

Rotary



Club of Livermore

Club Meeting

Livermore
Meets at We are meeting
via Zoom for the
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Livermore, CA 94551
Time: Wednesday at
12:00 PM
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Spur for Oct 14, 2020

By Don Wentz on Thursday, October 15, 2020

Spur Report for October 14, 2020

Today's Program was our Club Assembly

Our intrepid Spur reporter for the meeting was Will Bateson.



President Carolyn opened the meeting right on time at 12:30 pm

Mike Riehl led us in a telephonic Pledge of Allegiance.

Songsters:



Michael Ferrucci played an amazing acoustic version of *America the Beautiful* in honor of Eddie Van Halen.

Thought for the Day by Jim Hannon:

The theme of Jim's talk was that rotary opens opportunities. Jim was invited to our rotary club by TJ about 20 years ago. Jim went on to apply Rotary's 4-



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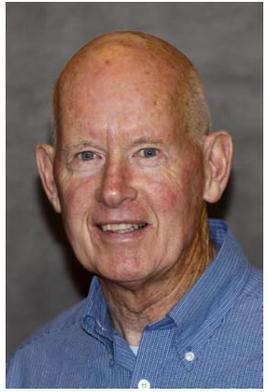
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Events

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Rotary Opens Opportunities



Way Test (Is it the truth? Is it fair to all? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships?) to current topics like Covid, climate change, and the gap between richest and poorest.

Jim's answer to whether or not the 4-Way Test is relevant to today's issues is a resounding YES, but it takes discerning, thoughtful effort. His take was that an increased gift to rotary foundation passes the test and encouraged other Rotarians to join him in this.

Rotarians and Guests:

There were no visiting Rotarians at the meeting.

Guests of Rotarians: Tammy Barstow introduced Daniel Pryor, her son, who is a full-time college student and realtor. Brian Mayall introduced Andy Patterson, a family friend.

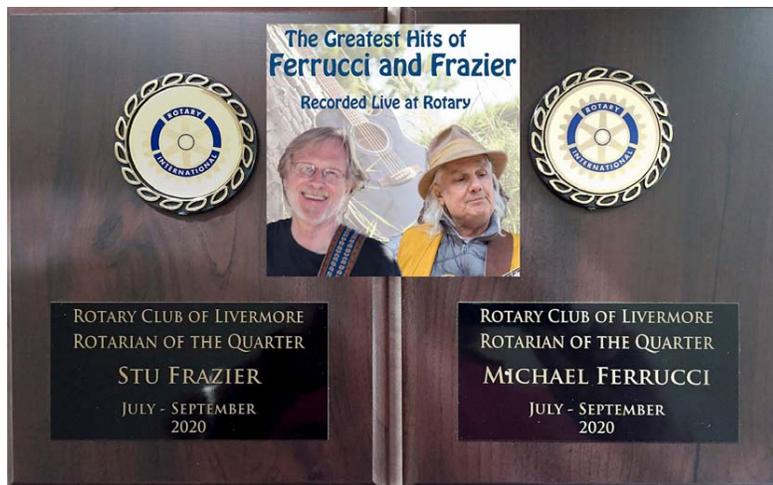
Carolyn's walkabout:

President Carolyn shared two photos that she said were a sign of the times: the first, a sign that read "Please Stand Six Feet Apart" and the second was a sign from a local restaurant offering curb side pickup.

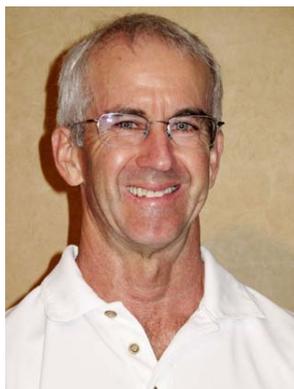


Rotarians of the Quarter:

Carolyn then announced that Stu Frazier and Michael Ferrucci are Rotarians of the Quarter, congratulations to these fine music men!



Club News:



Paul McCandless updated us on Area 4 response: Pat Coyle pivoted Global Grant funds to the Area 4 community health care response. The funds will be providing blood pressure monitors and pulse/oxygen saturation monitors.

We Care! Carol Gerich had surgery for her hip and is recovering at home. Bruce Shore is undergoing treatment for abdominal cancer. The Club sends Carol and Bruce our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



Dennis O'Brien announced the Challenge for Vets, a challenge from Oct 21 thru Nov 11. The Fundraiser is virtual this year, asking us to sign up for the challenge, or support a vet in the challenge. Twenty-two veterans a day lose their life to suicide. The cost to sign up is \$22 a sobering reminder of the statistic. You can sign up at



[:<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Livermore/22for22WalkforVets#Challenge22ForVets>](https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Livermore/22for22WalkforVets#Challenge22ForVets)

Club Assembly, led by President Carolyn:

The first part of the Club assembly was some fun with a Trivia contest:

1. Livermore was founded in 1869 by whom? William Mendenhall
2. The first Livermore rodeo was held in what year? 1918
3. What was the original name of Livermore High School? Livermore Union High School
4. Approximately how many lights for Deacon Dave's display? 551k-700k
5. When did Livermore centennial bulb celebrate 1 million years of burning? 2015
6. Where is this building located? Concannon Vineyards
7. Fun fact: what horror movie filmed there? Named Dead and Breakfast
8. What is the elevation and population of Livermore? 495 and 91,411
9. What year was the Rotary Club of Livermore founded? 1947

Carolyn summarized the state of the club by stating that Zoom has changed things, but many things stay the same. Still hear great music from Stu and Michael, get to hear from speakers near and far. Member talks and thought for the day programs have continued, as have recognitions.

The Rotary Foundation goals for this year: \$30K annual fund, \$10K polio plus. A total of \$97K in Global Grant funds has been given from our club and other Area 4 clubs to support community healthcare response. Carolyn also summarized member giving from 2019-2020 to this current Rotary year. We are currently 23% of meeting last Rotary year numbers. The Club's current checking account balance is \$15K larger than recent

October values, excluding Global Grant funds. The Club is in excellent financial condition.

Both the Ready and RAVE programs have transitioned to Zoom for this year.

Our Club membership is still strong, with 116 Active members.

There will be no Crab Feed this Rotary year and we didn't have a Rodeo Parade, both due to the pandemic. But we will continue to raise money, especially through our Lunch Money Fund. Jay and Mary Davis gifted \$5K to the lunch fund, a significant start for our \$60K goal. Thanks Jay and Mary! So, as the school bully said, give us your lunch money! Donations to the Lunch Fund can be made directly on the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore website. Go the RFoL donate page at

<http://www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org/donate/>, and then make your donation using the Rotary Club of Livermore restricted funds box, on the right at the bottom of the page. You can also send a check to the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore; address is RFL P.O. Box 2181, Livermore, CA 94551. You must stipulate on the check that the donation is for the Rotary Club of Livermore Restricted fund.

Ted Michaels shared information about the RFoL by-laws update to reflect and honor individual clubs' philanthropic goals. The changes permit restricted funds for projects beyond the Livermore Valley. As an example, the money the Club has donated in past years for areas in California devastated by fire.

In summary, Rotary opens opportunities to learn and has a framework for increasing our knowledge. Our Club is 74 years old and counting. Let's keep up the great work.

Questions:

Mike Thompson: We have \$80K in our account. Would like to move it to the Livermore Foundation to do some good. Pat Coyle mentioned once we do that, we don't get interest on the money due to restricted funds. Glenn commented that we keep minimum of \$25K in our checking account. \$16K of grants, plus \$15.5K that are restricted, means the balance actually not a lot. All dues (except very small number) have already been paid.

Jim Hannon and Brian Mayall: They both agreed that many of us are missing the social aspects of rotary during these trying times and thought it would be nice to explore ways to gradually get to more interaction. Board have been discussing this but are not comfortable encouraging face to face interactions yet but as Alameda county changes guidelines, the board will look further into it.

Next Week Speakers:

Jo Loss and Janice Friesen from League of Women Voters will be our guest speakers on the topic of Valiant Women of the Vote.

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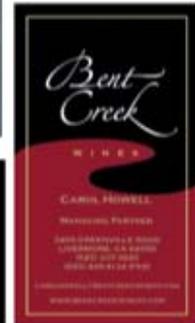
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