

Rotary Club of Livermore



Spur Report 12-20-2023

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Spur Reporter: Joel Swanson

Club Assembly



The meeting started at 1230 by Sheila

The pledge was led by: Carol Howell

Today, **the songsters** included Stu, Michael, Dave and Trudi Barnes, Joel, and Sheila, and who sang "Get together," by the Youngbloods



The Thought of the Day was presented by Paul Thompson, who stood in for Tim Barry, who was out sick today. Get well soon, Tim! Paul said that in a few days weâ€™d celebrate Jesusâ€™ birthday, which was a required event in England where he went to school. He went over all the holidays of the many religions in the world. Such Holidays bring back memories of times past. Rotary has the four-way test that reminds us how we should live and interact with each other. He wished us hope and joy in these holidays.

President Sheila recognized the front line: Joel Swanson was the SPUR Reporter, Ted Michels is the SPUR publisher. The greeter was Trudi Barnes. Irv Stowers was the meeting

photographer, and Paul McCandless handled AV duties. Jeff Youngsma was our Zoom Host.

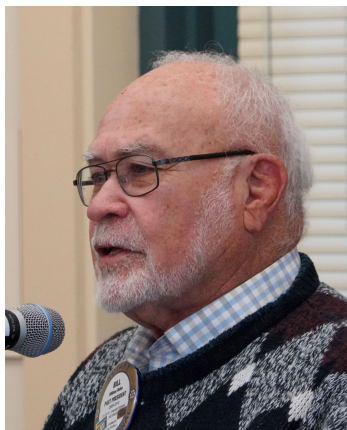
Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Rotarians â€“ We had no visiting Rotarians today.

Guests â€“ Rob, Ron Koopmanâ€™s caregiver was with us again.

Announcements:

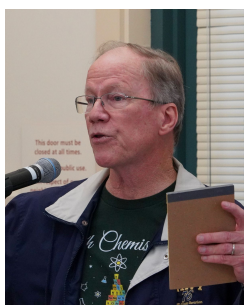
Julia Esslinger was recognized as our student of the month from Del Valle High School by Bill Nebo. She was introduced by Principal Temmy Rankin. Julie recognized her parents, Jennifer and Matthew Esslinger.



Announced a wine social on Jan 17th, from 2 to 4. The District Governor will be visiting and attending the social. Youâ€™ll need to RSVP for food. Send RSVPs to Goud Memula to attend.

Past President Sblend Sblendorio oversaw elections of club officers for Rotary Year 2024 â€“ 2025. President Elect nominee is Pat McMenamin, Secretary is Joel, our original nominee for treasurer, Gordon Jones, has recused himself as Treasurer-elect, so we got Norm to agree to continue for another year. Three board members were also presented: Stu Frazier, Wendy Ellison, and Will Bateson. Marc Roberts moved, and Sonya Sheffield seconded, that Norm Bregman be the Treasurer elect for the election. The motion passed by show of hands. After the slate was approved, Michael Ferrucci moved, and Kathy Coyle seconded having a voice vote for the slate of nominees. By voice acclamation, the new directors and board members were approved.

Todayâ€™s Program: Committees for Avenues of service were reported upon, and volunteers asked for.



Joel stood in for Loretta Kasky, who is out of town this week. He talked about Community service, covering the many types of community service projects we do, and have done in the past. He mentioned that if anyone would like to re-start some of these old projects, sign up to help get them going again.

Irv Stowers talked about international projects, How the money works, and how we team up with other clubs to get them accomplished. If youâ€™d like to help folks in other countries, this is the committee for you!



Jeff Youngsma talked about Vocational service, which includes Youth in Government, Outstanding Educators, etc. Heâ€™s looking into a pilot program at Las Positas College for outreach by Rotary to students in vocational programs. See Jeff if youâ€™re interested.

Some future effort (where we need help from additional club members to help) is for the use of our practical career experience: how can we help students get a foot in the door to their chosen profession/vocation. Contact Jeff if you're interested.



Club Services were covered by Gordon Jones. He has coordinators for each of the front-line services.

Keith Beck covered youth services: this includes music scholarships, student of the month, etc. Keith mentioned READY and that Bob Cowan needed help.



Goud is on travel, so Pat McMenemy stood in. he went over RI's projects and 7 areas of focus that RI stresses. He talked about the international projects in which we're participating.



Alan Burnham talked about the membership committee. He maintains that the membership committee is the "most important" of all the committees, because without members, we don't do any other good things we want to do. There's room for everyone, boring or ebullient, to help with this committee's efforts.

JR Romero talked about his major events committee. JR needs volunteers for the winning of the bottle of wine at the end of the meeting. His events include the Crab Feed, on March 9th this coming year. Paul Thompson mentioned the Rodeo Parade. Paul Szmyd said that, although it is not an official committee, it is an all-hands event, and all Rotarians are asked to help out.



The meeting Adjourned at 1:24 PM, so that everyone could sign up for a committee.

We'll be dark next week (we won't have a meeting), and for our next meeting on January 3rd, our presentation will be by Ross Gaunt, and he'll talk about Astronomy.

See you next year, and Happy New Year to all!

Lastly, what is Gordon Jones doing?!





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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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