the earliest. Others seen are mainly for emergencies.

They are remodeling their site on Railroad avenue in Pleasanton. They are also remodeling and modernizing their call center.

Questions and answers followed next, and included the following:

Don Wentz asked, how many homeless do they serve? Sue answered by saying that the unsheltered in the Tri-Valley number about 450, whose treatment needs they share with a mobile center. Also numbered among the homeless are two to three thousand, of the couch surfing type. Axis can help those individuals.

Bryan Mayhall asked about uninsured. Do they end up in MediCal? Our speaker said unfortunately not, but talked about the pathways to cover the completely uninsured. A big problem is not having the documentation needed to fill out the huge amount of paperwork required for MediCal (i.e., no birth certificate available).

Bob Cowan asked about the application for MediCal, which was 51 pages when typed out. Sue told us about what types of questions were asked, and the State of California's reasoning for having so much information required and so many questions asked (fraud prevention).

Beth Wilson talked about the shift in people coming to the food bank, where more Asians are showing up, and less Hispanics. Sue said that this shift is a challenge for Axis, as Spanish language speakers are available in Axis staff, but the seventeen or so languages spoken by the clients classified as Asian can really be a problem.

Bill Nebo asked about tests MRIs, X-rays, etc. Sue said they could test blood, but X-rays went through a local contractor, and MRIs took a long time, and were handled via Highland Hospital.

Sheila asked about help for people needing to fill out medical forms. Sue said they had 8 permanent staff to help folks fill out the paperwork, which has to be resubmitted every six months.

Paul Thompson asked what to do about completely uninsured. Sue said grants ran out about halfway through a year, then Axis had to cover the costs.

Christian Chukwuma asked about the 6-month reapplication for MediCal. Could they use people (High School kids in particular) who are looking for service projects. Sue replied that Axis doesn't usually use teens, due to HIPAA (the medical information privacy act) considerations. They do use

younger volunteers for food distributions or other outside services. President Jay wrapped up the program by telling a story about Livermore Rotary's visit to the new dental center, and how nice it was to meet the staff there.



We thanked Sue for her time and presentation with a bottle of fine Livermore wine!

Next Week's Program: Japanese Internment, presented by Yoshiko Kanazawa, hosted by Evonne Hopkins

Today's drawing winner was Ed Coates.

The meeting was closed at 13:26. See you all next week!

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