

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 Report Sept 16, 2020

By Don Wentz on Thursday, September 17, 2020

SPUR Report Rotary Club of Livermore September 16, 2020

Pre meeting chat:

Lynn Monica showed off her Cavapoo (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Poodle), named (Bella) Luna.

President Caroline showed a great picture of Beth Wilson with her Harris Society Pin (matching blouse and Mask!). It was noted in the Chat that Beth is Awesom3



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he Rotary Meeting was kicked off by President Carolyn at 12:30 right on time!

The Pledge today was led by Nile Runge.

Today's song, a great production by Michael Ferucci and Stu Frazier, was **For What It's Worth**, by Buffalo Springfield (and Thanks to David Rounds for



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Events

No Events found



Rotary Opens Opportunities









the suggestion!).

Our Thought for the Day: Randy Schlientz



Randy's thought regarded all the changes that 2020 has wrought. Pandemics, thunder and lightning, smoke, and more. Randy was thankful for the small things that are good in this world. His future hope is to meet with people without all the restrictions we have these days. Be Thankful!

Today's Meeting Front Line:

Zoom Greeter	Spur Reporter	Audio / Visual	Spur Publisher
 Lynn Monica	 Joel Swanson	 Alan Frank	 Don Wentz
 Jeff Youngsma	Zoom Host	Zoom Chat Monitor	 David Rounds

Rotarians & Guests

There were no visiting Rotarians today.

Guests included many of the Mayall's family and friends: Susan's daughter, Will and Terri Mayall, Susan's son and his wife, joined us from Santa Cruz. Thomas Stanton, Susan's son in law joined us from Benicia, her grandson, Owen Carlson was also with us. The Mayall's's longtime friend, Jacqui Clark, joined us from Maine.

We were also visited by our old friend and John Shirley's Daughter, Jean Otto, from Spokane. Joan Seppala, Lynn's wife, was also with us.

Walking Livermore Photo:

The photo for this week's meeting was for #Maskup Livermore. President Carolyn modeled a mask with a floral pattern.



Old Member Talk: TJ Gilmartin



TJ's member talk: Wife Barbara, son Benjamin (Architect in New York), Son Aiden (Cancer researcher in Philadelphia). TJ has a PhD in Physics (Lasers). TJ retired in 2001. His Rotary related themes are working with kids, He spent (in the 60s) time in Peru, where his efforts were devoted to education. He joined Rotary in 1990, focusing in the Youth Exchange program, and told us about some of his exchange youth.

In 1992, he walked the Ohlone trail from Lake DelValle to Sunol, then afterward, he started taking Rotarians on the hike, with dinner at his house afterward. He also coordinated the San Francisco walk, (a 14 mile loop, and a full day). In 1999, Tall Paul took him and 3 other Rotarians and three Brits on a hike through Nepal. He was on the RFL board in the mid 90's.

He started the TOPS program, which dedicated its time and effort to teaching science in local schools. It's still going. In 2003, he went to the International convention. He was President in 2003-2004, with a motto of Life, Liberty and Happiness. This was the year we built houses in Nansari, India. We also did a friendship exchange with Rotary in Berlin Germany. Visited other cities in the country, including Munich, Heidelberg, and Rotenberg.

The Dictionary Project started during his tenure. In 2007,

he joined the board of the Livermore Valley Opera. He washed pots and pans at Open Heart Kitchen for a few years, and sat with the diners when he wasn't washing pots and pans. He's visited over 50 countries, worked with kids for a loooooong time.

Announcements:

Club News:

Next week ♦ Launch of our 2020 Fundraising Campaign due to no Crab Feed or Rodeo Parade BUT we will still need to raise funds. Tune in next week to find out how



74 Years of Service



No CRAB Feed



No RODEO Parade

How will we raise funds?

Find out Next Week

Club Activities:

Ken Perine: Special RCL Program Sept. 30 ♦ Invite guests! The presentation will be by Ira Helfand, MD, Nobel peace prize winner and copresident of International campaign to abolish nuclear weapons. More information is available at <https://peaceconference2020.org/ira-helfand-md/> Mark your calendars!

Other News:

Rotary Area 4 Speaker Event: Oct. 1 5 PM: ♦ 100,000 Tons of Leadership ♦ presented by Herman Shelanski, Vice Admiral US Navy, Retired ♦ Registration is required, and the meeting size is limited to 100 people. The registration link is <https://tinyurl.com/area4rotaryPNR>

Next Week's Speaker:

Dr. Joel Parrott, President and CEO,
Oakland Zoo



This Week's Program: Susan Mayall



Susan Mayall spoke regarding Our first American decade in tumultuous times.

Susan first thanked TJ for his talk, remembering the hikes on the Ohlone trail and through SF.

This is Susan's story, covering aspects of their first decade in the US, from 1962 to 1972. That was tumultuous time, including the Cuban missile crisis, Assassinations, the women's movement, the Vietnam war, Hippies, Peter, Paul, and Mary, et cetera. The decade started with formal attire (ladies hats, men's suits and crew cuts) and finished with bell bottoms and tie-dye. The Mayalls started out in Philadelphia, part of an old estate (called Thompson Circle) that had been carved up into a housing development.

The Mayalls emigrated to Canada from the UK in 1956, just for a change of scene, and enjoyed their time there. They crossed the Canada-US border without incident (Susan commented on how easy it was back then). Brian received a postdoc at the Whistar institute in Philadelphia, where they met and befriended many people from other countries. Their first local election was up coming, but though Susan found it very interesting, the Mayalls weren't citizens yet.

Susan said they learned a lot on Thompson circle. The first big event was related to the differences in neighborhoods around them. Mayalls lived on a large lot

(no fences half acre lot). The children in the neighborhood met up rapidly after moving in. Sort of an idyllic, ◆ Leave it to Beaver ◆ existence. A nearby neighborhood was crowded and had small lots, and mostly blacks lived there. As a stay at home mom, she got to know the neighbors very well. With the neighbors, they went through the Cuban Missile Crisis. The president, Susan said, handled the crisis very well.

When Kennedy was assassinated, Susan grabbed baby Alice, and ran next door to her neighbor, Ruth ◆'s house. They cried together over the events. Ruth was interested in everything. They talked politics a lot, often disagreeing, but always talking again. Their children met the children in the small community nearby, which were mostly black children. Susan saw how discrimination affected her neighborhood, and was surprised. She ◆'d thought that that was a southern problem. One day her cleaning lady, who was black, arrived with tears, after having heard the news of Birmingham ◆'s 16th Street Church bombing that killed 4 girls. ◆ Why do they hate us so much? ◆ the cleaning lady asked. When the fair housing act passed, Realtors showed up soon, showing homes to black families. A black family moved in next door, a GE executive and his wife, who ◆'d been a model. Margorie and Waldren (the new neighbors) became good friends. Kids worked well together. Most of the other white neighbors continued to shy away from the new, black neighbors.

Due to an accident with a car (brakes were off, and it rolled into the neighbor ◆'s house). The neighbors, white and black, had to talk, and got to know each other. When MLK was killed, Susan asked Margorie to come and talk to kids at school about events and their ramifications.

When Bryan ◆'s job moved to Livermore, so did the family (of course). As new citizens, Susan became involved in local politics. They ◆'re still friends with some of the old neighbors, including Margorie and Waldren's ◆ son.

Q&A

Pat Coyle asked if this was another story in her memoirs. Susan said it started that way, but would need a lot of

work before publishing.

Glenn Kubiak asked about a student that she helped (student was part of Susan's story, about whom she said a lot about the student. The student went to Harvard, on her merit, not due to a scholarship or quota).

A couple of Rotarians (Chuck Hartwig) asked about the Bookstore (GoodEnough Books). That was how Susan met David Lowell, and got to meet the local business community

TJ asked Susan about the differences she noticed, in people from Philadelphia versus Livermore. Susan said that Thompson circle was sort of unique, but Livermore was more like the midwest. At that time, Livermore seemed more isolated than Philadelphia.

Jean Otto when you moved to Livermore, did you attend the Rodeo? Susan said of course! One difference in Livermore was that when you were asked to dinner, you arrived on time, rather than arrive about a half hour after the invitation time, which was normal in Philadelphia. Gordon Jones stated that Susan was being modest.

Susan went to Cambridge, which only takes top scholars. Carol Gerich grew up in Evanston Illinois, where there were a range of races and economic situations. Did your kids see a difference between Philadelphia and Livermore? Answer was yes, definitely.

Sheila Fagliano was born and raised in Livermore, where she went to school with kids from the only 2 black families in town. All were treated the same. She didn't see a difference between black, Hispanic, and white kids. Sheila thanked Susan for her thoughts that she shared with us.

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