



Club Meeting

Livermore
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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Spur Aug 7, 2019

By Don Wentz on Thursday, August 8, 2019



Spur Report for Rotary Meeting of 8/7/19

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Beth Wilson 📷 Photographer

President Jay Davis called the meeting to order, and we pledged allegiance to the flag. Led by the Rotary choir, we all sang 📷God Bless America. 📷

Will Bateson gave the 📷Thought for the Day📷 which was two quotes from Albert Einstein. The first dealt with solving solutions to problems (spend most of the time thinking about the problem) and the second on dealing with our fellow humans humanly.

There were no visiting Rotarians. Several guests were introduced: Debbie McQueen, Loretta Kaskey (who was inducted formally as a member today), Carol Beck (wife of Keith Beck) and Maya Pillon.



President Jay, along with sponsor Jon Hart, inducted Loretta into the club.

Jay's President's Graphic showed the recent cover of the Economist, which depicted the new PM Boris Johnson launching the UK on a deadly roller coaster.

Sonya Sheffield introduced lots of birthdays celebrated in August: Jim Hannon, Bill Groth, Jay Davis, Bob Cowan, Peter Poulson, John Gordon, Dick Warga, Jim Concannon, and John Marion. There were also a number of August anniversaries: Jacquie Williams-Courtright, Bob Jacobs, Trish Munro, Pat McMenamin, Don Wentz, Randy Schlientz, and Carol Howell.



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Joel Swanson discussed two of our projects. The hot dog BBQ at Marylin Avenue School on August 15 and the building of a picnic table for Sunflower Hill on August 17.



Pat McMenamin honored Paul Szmyd for his works and donations with the award of Paul Harris Plus 3 pin. Trish Munro announced the birth of a grandchild, Reva McKinsay Swarts, and, in celebration, donated \$250. Evonne Hopkins announced the impending arrival of our Club's inboard exchange student, a French speaking young lady from Belgium. Christian Chukwuma related that his daughter had finish track competitions in the top 20 in the US and donated \$100 to celebrate her accomplishments.



Club member Keith Beck, the speaker today, discussed his time as a Peace Corps (PC) volunteer on Pohnpei Island in Micronesia, north of Indonesia. He and his wife spent nearly two years on the island of only about 125 square miles and which had about 300 inch of rainfall annually. He taught English to its inhabitants after he had had a six-week crash course in the Pohnpei language. Out of the roughly 80 PC volunteers to the island in 1969, only about 40 completed their PC tour of duty. He and his wife lived in a rudimentary dwelling constructed in the jungle. They would wash their clothes in a stream and would cook over heated rocks. He walked on primitive paths to the school where he taught a mixed class of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. He described a diet consisting mainly of rice imported from California, but mentioned feasts in which pigs would be cooked. His PC duty was nearly at an end when he broke his leg in a fall from a partially washed-out bridge. At the end of the talk, he presented a puzzle: a huge complex, Nam Madol, dating from roughly 1100AD, was built with massive basalt columns. How? In conclusion, he noted the PC annual budget now is about \$400M and about 2000 volunteers join the PC each year.

Next week's speaker will be John Mindermann, a former FBI Special Agent and author of the book *In Pursuit, from the Streets of San Francisco to Watergate*.





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