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Spur Report for Nov 18, 2020

By Don Wentz on Friday, November 20, 2020

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Spur Reporter: Susan Mayall

Today's Program was Mayor John Marchand - Nine years in review.

Club Zoom Chat: I joined Zoom for the chat half hour. Lots of topics, but was reminded how much we are missing by not being able to sit down for lunch together. That's how I get to know new members, and meet up with old ones. One day we'll get back to it. Meanwhile, watching, listening can be fun. It was good to hear Erik Taylor, principal of Del Valle High School, chatting informally about his school and its problems under Covid, particularly providing a safe place for kids.



At 12.30 prompt President Carolyn opened the Meeting. As always, her smiling face gives a good start to the event.

The Pledge was led by Carol Lince, and followed by Michael Ferrucci and Stu Frazier, our talented musicians, with a song, Happy Trails, to liven us up.



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Thought of the Day: Bill Nebo

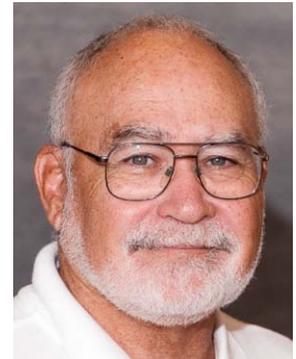
gave our thought for today. I always look forward to Bill's

Thoughts, on or off the podium, and today was no exception. He

told of a day during his adolescence, when he was living in a foster home. His foster dad, whom

he admired, asked him to come and join him in his wood working shop. His foster dad told him that the old folding measuring tool had been made by his grandfather, and meant a lot to him. Bill accidentally broke it, and the foster dad blew up at him, and made him feel worthless. He decided to give up woodworking, until one day the father called him aside and apologized for the unkind things he'd said. He gave Bill a folding measure he'd made for him, and said that Bill was much more important to him than any measure could ever be.

Bill believes it is never too late to apologize. And he has worked with wood ever since.



Visiting Rotarians: Past President Phil Dean was back as a visiting Rotarian but of course he is much more! Welcome, Phil!

Guests of Rotarians: Dale Chorney joined us again today.

Carolyn's Livermore Walk took her past the Water Treatment Tanks, with their paintings of underwater whales. Another unique Livermore enterprise!

Club Member Talk: Ed Coates, who was President when I joined in 1994, gave us a member talk today. I shall always remember Ed's kindness I was a little nervous about entering this largely male gathering. Ed talked about his years at San Jose State, where



he graduated in Industrial Management. Somewhat accidentally, though he did love music, he joined a class in Musical Appreciation, where he happened to sit next to a pretty girl who offered to help him with his notes. That led to 57 years of happy marriage, two children and four grandchildren. Ed joined Texaco as a marketing representative, and was doing well, but when they wanted him to move to LA a big decision came up should the family move away from Livermore, which they loved? An answer came when the Service station on East Avenue came up for sale. So Ed became part of Livermore's business community but much, much more. He joined Rotary, and immediately became an active Rotarian. In 1994 he became President, and presided over a very successful year. His aim was to increase membership, which had been declining. This rose from 104 to 119. Livermore became the District Club of the Year, he initiated the John Shirley Award, and he attended the Rotary International Conference that year. Ed created a warm, welcoming atmosphere in his year as President.



Student of the Month: Hank Shay introduced Erik Taylor, Principal of Del Valle High School, who then introduced the Student of the Month, Blanca Placencia. Blanca is a star in her school. Mr. Taylor said her teachers raved over her. She attends all her morning support groups, has not missed one online class, and is regarded as a positive influence in the school. She hopes to make a

career in filmmaking.

Announcements:

Jay Davis announced that the **election for the 2021-22 Club Presidency and Boardmembers** will be held on December 16, 2020, and asked for nominations.

Club Grant Applications are due Dec. 2

Livermore High Interact is holding a fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen (more needed this year than ever)

<https://donate.openheartkitchen.org/team/326828>

Children's Holiday Party volunteers needed

contact Rosemary Almand

ralmand@capeheadstart.org

City of Livermore Asset Geocache Activity: Modern Day Treasure Hunt- info. from Scott Lanphier

<https://livermoreassets.net/geocache-2020>

Don't let the big bully Amazon steal your Lunch Money! Donate it now to the Rotary Club of Livermore Lunch Money Fund. This fund is the primary money raiser for this year due to the cancellation of the Crab Feed. We encourage everyone in the club to donate all or some of



this year's lunch money to support our Club's worthwhile charitable programs. Your donation will be tax deductible through the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore. Everyone that donates to the Lunch Fund will get a stunning "I Gave My Lunch Money" pin, beautifully designed by our own Glenn Kubiak. We have made it really easy to donate to the Lunch Money Fund. Go to the Club's website at <https://livermore-rotary.org/contribute/>

No meeting next week
November 25

Happy
Thanksgiving



Our Dec 2 Program: Brian Dombeck PhD-
Coronavirus Economics

**Today's Program: Mayor John Marchand. What's
been accomplished - Nine years in review**



Mayor Marchand was ably introduced by Marc Roberts, who spoke of his work with the Mayor, for whom he has great respect and admiration.

The Mayor then gave a short resume of his life, career, and how he became drawn into city politics. This could best be described as a series of short steps, impelled by seeing a need that required attention, and his recognition that **Yes, I can do that**. There were many needs when John was elected to the City Council in 2005, and again in 2011 when he was elected Mayor. He led the way for many for the measures that have made Livermore such a desirable place to live.

John listed his **top 10 accomplishments and Proudest Moments**.

1. Stockmen's park
2. Dr. John Shirley Council Chamber and William Mendenhall Emergency Op. Center
3. Continuation of City Services during a global pandemic, and other crisis situations
4. Livermorium and Livermorium Plaza

5. Measure P and the Downtown
6. Public Art
7. Increased Voter participation 30%, saved taxpayers \$ m dollars by changing election date
8. Fire Station #9 replaced
9. 130th Anniversary of Livermore
10. 100 Anniversary of Livermore Rodeo.

Mayor Marchand mentioned many more items for which he could certainly claim credit. There was his relationship with LLNL and Sandia, his push for the Bothwell Art Center. There are the 57 new pieces of public art adorning the city. There was his work in making this a lead region in Water Conservation and an appealing item \$ his backing for the continued water supply to Lizzie Fountain: \$ Because the children need it. \$

The talk was accompanied by an engaging video, showing many aspects of Livermore life and environment.

Altogether, it showed a political career filled with real, tangible achievements.

The Rotary Club of Livermore sincerely thanks John for his past nine years as mayor and for all of his past community service in making Livermore a great city.



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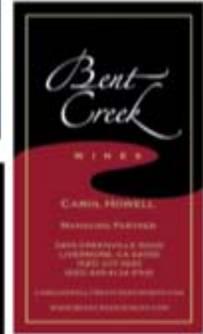
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