



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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Spur Report 8-5-2020

By Kathy S. Coyle on Wednesday, August 5, 2020

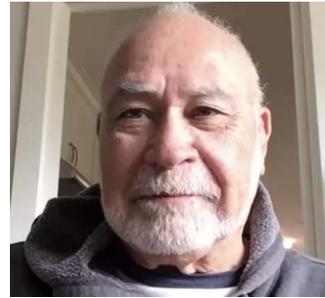
Breaking News: Guess who this is!



"Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International's president for 2022-23, a selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization's 115-year history.

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a member since 1997 and has served Rotary as vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor"

I met her in Toronto when she chaired the Peace Conference. This is no surprise for me. She was outstanding.
- Publisher Kathy



The Spur August 5, 2020
Your reporter Bill Nebo



After a half hour of small group visiting on line, President Siegfried called the meeting to order at half past noon and Sheila Fagliano led the club in the pledge. With accompanying guitarist Mike Ferrucci, Stu Frazier's song of the day mirrored our program's medical content with the refrain telling the doctor "...all I need is good lovin', baby. And maybe a vaccine??"

Susan Mayall delivered our Thought of the Day which challenged Rotary to use the Four Way Test to lead in our community discussion in matters political and otherwise in ways that are unifying rather than divisive. President Siegfried indicated on the map her Walkabout of the Day that included visitation of The hospital, Alden Lane Nursery.



The Front Line:

Jeff Youngsma...Zoom Greeter and Host - First time and he did great!
Alan Frank...Audio Visual
David Rounds Zoom Chat Monitor
Glenn Kubrick...Zoom Host Backup
Kathy Coyle...Spur Publisher

There were no visiting Rotarians and guests Joan Seppala (Owner Editor of The Independent) was introduced by husband Lynn Seppala and school nurse Kat Arthur was introduced by Kelly Bowers.



Carol Gerich
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Events

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President Carolyn sadly announced the passing of former member and well known community car dealership owner Ed Spencer. Ed had owned the Chevrolet Car Dealership at the corner of Portola and First Street.



Past President (2007-2008) Jacquie Williams-Courtright presented the Member's Talk. Her recollections took the club through her grandparents sojourns that led to her mother, then a nurse at the VA to meet her father who owned the Service Station across from Lizzy Fountain, marry and begin the nursery business at Alden Lane with the Sunset Garden book in one hand and a hose in the other. This Spur writer officiated the wedding ceremony for Jacquie and Tom on the Fourth of July in the most flower strewn venue he had ever or ever since experienced. It was a glorious wedding of two Nursery Business children destined to bring joy and beauty to their communities. During her term as president of Rotary the club met all of the very high goals they set for themselves

when Jacquie took the Club gavel. Jacquie fondly remembered her sponsor Past President Dave Lowell who was responsible for an incredible number of personal invitations, and Past President Jasper Steele whose good humor and interesting presence at the podium each week created the intensity of engagement each week that developed Jacquie's abiding loyalty to her Rotary Club.

President Carolyn reminded the club that if all goes well the Rotary International Convention in June of 2021 will be held in Taipei and with only 80 rooms reserved those desiring to be in them should plan accordingly.

Carol Gehrig listed the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of August, noting that this very day is TJ Gilmartin's 80th Birthday. August is also the 60th wedding anniversary of Jim and Mary Ann Hannon.



Birthdays for August are: Norm Gregman, TJ Gilmartin, James Goodhart, Chuck Hartwig, John Hudson, Chris Ising, Al Lewis, Trish Munro, and Jennifer Thaete. No dates are included to protect your privacy.

Anniversaries for August are: Will Bateson, Lance and Athena Cavaliere, Alan and Peggy Frank, Jim and Mary Ann Hannon, Lance and Carol Pierovich, Jacob and Shara Reid, Nile and Jean Runge, Carolyn and Chris Siegfried, Irv and Patty Stowers, Jennifer and John Thaete, Mike and Anita Thompson, Tom and Sheryl Vargas and Dale and Kari Miller. Congratulations to all. The most years married this month award goes to Irv and Patty @47!

Turning her attention to club items, President Carolyn announced that Rotary Grant applications are due on September 9 and can be found on our club website. Also a new directory has been made and members are asked to check it to verify that their contact information is up to date. They can download the club Roster on the member area web site and then update any info by logging into DACDB.

Next week the program will feature Bill Tobin talking about the Shelter Box project.

THE PROGRAM;



Lynn Sepala introduced Rick Shumway the CEO of our Stanford Valley Care Hospital. Rick spoke about the work of the hospital in the midst of the Covid-19 Pandemic. He listed a sorting of myth and fact concerning the hospital's experience in dealing with the Pandemic in our area.

1. It is a fact that the hospital was prepared for any surge in the infection in our town. The shelter in place had given the hospital a head start on preparation and it made good use of the time to stock up and adjust protocols of care. Its efforts have earned it wide acclaim in on the national hospital scene.
2. Dispelling the myth of being overrun is the fact that the hospital has not been functioning at maximum capacity. It has always had more than enough beds and equipment to deal with a surge in cases.
3. It is a myth that one should delay needed hospitalization for non Covid related illness because of Covid impact on bed space. The hospital has always had and continues to have adequate space to deal safely with both Covid patients and non-Covid related illness simultaneously and in a completely safe environment.
4. It is a myth that the hospital is not a safe place because of Covid patient intake. The

hospital screening, testing and co-location of patients makes going to the hospital probably safer than going to Safeway.

5. It is a fact that Stanford Valley Care workers are tested and that the infection rate is exceptionally low with PPE plentiful and enhanced cleaning disinfecting the facilities.
6. It is also a fact that the standard of care has not been affected by the Pandemic, dispelling the myth that Covid involvement lowers the bar of the standard of care one can expect. Our hospital ranks in the top 7% in the country for standard of care.
7. It is fact that one can be tested at the hospital if it is deemed necessary and the test results return in 45 minutes. For those who have no prescription for a test a drive through test site is maintained at the Fair Grounds and the Hospital Cancer Center.
8. It is a fact that clinical trials of the drug Remdesivir are taking place with patients at Stanford Valley Care. The hospital is one of 54 sites that received early access to these trials. The drug is proving to produce some most positive outcomes.

The Question period followed Rick Shumway's talk. The questions addressed contact tracing, N95 masks and fittings for school nurses, and the numbers of cases and hospitalizations in Livermore. Rick revealed that the County has a handle on contact tracing. He also pointed out that tragedy of people waiting too long to go to hospital thinking it unsafe, and agreed to discuss with a school nurse Kat Arthur N95 masks for school nurses off line. While numbers could not be shared, Rick assured us that they reveal that the area is adequately handling he infection and it is not overrunning us.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30

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Today's video will be available on our web site: <https://livermore-rotary.org/2019-2020/>



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