

# 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 September 23,2020

By Kathy S. Coyle on Monday, September 28, 2020

#### It's All Happening At The Zoo!



Tim Barry, intrepid reporter!

The chatty half-hour before the official start of our meeting was devoted to flu shot stories, Paul Banke describing how recent fires were encircling his ranch, and generally friendly banter amongst friends!

President Carolyn dangled the dinger promptly at 12:30 pm and asked Jim Schmidt to lead us in the pledge. Michael and Stu pre-recorded another awesome video song with each singing and playing their guitars and base. This time, they played such an appropriate song given our special speaker for the day, Simon and Garfunkel's "At the Zoo!". You will soon be able to see and hear all their video productions on our website!

The Thought for the Day was presented by Pat Coyle, who paid tribute to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who had just passed away and reminded us of her many contributions. The volunteer front line was introduced: Zoom Host and Greeter, Jeff Youngsman; Zoom Chat Monitor, David Rounds; Audio/Visual, Alan Frank; Spur Reporter, Tim Barry; Spur Publisher, Kathy Coyle.



Visiting Rotarians: None.

Guests of Rotarians: Alan introduced late member Paul Brown's wife-Joyce Brown; Beth introduced Stacey Swanson who is running for the LARPD Board of Directors; Wendy introduced Joanne Lenigan who makes face masks as a fundraiser for the Oakland Zoo.

Carolyn Takes A Walk! President Carolyn showed us her latest route in her Quest to walk every street in Livermore. She reports that she is near the end of her Quest!

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Michael and Stu have outdone themselves again. Working with Alan they put together a musical slideshow of all our celebrants for September. Check out the video on our website! Thanks guys, you did a spectacular job, as President Carolyn says!



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## Events

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Rotary Opens Opportunities



**New Member Talk:** Scott Lanphier, new Director of Public Works for the City of Livermore, gave his background and interests, expressing his gratitude for joining the Club. Born in San Diego and raised in embassies in Spain and Mexico, Scott served three years in the Marines and obtained a B.S. in Civil Engineering at the University of Colorado. Moving to Sacramento, he worked for private firms and raised his three children before his divorce. After a stint at Cal Trans, he served as a county director of public works and eventually accepted the position with the City of Livermore, where he has served for the past four months. Scott is happy to have just purchased a home in Livermore and thanked the club for having him.

**Fundraising Campaign:** President Carolyn made a slide presentation on how the club can raise funds this year in the absence of the normal avenues of fundraising events and in-person meetings. With the club's \$60,000 fundraising goal, she's asking that each member use the savings from this year's side effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic to contribute to the club. Rotary wants your lunch money! Money saved from Rotary lunch meetings, reduced car usage, reduced entertainment, and other savings would be the source of the funds you can contribute. Carolyn proposes a \$580 contribution (1/2 in 2020, and 1/2 in 2021) from each member to meet the funding gap from a typical Rotary year. It's easy to use the club's website to make your contribution with a credit card. Donations will go to the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, and will be tax deductible.



**Announcements:** Applications for city Planning Commission due Oct. 23, check city's website; Volunteers are needed for the Rotary READY Program; Next Week's Program- Dr. Ira Helfand, 2-time Nobel Peace Prize recipient. Golf Outing being planned by Mike Morgan for Oct. 6th, 1 pm. Call Mike for details.



Save the date for District 5170 Avenues of Service: October 17, 2020. This is an excellent opportunity for all members to learn more about Rotary's mission and also take a look at the projects being done by our club, area and others! Register at

<https://dc.rotarydistrict5170.org/>

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Joel Parrott, President and CEO of the Oakland Zoo and Conservation Society of California.

Dr. Parrott was introduced by Dr.



Christina Marion. He was born in New York, high school in Miami, BA and DVM from Colorado University, internship at the Denver Zoo, has

been at Oakland Zoo as Veterinarian for 20 years, 2011 became President and CEO of Oakland Zoo and Conservation Society of California; he has been a Rotarian since 1985 and lives in Montclair.

While he invited all to visit the Oakland Zoo and thanked Rotarians for support, Dr. Parrott focused his talk and slide presentation on field conservation projects. The Conservation Society of California raises \$400,000 a year, \$250,000 of which is raised by the Quarters for Conservation Program. The Zoo is the third largest funder of wildlife conservation projects in the US, with partnerships all over the world. Here are some examples of projects he presented: Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog; Environmental Protection Projects for Elephants in Kenya and Tanzania; Say No To Plastics Project, with sculptures at the Zoo made of plastics washed up on coastal shores; Eco-Guards Rangers funding in Uganda to protect Chimpanzees from snares set by trappers trying to catch other animals; Conservation Education Programs in classrooms of local schools in Uganda; Funding a breeding program and re-introducing American Bison from Canada to Western Montana on Black Feet Indian Reservation lands in Glacier National Park; funding for the animal clinic at Oakland Zoo where California Condors are treated for lead poisoning from bullets found in game that they eat in the wild (but shot by hunters), and released into the wild; Working with CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to deal with the conflict between Mountain Lions and relocate them from ever encroaching neighborhoods and other construction closing in on their habitat.

The Zoo has been closed for the past four months due to county restrictions put in place for the Covid-19 Pandemic, and was 3 1/2 months to go in reserves before closing its doors. Then, supporters put out the word for donations and 12,000 individual donors from around the world made enough contributions to keep the Zoo solvent. Lastly, Dr. Parrott described efforts made to successfully bring wolf populations back to acceptable levels, and to re-introduce Grizzlies to Northern California.

Dr. Parrott was able to take a few questions before President Carolyn adjourned meeting at 1:30 pm, with additional questions lasting until 1:40 pm. A very informative and thoughtful presentation was gratefully acknowledged by members in the chatroom.

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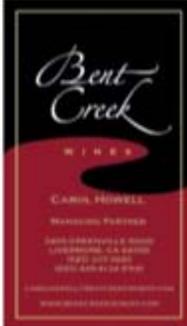
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