

# Rotary Club of Livermore



## Spur Report 4-3-2024

Our Spur Reporter this week is Linda Stanford



**President Elect-Elect Pat McMenamain** opened the meeting at 12:31PM

**Songsters Song:** Wonderful World (by Sam Cooke)



**Thought for the Day: Christian Chukwuma** Shared about the thinking behind the words “Rest in Peace”. Take inventory of your values in life. Why are you here on earth and what does your life mean? When your values are clear then your decisions are easy. Doing this you will be happy and living life the way it should be. Knowing your values you will live a life without regrets.

**Visiting Rotarians:** No visiting Rotarians

**Guests:** Dan Bergmann, Michelle Kleman, Joan Seppala



### Announcements:

Norm presented a check to Dan Bergmann for the Planetarium project. Dan Bergmann shared about his project and how he reaches out to many students. The money will be used to keep up the Planetarium needs.



Glen Kubiak - The Quest Tri Valley Fair on April 13th. He asked for help and sign ups to help with this event.

Paul Szmyd reminded us about the Rodeo Parade (June 8th - 2 months away!). Sponsors are needed to support the parade. Volunteers will be needed and sign-ups coming soon.



Goud - Shared an update about Polio Plus. Over 99% cases of polio have been reduced. Only 12 reported cases in 2023. There are two cases remaining in 2024 in Pakistan. Polio is still around and the work continues to be important. People can donate online: [Myrotary.org/donate](https://myrotary.org/donate) OR write a check OR Join the Polio Plus Society.





Carol Gerich - Shared that the books for the third graders are ready to be distributed. Volunteers are needed from April 10th - April 18th. Sing-ups on Genius.

Bryan Mayall wanted to thank everyone for the well wishes regarding his arm. He also talked about the movie One Life and highly recommended it. The movie is about the life of Nicholas Winton, a humanitarian, who rescued many children during WWII. Bryan also donated towards Polio Plus.



Sonya Sheffield reminded us about the wine social next Wednesday at Garre at 5:00 pm

Help is needed for next week's meeting at the Boswell Center to help set up.

Next Week's Program: Music Scholarships



**Today's Program: Dr. Dyrell Foster, President of Las Positas College**

He and his wife and family moved here in Livermore four years ago. Shared a few stories about the generosity of neighbors and the caring community here in Livermore. They moved up from Southern California. He started at Las Positas in February right before COVID

Over 55% of Tri-Valley residents are college educated. 80% of the high school students attend college. The population of Las Positas is relatively young. Serve a diverse population. About

15,000 students are served in a year. In 2023 the college was ranked #1 community college in California. This year it is ranked #4 in the country! It is important that Las Positas creates an environment that supports student learning and employees. New on campus is a Horticulture Center and new administration building. Viticulture and Winery Technology Facility is also being developed.

There is a college foundation that supports 20 incoming high school seniors with a full ride scholarship. It is known as LPC President's Scholars program. On campus is a free market with free food and hygiene products for any student.

Over the last few years the college has really focused on academic and career pathways. The goal is to help students focus on a career and guide them to reaching that career. There is also a guaranteed transfer programs with UC Merced and CSUEB. Many certificate programs are also offered such as: Fire Service technology. In addition, Industry Credentials are also offered.

Mental Health Services are also available at the college. There is a child development center that supports students, employees and community members with child care. There are internship programs and opportunities. LPC also supports the Marilyn Avenue STEM program in the summer. Many partnerships with local community businesses have been developed.

**Questions:**

How do you coach students who may have been on a career path and then AI may have an impact ? Response: We try to keep up with the current trends and include lots of professional development so faculty is kept up to speed with the changing technology. AI is a tool that is often used, but teaching how to use it in an ethical way is important.

How do you address the homeless students? Has there been a thought to build dormitories? Response: Highly engaged in seeking ways to bring housing to LPC. Last year a grant was put out from California and LPC did apply for that. However, the state unfortunately could not fund the grant.

What is being offered for public service for careers?

Response: They have been working with the city for opportunities with internships.

What is your wish list? Response: Scholarships are always welcome and using the unrestricted funds for any of the many needs for LPC.

## Youtube channel

### Youtube Channel

Meetings are videoed and published on our Youtube Channel. [Click here](#) to explore the most recent as well as every meeting for the past three years!

## 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?  
Please consider following in the footsteps of our dear friend  
Marty Plone and make the RFL one of your "heirs"  
Contact any RFL Board member for more information.

### Club Meeting

Livermore  
Meets at Robert Livermore Community Center  
Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Avenue  
Livermore, CA 94551  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

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