

Rotary



Club of Livermore

Spur Rotary Sept 22, 2021

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Today's Spur Reporter: Tim Berry

Today's Speaker, Kim Curtis, Goodness Village



Past President Carolyn, pinch-hitting for both President Ken and President-Elect Sblend who were on travel, started the meeting on time with an imaginary **ding** from her imaginary bell. This was another hybrid meeting, both in person at the Robert Livermore Community Center, and online on Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Sheila Fagliano.

Today's Song: Tim, Michael and Stu gave us a nice rendition of of Roger Miller's "*King of the Road.*"

Thought for the Day: Will Bateson gave us an excellent **Thought for the Day** describing, amid all the current bad news stories, the unlikely rise from the qualifying event to the championship of Tennis **U.S. Open** by Britain's 18-year-old Emma Raducanu recently. Not only was the world amazed at her skill and prowess in winning the event without losing a set, but also charmed by her poise, humility, infectious smile, and genuine demeanor.



Meeting Front Line- many thanks to the following stalwarts who helped put on our meeting:

Zoom host- Jeff Youngman

Zoom Chat Monitor- David Rounds

Audio Visual- Alan Frank
Spur Reporter- Tim Barry
Spur Publisher- Don Wentz

Welcome Rotarians and Guests- No guests were in person by guests David Switz and Narayan were on Zoom.

Announcements:

Ready Program- Bob Cowan said the program started Monday with 14 students and 8 mentors, more volunteer mentors are needed for tutoring, counseling, and excursions. Avenues of Service- Kathy Coyle said the event with a Hawaiian theme will take place live at the Alameda County Fairgrounds and on Zoom on Sat. Oct. 2, 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. \$50 in-person fee. Zoom only meeting will take place Thursday Sept. 30th 5-8 pm. Kids Against Hunger- Christian Chukwuma gave details about the Sept. 25th event. 2.2 for 22 Challenge- Paul McCandliss described this program, that runs for 22 days from Oct. 23 to Nov. 13 focusing on veteran suicide prevention and serving veterans attending Las Positas College.

Next Week's Program: Sept. 29th will be The Hon. Catharine Baker, former CA Assembly member.

This Week's Program: Kim Curtis, Goodness Village



Pat Coyle introduced Kim Curtis LCSW , Exec. Director of Goodness Village, a tiny home community of 28 8x10 mobile home units located at Crosswinds Church by I 580. Kim presented slides on Zoom remotely and described this effort to house the homeless and provide significant medical, health, employment, sanitation, social and case management services for them in a safe environment. While each mobile unit is small, it contains a bathroom with shower, kitchenette and a one room sleeping and hanging out space. Outdoor spaces provide social and recreation spaces for the entire village. She said homeless numbers have doubled in Alameda County between 2015 and 2019 and are about 15,786 annually, and about 8,000 on any one night. Recent local counts are about 279 in Livermore and 80 in Pleasanton. 11% are veterans. There are rules associated with living there, principally don't create an unsafe environment for yourself or others, and tenants pay monthly rent based upon ability to pay. Kim described philosophies behind the village, where the staff provides a proactive safe environment with the least number of restrictions possible. Dignity and respect are hallmarks of the village where tenants feel valued and life is purposeful with a sense of leaving a legacy where they'll be remembered, which is the primary fear of many homeless folks.



There's 24 hr. staff support and community activities every day keep them from going back to the creeks. Requirements to rent there: you must have been homeless for at least a year, willing to participate in volunteer and vocational activities and engage in the case management services provided. There is no timeframe or requirement for leaving the village. The ages of tenants range from 27 to 76. Kim is an enthusiastic, knowledgeable, caring, and driven person who makes a difference every day in our community. Donations of time and money are always welcome at gvlivermore.org. She said it costs \$88 to put up a homeless person for a night and provide wrap around services for them. They have a donor program called Club 88, where your monthly contribution of \$88 goes toward providing these services. You can contact Kim for more information at kim@gvlivermore.org. She said they are planning a 28-unit expansion of the village on that church site in an unused area if they can build a bridge over a creek to that location. A very worthwhile endeavor. Thanks for all you do, Kim! Livermore and beyond are much better for your efforts!

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?
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Marty Plone and make the RFL one of your "heirs"!
Contact any RFL Board member for more information.

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Today's video will be available on our web site: <https://livermore-rotary.org/2020-21>



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Club Meeting

Livermore

Meets at We are meeting via Zoom for the foreseeable future.

Zoom

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Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM