

Rotary



Club of Livermore

Club Meeting

Livermore
Meets at We are meeting via
Zoom for the foreseeable future.
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Livermore, CA 94551
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM
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Spur Dec 9, 2020

By Don Wentz on Sunday, December 13, 2020

Rotary Club of Livermore Spur Report for December 9, 2020

Spur Reporter: Trish Munro

This week's program is Ron Basskett discussing Ensuring the Air Quality Future of the Tri-Valley



President Carolyn, as usual, opened the meeting right on time.

Pledge: Kathy Streeter

Song for the Day: *Good Day, Sunshine* by the Beatles, introduction by Michael Ferrucci with all four parts taken by Stu Frazier in a real tour de force.

Thought for the Day: Jack Mills a discussion about how good life is when people care about you, when you have a chance to make things better.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests:

Visiting Rotarians: none

Guests of Rotarians: Jean Otto, Steve Shirley and daughter Danielle, Dale Cherny, Ron Basskett

Walking Livermore Report by President Carolyn: shared the picture from September at the airport, when there was so much smoke that the sun was barely visible.

Celebration of John Shirley's 96th Birthday: Marty Plone





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Events

No Events found



Rotary Opens Opportunities

introduced a Video of John Shirley's life, made by Steve Shirley. Marty explained that yesterday was John's 96th birthday. Six years ago, there was a surprise talk for John's 90th birthday with a video made and narrated by Steve. That talk was recreated on video and shared for us today.



Club Activities

Send a childhood photo of yourself to Sonya Sheffield (sonya@sheffield.net) by December 11 for the Fun and Games at the December 16 Club meeting.

Sharing Good News is welcome. What is it worth to you? Speak-up or send Carolyn an email csiegfried@Pedrozzi.org.

Mike Thompson has been driving around and getting out: sending \$500 to Tri-Valley Haven. He points out that 30% increase in TVH's calls due to COVID.

The Holiday gift bags for the RFoL Children's Christmas will not be put together by Rotarians due to new COVID restrictions. Those bags will be put together by CAPE personnel.

2021-22 RCL Board of Directors Election will be held during the meeting on December 16, 2020.

A Word from Inner Wheel of Livermore - Our Partner in Change

Over the years, with Rotarian support, the Inner Wheel Club of Livermore has sponsored events for the benefit of children in our community.

Given this year's challenges, and with no way to host the annual holiday fundraiser, Inner Wheel members participated in a Secret Santa gift week, which included giving books and gift cards to CAPE (Community Assistance for Preschool Education) as a way to make the holiday bright for the children of our community.



If you are interested in learning more about Inner Wheel, one of the largest women's organizations in the world, and their focus on friendship and giving back to our community, please email

Madeline McMenamin at mcmenamin@gmail.com.



This Week's Program: Ron Baskett Tri-Valley Air Quality Community Alliance ♦ silently introduced by Ron Koopman.



Ron Baskett is a long-time Livermore resident of 35 years and is trained and works as an air quality meteorologist at LLNL. He joined the Tri-Valley Air Quality Community Alliance was a natural fit because of his professional background.

Ron opened the talk by noting that while TVAQC is working on local mitigation of air quality, aside from fires, air quality has improved over the past 50 years.

TVAQCA was formed as a result of CARB (California's Air Resources Board) identifying eight areas that need air quality mitigation; Community Air Protection identified the Tri-Valley as one of those. Funding for these groups is provided by the state as part of Carbon Cap and Trade money. The Tri-Valley is part of the third wave of this effort, with West Oakland and Richmond being first and second.

Our poor air quality, leading us to be part of that third wave, results from the Tri-Valley being in an airshed, meaning the air is contained in a topographic region. Our air enters the valley from north, west, and south. On a good day, air moves; when it is stagnant, air quality decreases. In the summer, our air suffers from high ozone; in the winter from high particulates. About 10% of the time the wind is <2 mph which leads to stagnation.

Even so, except for the wildfires, we are doing better than we had been.

However (as we all know), those wildfires had a profound effect. TVAQCA formed in 2019 with a working group and getting initial funding for this year's effort of identifying stakeholders. Next year will be spent working on the project.

Ron discussed some of the means of gathering data using, for example, public participation data sensors to gather hyper-local information. He also described some of the different sources of particulates: diesel engines and small local landscapers (small off-road engines).

As the work continues, TVAQCA wants community members to participate and is looking to reach, in particular, sensitive groups such as pregnant women, asthmatics (about 15% of the East Bay population) for whom the current standards are not adequate. The website, with information on the work and how to participate is here: <https://www.tvaqca.org/>

Next Week's Program Livermore High School Choirs & Club Social

Help Us With The Spur

Are you an aspiring reporter? If so, then please consider writing up our weekly newsletter from time to time. We are always looking for new writers, even though the regulars have a great time reporting them. Please contact Bob Jacobs @ bob@attorney-mediator.law

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/62794352@N07/albums/with/72157709710922731>

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



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