

# Rotary Club of Livermore



Spur Report Dec 13, 2023

Spur Reporter: Catharina Ritts



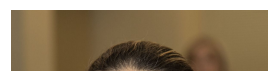
**President Sheila Fagliano** opened the meeting at 12.32 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Jim Schmidt led us in the pledge.

**The Songsters,** Mike, Tim, and Stu, along with Joel and Sheila, sang Love Potion # 9, which was a big hit with the club.



**Thought for the Day:** Marc Roberts, always our bright and smiling President-Elect, shared his thoughts for the day about Peace on Earth. Despite everything that is currently going on in the world, the world is more peaceful than it's ever been before. We have a stable government, an alliance between countries and advancement in healthcare, which are some of the factors for that theory.



## Visiting Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians:

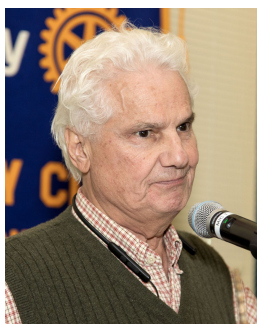
There were no visiting Rotarians.

Ron Koopman introduced his caregiver, Zaria Alaei, as his guest.



## Announcements:

- Sheila reminded everyone to connect with Kelly Bowers for any social media requests.
- Sheila also reminded folks that there is a Grants' committee meeting on Monday Dec 18 at the District office.
- Kathy Coyle updated us all on the status of the DacDB after some technical issues. All the Rotary documents, including the newsletter, are now available.
- Our great duo of Sergeant at Arms, Trex Donovan and Bob Bishop, informed us that our raffle was up to \$2400!
- Christine Lusty received more custom rotary purchases from Club members and donated \$84 back to the club.
- Michael Ferrucci talked about his Music Scholarship Program concert/ fundraiser, which was a success and raised \$4000. That money will be given out to music students in Livermore.
- Paul Thompson shared some information on Rotary's response to the Earthquake in Nepal on 3/11/23. \$15K has been donated over the years to help rebuild from current and previous disasters.
- Goud Memula shared the Club's TRF (The Rotary Foundation) status for this year's successful EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) program and added that pledge cards are available for all that would like to donate more. He also announced a special TRF meeting with District TRF chair Owen Mahoney that will be held on Jan 17 at Ruby Hill with a wine social to follow.
- Norm Bregman shared his "food for thought" about future lunch meetings and options for 2024-2025. A vote was taken to keep Togo's sandwiches until the end of the Rotary year 2023 - 2024 and the majority of the Rotarians in attendance approved. Mike Thompson has offered to take food orders in the future if we decide to order food for \$18/meal.
- The Crab feed committee meeting is scheduled for Jan 4, 2024.
- A note of apology for last week's Spur Birthdays and Anniversaries section. Last week we neglected to mention our unsung Carol Lince, who is responsible for the roses and sweet treats we all receive for our birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you, Carol, for being such a great Rotarian!





**Next Week's Program** will feature a Club Assembly, Committee Reports and Committee Recruiting contest.

### **This Week's Program:**



Brandon Cardwell from the City of Livermore's™ Innovation & Economic Development Department.

Brandon Cardwell was introduced by Marc Roberts. Brandon leads the Innovation and Economic Development Department, which develops and implements programs to achieve City Council goals related to fostering a vibrant, innovation-driven business community. The Department is the primary point of contact with the business community,

assisting companies that wish to start, grow, or relocate in Livermore.



After Brandon graduated from college, he decided to move back to his hometown of Livermore to raise his children in a community that he loves. His focus is to get projects approved to help increase desirability and quality of life in Livermore. The goal is to build and attract people to want to live and work in Livermore. Create a variety of affordable housing and bring in businesses that can allow higher earning possibilities for people and allow people to work locally and commute less. This would free up time for families to be together more and people to have more time to volunteer and help in our community. Brandon's™ full talk, as well as the question-and-answer session, can be seen on our YouTube channel; the link is below.



President Sheila presented Brandon with a "Thank You" bottle of JMC Cellars wine.

Sheila ended the meeting right on time. Brandon gladly agreed to stay a bit after the meeting to answer more questions from the Rotarians.

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## 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

### Club Leaders



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[Norman Bregman](#)  
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[Lingagoud Memula](#)  
Club Director  
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[Alan K Burnham](#)  
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Coordinator  
Club Director -  
Second Year



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Chair