

Rotary Club of Livermore



Spur Report 3-20-24

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Note from Publisher & Photographer:

This week I performed both roles. However, my camera and I were not on the same page and some of my photos did not work well and some were a little blurry, leading me to use pictures from other places when needed. I apologize for that and hope you will still enjoy the Spur.

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Spur Reporter: Trudi Barnes

Once a month Night Meeting at Del Valle Winery



President Sheila Fagliano opened the meeting at 5:30 pm



Pledge: led by Chris Ising

Songsters Song: Get along Little Doggie, led by the AMAZING songsters “ Linda, Marc, Sheila, Michael and Stu!



Thought for the Day: Marc Roberts had his thought for the day - All About Cheese – Blessed are the cheese makers! Oh wait!



Visiting Rotarians: Bonnie Schmidt

Guests: Karen Cowen, Carol Beck, Kathy Young’s husband Edward, Bret Faulkner, Mary Martha Swanson, Carolyn Linn, Nancy Morgan, Inga Toal



Announcements:



Marc talked about District Training that is coming up in April. Cost to attend in person is 25.00 and the club will pay that fee. Also can attend via Zoom and that is free.



An auction was done for a 1920 Whiskey that was donated by Dennis O’Brien. Mary Martha Swanson was the winner and the final bid was for \$375.00

International House Weekend is this coming weekend. Why not come to Alden Lane around 5:30pm on March 23 with a dish to share, have a glass of wine and socialize with

friends until about 6pm when the buffet tables are ready for you to grab a plate and feast on any number of great food choices? Please bring a dish to share and for more info, please read the email from Joel Swanson sent on March 20th!



Carol Gerich announced the Literacy Project sponsored by the RFL gives books to every 3rd grader. Town Center Books in Pleasanton gives us a 33% discount. If you would like more information, please see the email sent by Joel Swanson on March 21st. Please use this form to sign up: [Gift of Reading 2024 Book Delivery Sign Up Form](#)

Dennis Oâ€™Brien bragged that the RAVE program had donations of \$3200 which allowed them to give three \$1000 scholarships to veteran students



Linda Tinney bragged about the award-winning movie "The Last Repair Shop"

Sheila fined herself for not having Marc Roberts do the Thought for the Day when it was time and also for forgetting to introduce her guest (her boss â€™ Bret Faulkner)!



Next weekâ€™s Program: Youth in Government at 444 East Ave., Livermore. Please try to sit with some of the youth at the meeting and come up with 3 questions to ask them. Encourage them to share what they are planning in the coming years.



Todayâ€™s program: Brandon Wood, owner of The Cheese Parlor in downtown Livermore was the speaker. He worked at Whole Foods for a few years and FELL IN LOVE with cheese and has gotten to know people who make cheese. He calls himself a Cheese Monger. He had amazing facts like:

There are 2 types of cheeses: Raw or pasteurized. Raw is unheated and pasteurized is heated to a certain temperature.

- Annatto is what turns cheese orange
- Hardest animal to milk is a goat!
- There is really no difference between Sharp, Mild or Regular cheddar. It is just a matter of how much salt they put into it. Sharp means salty.
- Most people that think they are lactose sensitive and donâ€™t want to eat cheese because of that need to know that most lactose is gone (or virtually most) after cheese is aged 90 days and certainly by 18 months.
- Feel free to stop by his shop and he or his trained staff will answer any of your questions.

He was incredibly knowledgeable and it was a GREAT talk. I hope we have him back and maybe do a cheese tasting!!





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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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