

Rotary



Club of Livermore

Spur Report October 13, 2021

By Kathy S. Coyle on Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Your Spur Reporter this week was Pat Coyle!



President Ken Perine rang the Zoom meeting to order at TBD 12:30 for another Hybrid meeting. He welcomed all to another meeting of the Rotary Club of Livermore.

Jeff Youngsma led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ken reminded all to stay muted unless have something to say, then unmute and do so. Reminded all not to go through the kitchen, where Open Heart is preparing food.

The Song: Ken welcomed Rotary player Stu who ♦s back, Michel is injured ♦ however, Tim Barry played banjo, harmonica, guitars and did multiple vocals for *This Land is Your Land*. In February 1940, Woody Guthrie wrote *This Land is Your Land* in reaction to Irving Berlin's song *God Bless America*. Guthrie heard Berlin's song repeatedly while he traveled cross-country and became increasingly annoyed that it glossed over the lop-sided distribution of land and wealth that he was observing.

Ken said that was excellent, acknowledged Mr. Barry. Way to step up and cover for the team. I think that's a model for all us Rotarians. It shouldn't be just one person's job. Everybody should have backups in case somebody can't do their thing that week. So, songsters thanks for modeling the teamwork for our club. Watch this [week's video](#) to see this wonderful performance!

Thought for the day: Kelly Bowers. She started with a question, ♦How heavy is this glass of water.♦ It actually depends on how long I hold it. If I hold this glass just for a minute, not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, it might start to feel a little heavier. I might have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for a day, my arm can feel numb, or even paralyzed. In all those cases, remember the weight of the glass doesn't change. But the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes. It's sort of an analogy for stresses and worries in life, or it could be the pandemic. The longer it goes on, the heavier, and we're carrying that weight ♦ so many people are in different ways, in all of our roles. What I'd like to share with Rotary is that what you all do in service is help others carry the water. You're carrying their water, you ♦ are lightening their load, you're carrying their burdens, and you're making it less stressful, and taking it off their shoulders. This is my thought for everyone to think about when we see people being stressed and maybe behaving in ways that you wouldn't expect. When in the schools, we see kids struggling with anxiety and families struggling, we just remember they've been carrying the water a long, long time. It's going to get lighter, thanks to people like you.

Kelly replied to Zoomers in the chat, ♦ @Pat M and @Michael F and @Kathy C ♦ .. my pleasure! Rotarians ♦ carry the water ♦ for so many of our teachers and families and community members and we are grateful! ♦

Ken thanked Kelly, great idea, awesome.

Ken introduced and thanked the Meeting Front Line, including Zoom Host, Carolyn Siegfried (gave her a shout out for her Giant ♦s shirt), Zoom Chat Monitor, David Rounds, Audio Visual, Alan Frank, Spur Reporter, Pat Coyle, and Spur Publisher, Kathy Coyle.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

No visiting Rotarians today.

Sheila Fagliano introduced Bobby Bettencourt, who ♦s been hired by her company to work at their affiliate in Milpitas. He ♦ will be doing a Community Outreach Manager job, same type of job as hers. Thought it would be a wonderful opportunity for him to come in and meet her Rotarian friends.

Announcements and Activities

The Livermore Valley Rotary (morning club) is organizing a bandstand cleanup day on Saturday October 16. They are planning on meeting at 9:00 am to clean the plaques and rain gutters and to power wash the bandstand. They hope to be done in 2-3 hours. If

you would like to help out, please contact Frank Vallejo from the morning club on his cell at 925-595-2004 and let him know you'll be there.

Livermore Valley Rotary Fundraiser is coming up Saturday October 23rd, for First Annual Chile Cookoff at Carnegie Park. Plan to enjoy a fun-filled day of local music, wine, beer, arts & crafts - and, of course the best chili in town! They will be hosting their event at Carnegie Park from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. Admission is free. All ages are welcome! Funds raised will support their local community grant program.

LARPD has advised that for our club meetings, one in November, and one in December, will need to be in different location. Stay tuned.

Goud Memula has group of friends will be doing another Kids Against Hunger with friends this Saturday. Contact him for the link to register.

Next Week!

Ken reminded us that at **next week's program** we're going to have an update on PolioPlus, and how the club uses its DDF funds, how we can better utilize The Rotary Foundation (TRF) giving recognition points to encourage people to donate. We'll walk you through the lifecycle and what happens when you donate money to TRF and how we are able to leverage that in lots of different ways it's pretty cool. The dollars that go in definitely have a big impact far beyond the individual dollars contributed, so definitely want to check in for that.

Today's program is a club assembly:

Our attempt to bring us all up to date on what's happening in the club, during these crazy times. A lot of people are carrying water. Gave a shout out to Sblend, our president elect, for the great programs he's been lining up.

[See the video for the details](#), as folks covered Membership and Attendance, Reasons to Recruit (Past President JR Romero, District Membership Coordinator for our Area, reminded us why we might want to join Rotary including first off it's to meet a great group of people, get involved in the community, and find opportunities for service in local area projects, or projects all over the world), Club Finances, Community Service, TRF and Polio Plus, EREY, International Service, Global Grants, Nepalese Children, Youth Service, Major events, Vocational service, and Club Service.

President Ken wrapped up. We've done great job for 75 years. Now our challenge is to make it even better.

He spoke to Kodak and Galileo Galilei and the Catholic Church, not to pick on them, but to illustrate that institutions can be slow to change. He encouraged all of us not to fall into the trap of the way it's always been and to be open minded about trying new things as we strive to continue making our club better.

He challenged all of us to consider: Why are you a Rotarian? How do you want to serve? Want to try something different? Let us know!

As we approached the 1:30 end of meeting, President Ken said wanted to be respectful of people's time, but if folks want to stay a little longer he'd open it up to questions. There was a lively Q&A discussion so, be sure to [check out the video!](#)

At 1:33 President Ken concluded another meeting of the Rotary Club of Livermore.

Leave a Legacy

Leave a Legacy Gift to the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore (RFL)
Did you know you could leave a bequest in your Will or Estate that would continue your support for the RFL to infinity and beyond?
Please consider following in the footsteps of our dear friend
Marty Plone and make the RFL one of your "heirs"!
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Club Meeting

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