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Program: University of LaVerne President Devorah Lieberman

Live from the village, Arman Ariane introduced [Devorah Lieberman](#), the 18th President of the [University of La Verne](#), a Carnegie institution recognized for student engagement. The enrollment is greater than the Claremont Colleges combined. Lieberman is dedicated to three values: educating and cultivating future leaders, promoting inclusivity and diversity, and leading by example with integrity. Arman talked about her publishing and associations she has led. The first link above provides the complete bio for Dr. Lieberman, but it can't fully convey what an accessible and authentic person she is. She lives in Claremont and might even be enticed to enhance her resume by adding the Rotary Club of Claremont.

inclusion, lifelong learning, civic and community engagement and ethical decision making." She remarked that if the university really gives the students skills to get great jobs and imparts those values she was interested!



When she was interviewed, she asked to spend time with students. She was impressed with their passion for the mission and programs. She loved the campus and decided that if she was offered the job, she could help build its ability to transform student lives. Graduates stay in the region and contribute to their communities. and decided that if she was offered the job, she would take it.

She related a funny story about the interview process. Her younger daughter was a freshman at Scripps College. When Devorah came to LAX for an interview, she visited her daughter and asked her to go along for a sneak peek at the ULV campus. Her daughter was stunned. She had come all the way across the country

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In the breakout session, she was reminded by **Arman** that Sunday was Father's Day, and vowed to buy the third tie on the right. She also learned

about clear masks from **Nona Tirre**. After Ron Coleman's Dodger joke, she noted that last year she threw out the first pitch—a strike, at the Dodger game, but decided to keep her day job.

She began with a story about being recruited from New York. She didn't know about ULV, founded in 1891 by the Church of the Brethren (and what was that?), even though she was originally from Covina. The firm tried to persuade her, but until she did a bit of research, she had no idea what or where the university was. But she noticed the values of the university were consonant with hers. "Every graduate will be dedicated to diversity and

LAST WEEK'S MEETING ONLINE *submitted by Cameron Troxell*

[Here is the link](#) to the recording of the meeting of Friday, June 19. As always, thanks to those who participated, brought guests, and shared in virtual fellowship.

All are welcome! Zoom is almost like being there!!

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ROTARY: THE VIRTUAL MEETING

President Cameron has mastered the zoom meeting. We joined and said hello (for the first 15 minutes of the recording) and were sent off to breakout rooms.

Table talk

At each meeting, we break into 15 minute sessions in table-sized groups for fellowship and discussion of issues. You never know who's coming to your table! Just like in "real" meetings, but without food!



INSPIRATION(S) OF THE DAY

Don Ralls introduced Juneteenth Day—today! The origin of this day stems from a belated announcement of the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas. Juneteenth Day started in Texas in 1895, a celebration of the end of slavery. Although President Lincoln proclaimed the emancipation of enslaved people effective Jan. 1, 1863, slave owners were responsible for telling them that they were free, and some ignored the order until Union troops arrived to enforce it. Texas was the last Confederate state to have the proclamation officially announced.

Texas was relatively unaffected by Union troops, because it was far west, and news travelled slowly! After the Civil War came to close in the spring of 1865, on June 19, 1865, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger informed a reluctant community in Galveston, Texas, that President Abraham Lincoln had freed enslaved people in rebel states two and a half years earlier. He pressed locals to comply with the directive. Even so, for many of the 250,000 slaves, emancipation didn't happen overnight because some cases enslavers waited til after harvest to let them know they were free. Slavery in America was formally abolished by the adoption of the 13th amendment on December 6, 1865.

Formerly enslaved people in Galveston celebrated after the announcement. The following year, freedmen (and women) in Texas organized the first of what became the annual celebration of "Jubilee Day" on June 19. Early

WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

Welcome to our speaker and her right hand person, Danielle Vega.

And again, welcome to PDG **Randy Pote**, Las Vegas WON club.

Sharon Douglas has lived in Claremont since 1974, but is a member of the Big Sky Montana Rotary Club. **Nick Q** and Sharon have worked together for a number of years.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our club's banner is on the north side of 1st street not far from the Economy Shop.

Committee assignments requests are coming from Anita Hughes! Please respond.

IPP Ron Coleman is chairing the **debunking** committee for the debunking of President Cameron Troxell, scheduled on **July 1 at 6:00 pm**.

The annual **District Assembly** training sessions have been offered free online on Thursday evenings from June 4-25. A number of members logged in. The last one is the **Foundation Session, June 25 at 6 pm** (at least two members need to attend for Club to be eligible for Dist. Grants)

The first (free and) virtual Rotary International Convention streamed live online **June 20-26**, (and is now available recorded on YouTube), **to be followed by more sessions in July**. Tune in! <https://www.riconvention.org/en>



celebrations were used as political rallies to give voting instructions to newly freed slaves. And as black people migrated from Texas to other parts of the country, the Juneteenth tradition spread and became Juneteenth Day.

In 1979, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday. Today 47 states recognize the Juneteenth Holiday, and there's a movement now in Congress to make a national holiday.

Today Juneteenth Day commemorates freedom from slavery and emphasizes education and achievement. In the ensuing decades, Juneteenth commemorations has featured music, barbecues, prayer services, activities for children and other celebrations and events. *Sources: History.com and Juneteenth.com*

SERGEANT JOHN ALLEN

In this, **John's** first zoom meeting ever, he went for easy pickings. He noticed changes in some of us over the months and gave the award (such as it is) to **Bill Burrows** (though John is himself not far behind...he almost looks like his photo on dacdb.) Bill says he's trying to convince his wife he isn't homeless. **Ron Coleman** chimed in: "What do you call a good hair stylist? *Sheer delight!*" Much groaning ensued.



After fining himself, John called on **Nick Quackenbos** who played a part in the no-show of last week's speaker. There was some unseemly debate about who was at fault. (See inspiration below) Is it the Truth? Or is it faulty memory?

Lyn Childress and **Bobby Hyde** were highlighted because Lyn has been a member of our club for 3 years and Bobby, for 21 years this month.



Don Ralls noted that we've all been stressed and need good news. Leslie and Don visited Norris cancer center recently. She is 5 years cancer free!



Anita Hughes is seemingly retired from teaching for second time. Anita has been supervising her grandchildren though this. She is thankful that she isn't a teacher now and applauds all our teachers.

Mark and Kelly Carson are first time grandparents and **Lyn Childress** is a great aunt! Baby Hawke was born Weds night at PVMC, and would be driven by for a viewing soon. John asked whether the baby has more hair than Mark. Why yes, John, it appears so!



Jerry Tambe, wins award for attending from the best place (fake news—his background is in Baja). **PDG Randy Pote** urged John not to give Jerry a big head.



How many people have been exercising in past 3 months? Nona protested, "Fluffy butts unite!" Fine!

Anita Boling was fined last for showing up in a mask just after getting out of the pool at the Claremont Club., and for a very long identifier on her phone.



We hope to see **PP John** at future meetings.



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More Inspiration for Today

Bonita Ramos was in her office handing out care packages to student families at Ability First and looked up at a thought for the day that hangs in her office, reminding her to live positively. Its relevance to this time is obvious.



Holding a grudge can get heavy and tiresome. Lighten your load by letting it go. Looking for someone to blame for what's wrong takes time and effort away from doing what's right. Do yourself and everyone else a favor and put your energy into positive actions. Being envious of those who have more just puts you into the mindset of having less. Rejoice in the good fortune of others, and it becomes your good fortune too. If you seek to bring someone else down, that brings you down as well. Seek instead to lift others up and you cannot help but lift yourself with them. If you have a negative outlook, you'll find yourself always looking at a negative world. Choose instead to see the positive side and align yourself with the most favorable possibilities. Life can be outstandingly good if you'll see it and allow it. Live positively, moment by moment, and live very well. *Ralph Marston*

We are sorry to say au revoir to long time member **Bill McAllister**. Bill was a member for almost 42 years! He and Lola are both Paul Harris Fellows. They live at the Gardens, where Bill is serving on several committees and attending to family in this, his 88th year! Thank Bill for his years of service at bill.lola@me.com.



To: All my friends at Claremont Noon Rotary Club
 From: W. E. (Bill) McAllister, Jr.
 Re: Resignation
 Date: June 24, 2020

It is with some reluctance that I find it necessary to submit my resignation from the Claremont Noon Rotary Club.

Over my 41+ years in the Club I have made many good friends, had some wonderful experiences (District Chair of the Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee for 10 years), and visiting other clubs both in the U. S. and abroad.

But, it's now time.

Thanks for the memories.

Bill McAllister

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to go to college away from home, and her parents might be moving to a university within 2.9 miles, *and* the Presidents house is right across from Scripps. (We laughed!)

The university is private, not for profit. There are four colleges, soon to be five. There are also nine regional campuses throughout Southern California. Among the four colleges is The College of Business and Public Management. President Lieberman is proud that the LA Business Journal, which ranks MBA programs in LA County and Southern California, ranks USC number one, UCLA number two, University of Laverne as number three and Pepperdine is number four.

The LaFetra College of Education has undergraduate and masters degrees and a doctoral program. 30% of the superintendents in the state of California who have a doctorate earned it from the University of Laverne

The College of Arts and Sciences has traditional undergraduate general education and majors, and masters degrees for Physician Assistants, Athletic Training and Family Therapy, and a doctorate in Psychology.

The College of Law is located in Ontario. Under her leadership, the university Board made a controversial decision to transition the 50 year old College of Law to California State Bar accreditation rather than national accreditation by the ABA. ULV believed that the ABA was not serving our students well and it wasn't a club that they wanted to be in. Most of the students come from this region, and stay in the area to practice as attorneys here. Thirty-five judges who sit on the bench today earned their degrees from the University of Laverne College of Law, most of them from when the college was with Cal Bar, not ABA. Enrollment continues to be strong.

The regional campuses are 50 years old today, spread across Southern California. These campuses were created pre internet; ULV wanted to serve people in more rural areas with lifelong learning. So ULV went to them, not including two military bases.

College of Business and Public Management



LaFetra College of Education



College of Arts and Sciences



College of Law



ULV offers the “Kappa program” for adult students who are over traditional age, ranging from 26-100. This is an accelerated program just for those adult learners who don’t yet have a bachelor's degree. It is unbelievably successful.

About 60% of ULV students are first generation, which means they're the first in their family to attend college. The university has many resources and support systems for students who do not know how to navigate college advising, apply for scholarships, apply for Cal Grants and for federal grants. The first generation program is helpful for students whose parents didn’t know how to navigate the system.

ULV is federally designated as an Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) because more than 50% of the students are Latin-x. (Hispanic or Latino/a). 98% of the students receive some form of financial aid or scholarships. So students who are middle income and low income can afford to enroll – the tuition is \$42,000 a year. That's a huge sticker price, but students on average pay between \$6,000 and \$7,000 a year as undergraduates. ULV’s base budget provides about \$55 million that goes towards scholarships for our students so that they typically graduate spending less than \$30,000 total for an undergraduate degree and don’t have huge debt.

Devorah pointed out that *US News and World Report* ranked the ULV 5th in the nation in a new category -- social mobility, ranking ULV as the #1 private university for social mobility! (The top 4 are public with a lot of state funding.) That’s a distinction to be proud of! The category looks at the average family income when they started and then when they graduate and go out and get jobs. They recognize that this raises economic mobility in the whole region. Devorah stressed “that is something I could stand on the mountain tops and scream about, because that's why we exist!”

ULV has just finished its strategic vision, grounded in excellence and innovation. The plan focuses on inclusion and holistic education and community well-being. And it focuses



on making sure that ULV provides a high value education, meaning students get good jobs and develop those values she talked about at the beginning. A holistic education provides not just the skills but also the confidence and the grit to succeed, everything

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you need to be a successful citizen of your community in an inclusive environment.

Several academic programs emerged from the vision. The environment for higher education is complex, with many people finding their voices. One thing that has come out of this plan is the Randall Lewis Center for Well Being and Research, which opened last October. The entire building is dedicated not just to working out, but every day there are sessions on mindfulness and sessions on stress reduction.

There are yoga classes, and classes on financial literacy. When the Board looked at the future of this region, the jobs that appeared to be more needed than any others are in health professions. So ULV is now starting a new College, the College of Health and Community Well-being. The college will include current disciplines like the 3 year old physician assistant program, the doctorate in psychology, and athletic training, programs that are about health and well-being, and they will be starting several new health professions. One is limited to 29 seats in the first class because of accreditation. This year there were 1400 applications for those seats, telling us that our region wants health professions!



University of LaVerne
The Randall Lewis Center for Well-Being and Research

A second new building just opened in November that also implements the 2025 strategic vision. The building is named for Art and Sarah Ludwick, generous members of our greater community who are *not* graduates of the University of LaVerne.



University of LaVerne
The Ludwick Center for Spirituality, Cultural Understanding, and Community Engagement

(neither was Randall Lewis) They believe in the vision and know that their funding would help the region. The name of the center is the Center for Spirituality, Cultural Understanding and Community Engagement -- a long title. The building has offices of diversity, equity, and inclusion, civic and community engagement, international services, multicultural services, and interfaith and spiritual life.

Finally, what about the fall (*you thought we were going to get through this without a reference to COVID?*), because on March 13 ULV went virtual 100%. Devorah has been sitting at the desk in her house since then. It has been difficult, with faculty having to put all their classes online in less than a week. Students moved out of the residence halls. Most of the homeless and the foster youth stayed and meals are delivered to their rooms every day.

While most of the California public universities and colleges will be virtual in the fall, ULV can be nimble, while complying with what public health officials and the governor say you need to do to have a safe return. ULV is going to be face to face in the fall, unless someone is immunocompromised, or something and then they can work from home or teach from home. Dr. Lieberman is

teaching a course with 22 students in the fall and thought it might work to use the football field with slides on the scoreboard. We'll see!

Our speaker finished up by looking at the questions in the chat. She found that **Bill Burrows** had offered to smoke stogies – would she have to join the club to do it? She found that **Sylvia Whitlock** had taught at LaVerne and answered **Chuck Cable's** question about the Child Development Center at the FairPlex. She said, it's a partnership where our college of education students do their student teaching over in the CDC and it is the definition of what a community partnership should be. Asked how students are doing, she said they are doing surprisingly well with online learning, but their faces reveal the hardship they're facing. All the students in her class had lost their part-time jobs, and many of their parents had lost jobs too. "These students are facing obstacles that most of us will never face in our lives." ULV started a fund called the Emergency Student Relief Fund. "We raised \$267,000, and those dollars are going toward rent, medication, and small things that students need to get through this period, so that they can come back in the fall and be successful."

The University of LaVerne doesn't have any foreign locations, but there are international students here. Before this year, there were hundreds of students from China but that is now a much smaller number. This last year there were 63 students from Qatar, and students from Oman, from Bahrain, and many from the United Arab Emirates. This fall all bets are off because of COVID 19 and travel restrictions. The university cut the budget by \$15M so refunds could be provided for the residence halls. While the world is shaky and we don't know what's going to happen tomorrow, the ULV confirmations for incoming freshmen are up 41% from last year. "If that holds, I'll bring champagne to everybody in the Claremont Rotary!"

President Cameron thanked Devorah and Danielle, and noted that he is "A Leo" as a 1996 graduate of the marriage and family therapy master's program. "It really made a big difference in my life."

Dr. Lieberman closed urging us to please wear facemasks so that we can all be healthier together. **PDG Randy** said that when they opened Las Vegas last week, it "frankly

scared the hell out of me." They're not wearing masks in the casinos or the neighborhood bars. There were some masks on workers at the Brazilian restaurant where his rotary club met." Devorah wondered how we all can be safe with such disparate responses.



Here's Another Leo

NOW MORE THAN EVER, ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD: THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION

20-26 June 2020

Submitted by Buff Wright

Last year, Cameron and Barbara Troxell and Sylvia Whitlock and I were in Hamburg at the RI convention along with many others from our district (including Randy Pote). In all, 26,000 people attended the conference.

This year's meeting in Hawaii was cancelled due to the virus. (What, 26,000 Rotarians from around the world couldn't social distance?), so RI is doing a well-produced production to mimic the wonderful conference that is offered annually. And it's free! The links are here in the Clarifier.

PDG Randy Pote mentioned that there are virtual booths in the House of Friendship – such as the Float committee for the Rose Parade. He'll be there to answer questions! The problem with the virtual, as John Tulac pointed out, is that you can't hang out with Sylvia Whitlock, who is an RI rock star. I agreed. She's a great mentor and allowed me to tag along to VIP events. It's a bit harder to do that online!

Next year's convention, if the virus doesn't register, will be in Taipei. Sign up before Friday night and you can get a big discount, or take advantage of the early bird special through the fall. It's better in person!

General Sessions. Over the weekend, the first ever [Virtual Rotary International Convention](#) was launched with a two-part general session. It was hosted by Mark Wright, News Anchor/Past President, Rotary Club of Seattle, and was very professionally produced without the audio and video glitches we often experience. While I got up at 6 am to participate in the first general session, I soon discovered that RI has made all the sessions accessible on YouTube, so all of us can watch — even now, at any time. It will make you even more proud to be a Rotarian. [Click here](#) to be inspired.

The General Sessions on Saturday and Sunday included speeches from Rotary International President Mark Maloney, Convention Chair Celia Giay, Secretary-General of the

United Nations, António Guterres, Foundation Trustee Chair-elect K.R. Ravindran, and Foundation Trustee Chair Gary C.K. Huang, among others. Witness how the world of Rotary has come together during an unprecedented time. Our Rotary family is connecting across the globe to support each other and the fight against COVID-19. We can learn from how others are working, and find out how we can continue to support these efforts.

An expert panel of global disease prevention and treatment and humanitarian aid organizations talked about how lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic response can help strengthen our communities against similar events in the future. The panel includes representatives from WHO, UNICEF and the Gates Foundation. They also reflect on how we are benefitting from the polio infrastructure in fighting COVID, including contact tracing, data analysis and worker training.



And there's entertainment! At about an hour into the 1st Session, an Australian "pop opera" group, [ARIA](#), performs two pieces, and in the second session, there was a performance by Hawaiian ukelele virtuoso [Jake Shimbukuro](#).



Tune in! You won't be sorry. [Go here](#), and click "Watch" under General Sessions. There are two!



Breakout sessions are also very good, and are posted for your learning and inspiration. Producing the convention was a feat! We're so fortunate to be living in this time when video production is so accessible!

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RI Convention Breakout Sessions available now!

The breakout sessions from the Convention are listed below. **Harry Sparrow** and **Buff Wright** attended an early morning session on [Using Virtual Tools to Engage Members](#). In it, I heard about a virtual program offered in the UK called the *Together Talks*, which brings in speakers from around the world. One program coming up isguess who?

Rotary: the original social network



Sylvia Whitlock commented that a session on [Digital Trends of 2021: Using Tech to Engage Millennials](#) was excellent, and probably offers something for all generations. Buff attended several sessions including the session for incoming presidents. There was one for our President-Nominee, **Mark Carson**, too.

All of the sessions will eventually be posted, along with any supportive materials, to the Convention website. Here is the program, with links to the recordings (or promise thereof).

[Using Virtual Tools to Engage Members](#)

Embracing a few best practices for engaging with participants in the virtual world will inspire you to create experiences that are memorable and meaningful.

[Engaging Rotary Alumni](#)

Discuss how to better engage Rotary alumni.

[Greening Rotary Events: Be Plastic-free, Offset Carbon, and More!](#)

Learn the best practice of going plastic free and offsetting your carbon emissions.

[Grow Rotary Through New Club Types](#)

Learn about new club models, processes for starting new clubs, and the factors underpinning success.

[Adopt-a-River Initiative: A Rotary & UNEP Partnership Model](#)

Learn how Rotary District 9212 and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) developed a scalable partnership model.

[Coffee with Shekhar for District Governors-nominee and Club Presidents-nominee](#)

Join RI President Nominee Shekhar Mehta, Foundation Trustee Chair-nominee John Germ, and Houston Convention Chair John Smarge to learn more about the priorities for your leadership year. (2021-22).

[How to Start and Manage RAGM Microfinance Projects/ Cómo iniciar y administrar proyectos de micro finanzas RAGM \(presented in Spanish\)](#) (translation available)

See examples of how to create successful and sustainable community microfinance projects.

[Rotaract Elevated, Now What?](#)

Discuss the recent decisions concerning Rotaract's new status.

[Disruptive Innovation in Rotary Clubs/La innovación disruptiva en los clubes rotarios \(presented in Spanish\)](#)

Learn how to use tech and tools to implement change in Rotary clubs. (translation available)

[How to Submit a Great Global Grant Application](#)

Discover the ten most common areas of improvement in grant applications.

[Forum for 2020-21 District Governors and Club Presidents](#)

Question and Answer session with RI President-elect Holger Knaack to learn more about his theme and priorities for 2020-21 and Foundation Trustee Chair-elect K. R. Ravindran.

[Digital Trends of 2021: Using Tech to Engage Millennials](#)

[Engage Young Families with Service and Alternative Meetings](#)

Learn to position Rotary as quality family time and a lesson on community.

[The Rotary Brand](#)

An in-depth discussion on how clubs can strengthen and protect our brand.

[Personal Growth Opportunities: Rotary's Alliance with Toastmasters](#)

Hear from Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Toastmasters who are actively involved in this relationship.

MORE COMING IN JULY!

RI's inspiring breakout sessions will continue into July, to help us start the Rotary year off right. Register (free) for July breakouts [using the table here](#). Session times will be Central time. *All sessions are in English.*

