

Rotary



Club of Livermore

The Spur September 16,2021

By Kathy S. Coyle on Monday, September 20, 2021

1. **Rotary Spur Report** ♦ 9/15/2021
2. Dennis O♦Brien led us in the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Songsters, led by Stu Frazier and Tim Barry, sang *Heat Wave* in lieu of our recent weather; Michael Ferrucci is recovering from an injury
4. Thought for the Day: Paul Thompson
 - a. Paul♦s thought was about changing one♦s perspective after life changing events happen. He started by sharing his recovery from his recent heart attack and related it to how our country and the world♦s perspective changed after 9/11, and said with his new perspective he is trying to understand how he fits into the world.
5. Visiting Rotarians: Bob Tucknot from the Dublin club attended in person
6. Guests: There were a couple via Zoom; unfortunately I could not hear their names. We did have some issues combining the in person and Zoom groups, which limited some of the announcements
7. Announcements:
 - a. Rotary International Foundation ♦ the in person group was unable to hear Pat McMenamin, so President Ken shared the announcement regarding foundation recognition points, something all members of our club received an email about earlier in the week. Our club has accumulated over 500,000 points! Well done!
 - b. Bob Cowan announced that the Ready Program is back in action and could use a few more volunteers to help tutor the students. Contact Bob for details
 - c. Christian Chukwuma shared a great photo from Marilyn School thanking us. He then mentioned that the Kids Against Hunger Project scheduled for Saturday, September 25 in Dublin desperately needs some volunteers from our club. He will be there from 11-1 and would love other rotarians from our club to join him in putting together packs of food for people in need. Cost is \$20 and you must register in advance, not just show up. Please let Christian know if you can make it!
 - d. Sblend: next week♦s speaker is Kim Curtis of Goodness Village
8. Speaker Ian McLean, owner of Thermal Press International
 - a. Thermal Press International was started by Ian♦s uncle in Santa Clara in 1976 and initially had some rather large customers for assembly, including Memorex, Atari, and Sun MicroSystems. By 2002, the assembly component of the company was no longer profitable and so that part of the business was sold off, leaving the thermal press machinery part of the business (think of it as a fancy soldering iron for plastic parts). In 2005, Ian purchased the company from his uncle and moved the HQ to Livermore
 - b. Livermore made sense as a HQ for several reasonsi
 - c. It gave the best value per square foot of industrial space
 - d. The proximity to supply chains ♦ as a hub city near 3 airports (Oakland, San Francisco, and San Jose)
 - e. Attractive location for employees, many coming from the central valley
 - f. Ian, who lives in Castro Valley, has been bullish on Livermore ever since the move. He also noted the relatively low crime rate here compared to other industrial areas in the bay area and the highly educated populace, with over 60% of Livermore adults holding at least a bachelor♦s degree. The only negative about Livermore for Ian is the high temperatures here in the summer.
 - g. Many of the company♦s products are used by medical devices companies and have received FDA approval, a factor that would allow them to raise the prices to many of their customers. Instead, Thermal Press International has kept their prices the same, generating goodwill and loyalty by their customers.
 - h. The company has grown from \$1 million in sales, occupying a 4000 square foot building in the early days to almost \$10 million and 10,000 square feet (and looking to expand) in 2021. The company started making bioreactor bags (used to manufacture vaccines) recently, and the timing has obviously been very good, given Covid-19.
 - i. Ian used much of the money received from his uncle during the buyout to fund his second love, race horses. He owns several race horses and even named one after a childhood friend who suffered from ALS. Their horse, Running for Hoody, brought his childhood friend lots of joy in the last years of his life, something that Ian is very proud of. President Ken noted that this was a perfect example of doing good to help others.

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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