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The

Noon Club News

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“A very good club”

March 2023

President Sblend’s comments

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years. Our goal of ridding the world of this disease is closer than ever.

As a founding partner of the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative**, we've reduced polio cases by **99.9 percent** since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979.

Rotary members have contributed more than *\$2.1 billion* and *countless volunteer hours* to protect nearly 3 billion children in 122 countries from this paralyzing disease. Rotary’s advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by governments to

contribute more than *\$10 billion* to the effort.

Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. But it’s crucial to continue working to keep other countries polio-free. If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years, polio could paralyze as many as 200,000 children each year.

Livermore Rotarians have been very generous contributors to Polio Plus. To date, we have donated 46% of our annual goal. Might you give some this month to get us closer to our goal?



Sblend Sblendorio

President-Elect Sheila Fagliano’s calendar

MEETING CALENDAR — March 2023

February 22nd : **Futures Explored Special needs Adult Center**
with Hester Wagner & Karen Smith.

Theme: Those I’m Proud to Know

March 1st: **Open Heart Kitchen** with John Bost
Birthdays and anniversaries

March 8th: **Club Assembly**

March 15th: **Form Factor - Making technologies & what it means for the county & global economy** with Mike Slessor
Outstanding student from Del Valle High

March 22nd: **Learn about Oakland Zoo** — Nik Dehejia

March 29th: **ALS - Are there cures?** with Mike Piscotty
Theme Wednesday — TBA



Sheila Fagliano

Secretary Joel Swanson — February Board Highlights

President Sheila announced that the program schedule is full for the rest of the 2022-2023 Rotary year.

We still are looking for a project to go with our \$25,000 grant for recovery of affected groups from the COVID pandemic.

One discussion concerned whether or not the RCoL should continue using Zoom to enable remote attendance at meetings. Many of the District 5170 clubs are discontinuing the use of Zoom, and are going back to in-person only meetings. The consensus was that we would continue using Zoom for the foreseeable future.

Joel Swanson



Treasurer's Report—Norm Bregman

How we compare to last year on Feb 1

Overall we have more than 13K in our bank accounts not counting grant funds yet to be spent. There were several large expenditures that included D5170 dues (\$2,755), RI dues (\$4,070), and LARPD facility usage for the Crab Feed (\$6,560).

In the Rotary Foundation of Livermore (RFL) Restricted funds, we have \$9,326 in the club. We were as high at \$24,000 before funding the mini grants. Please think about giving to the restricted Livermore fund in the Foundation to restore funding mini grants in our next fiscal year.

The STEM restricted fund has a balance of \$11,960
the Music fund has \$6,066.

The cancer screening fund had more than \$13,750 and has a few checks that are due in soon.

The goal of \$12,500 has been exceeded and most of the funds have been sent to the District for DDF matching of \$10,000. Great job Rotarians!

A few areas would greatly benefit by your giving. We projected \$10,000 in donor giving/fines. Currently we have \$3,500. This money helps fund mini grants. Please give generously when you have good news to share or are fined. Without lunch at our meetings all Rotarians have saved a significant amount of money especially the Zoomers in our club. My attempt at humor!

The overall perspective is positive given the energy, enthusiasm, commitment we have among our colleagues'. Dig deep to make this a terrific year.



Norm Bregman

Membership — Alan Burnham

Many thanks to those of you who have been bringing guests and encouraging them to join Rotary. As a result, we have two new members who have cleared the membership application process and will be inducted soon: **Matt Fuzie**, General Manager of LARPD, and **Don Sweeney**, a retired optical engineer who worked at both LLNL and Sandia. These two new members bring us up to 100 active and emeritus members. We have another applicant in the pipeline and a few others who have expressed interest. We need six more by July 1 to meeting our goal.



Alan Burnham

New Member Profile — Linda Stanford

Linda joined Rotary late last year, and hopefully you have met her and welcomed her to our club. Here is some information on her background.

"I have been living in Livermore for 27 years. In June of 2022, I retired from teaching after 39 years. Most of my years of teaching were in first grade. Just recently, I have begun to do a little bit of subbing in Pleasanton. My husband and I raised our two children here in Livermore, where they attended Almond School, St. Michael's and Livermore High School. I have always been involved at the school sites volunteering for school council or supporting the many fundraising events. When I retired, I looked for something different to do. Sblend suggested I come to Rotary and check it out. What interests me in Rotary is all of the local community outreach and support it offers Livermore and the schools here. I like that there are other opportunities to support outside of Livermore, but my interest begins with our community. I can appreciate the many committees and possible ways to contribute as a Rotarian. I am looking forward to learning more about the many components of Rotary."



Linda Stanford

Community Service — Loretta Kaskey

May 6 - Save the day!

May 6th is **Livermore Community Service Day!** The Livermore Rotary Club in collaboration with the City of Livermore will be preparing and serving lunch to all the volunteers. More information to follow!

A BIG Thank You to all Rotary Members who stepped up to help our neighbors concerning the **clean-up day for the Sunol Glen School** on Feb. 4. The event was hosted by the office of Alameda County Supervisor **David Haubert**.



Loretta Kaskey



Club Service — Gordon Jones



Volunteer Sign Ups

The new consolidated spreadsheet for all meeting support tasks seems to be working well except for Spur Reporter. Asking the greeter to make reference to hard copies in the room for sign up is still an issue.

It has also been brought to our attention that some presenters have sat on their own with little interaction with other Rotarians. We will ask the greeter to recognize this situation when presenters arrive and suggest to some Rotarians to sit next to them when appropriate.

Shortly, we will have Youth in Government students who have expressed an interest in sitting next to people in industries and the professions they are invested in. More details to follow, but we may ask the greeter to attempt some matching at this event.

Presentations

The quality of some of the featured presentations recently have been less than satisfactory, and the slides have not been applicable in such a large room. We accept that it is not the role of Rotary to educate people on how to make presentations, but if we must 'swim upstream to avoid this from happening, we must.

Both Kelly Bowers and Marc Roberts have detailed materials related to giving professional Powerpoint presentations. We will draw up more detailed guidelines on the size of the room and audience, etc., and will state that although detailed spreadsheets and piecharts may be informative in a small room, they cannot be read at a distance in our large room with the numbers of attendees that we have.

Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) License for Crab Feed

Much time has been spent with the City of Livermore Police Crime Prevention Unit for their approval of our Crab Feed event. They now demand to know **table layouts, exits, contact personnel at event, liquor costs, expertise of bar tenders, and whether or not security personnel will be provided** etc. They even check out **the band and the auctioneer!** Fortunately, *we have gained their approval* and the ABC unit based in Concord has provided us with a license for the event. The ABC license starts at 5.30 pm even though the event starts at 6pm. This will enable us to handle the peak demand and provide early arrivals with the bottle of wines ordered via table purchases (about 80 bottles to be given out!). We now realize we need to make decisions sooner on items listed above as they have become milestones in the license process.

Gordon Jones



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Update

Our TRF fundraising effort is as follows:

Annual Fund \$43,488 vs the goal of \$66,000, which is 66%.

PolioPlus \$6,726 vs the goal of \$18,000, which is 37%.

Our club has set a goal of reaching 100% EREY, meaning **Every Rotarian** contributing **Every Year** and to date we have reached 46%. We are now at 41% and need help from ALL to reach the goal. We need participation from all Rotarians to meet the goal.



District 5170 has a TRF 2022-23 drawing on March 1 to pick the winning Club with the most Annual Fund and PolioPlus funds raised.

Please feel free to contact any of the three TRF Committee members with any questions while I am away until March 7. (Pat McMenamin, Irv Stowers, Glenn Kubiak)

Goud Memula

Vocational Services — Paul McCandless and Keith Beck

VOCATIONAL SERVICE: The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Paul McCandless (Director), Carol Howell, Carolyn Siegfried, Dennis O'Brian, Marc Roberts.

Springtime is a busy time for Vocational Services. Here is what we have coming up:



April 19: Youth in Government: The youth will attend our lunch meeting as part of their day of experiencing our city government. The City of Livermore partners with us to show them city operations and jobs. At this year's lunch meeting, the youth will be paired up with club members based on their career interest. Watch for more information!

May 3: Outstanding Educators: This is conducted in partnership with LJUSD to recognize some of the excellent teachers we have guiding Livermore's youth.

Later in spring: **Ed Rundstrum Vocations Scholarship** is administered by the Pedrozzi Foundation and will be awarded along with the other Pedrozzi scholarships.

Paul McCandless and Keith Beck

International Services Committee — Goud Memula

International Services committee consists of Goud Memula (Chair), Pat Coyle, Paul Thompson, Evonne Hopkins, Keith Beck and Paul McCandless.



International Project Global Grant 3242155 Anubandh (Goud Memula)

I am very pleased to report the Global Grant 3242155 for Cancer Screening project in Pune, India has been approved. Implementation of the project is underway. We successfully completed the fundraising for this Cancer Screening project with the help of many Rotarians and non-Rotarians. In fact, we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$13,550 and purchased \$1,000 DDF from our District which results in \$18,000 for the project. *Once again, I thank all the Rotarians for their overwhelming support of the project.*

International Projects in Nepal and Uganda (Paul Thompson)

Grace Care Medical Center Uganda



This child was born safely after the first use of the new ultra sound machine. The machine was just set up and the wife of a clinic doctor was the first patient to use it. A double loop of the umbilical cord was seen. She was taken to a surgical hospital where a C-section was performed. The mother and child are both doing well. Note this is not an official Rotary project. I am attempting to get the cooperation of a club in Kampala. I will be happy to take donations for additional items; eg. beds and computers.

District Governor Project “Independence through Hygiene (#EmpoweringGirls) (Pat Coyle)

Geeta Kadambi is scheduled to present on this project to our club on May 31. She’s calling on clubs to help raise funds needed for the DG project empowering girls. She’s working with Goud to find Indian NGO to replicate similar initiative Robert Freeman, from the Global Uplift Project is doing in Nepal.

District Grant project “Girls Garage” (Pat Coyle)

Our Rotary year 22-23 District Grant is approved to support Girls Garage, a nonprofit design and construction school for girls and gender-expansive youth ages 9-18. Our \$8,283 of DDF resulted in \$10,354 of funding in the approved District Grant. We toured their shop to see their students building modules for the shade house for Urban Tilth’s school-based garden site at Verde Elementary School on February 7, 2023 (see attached photo).

Global Grant project Nicaragua

Nicaragua: For 2017-18 DDF Area 4 global grant project, the approved and funded GG1873585, to do more composting toilets in Nicaragua with Pleasanton North as the International Club and Masaya Rotary as the host club (\$35k) is proceeding. We were on hold pending government recertification of our NGO partner. Recertification has occurred and we are moving forward.

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International Services Committee—continued — Goud Memula

Update on hosting the I-House students from UC Berkeley (Evonne Hopkins)

The International House program for March 25-26 is moving along well with amazing support from rotarians for drivers (to Berkeley to gather students and chauffeur them around on Saturday) and assistance with setup for the luncheon and pot luck dinner. The civic and scientific speakers are on board as well.

This event has historically brought 18-20 international students out to visit and learn about a small American city like Livermore. Our hosts and chauffeurs have a great time and learn a lot about the students and their home countries as well. Hosting the students and enjoying a pot luck dinner with all of them and the other host families has always been a wonderful social time for everyone. The Sunday morning visit to Paul Banke's ranch is something that the host families and students also really enjoy. For some of the students, it is their first experience with a horse, too!

BUT we only have 13 host families for the Saturday night sleep over and need seven more.

Here is a link to a two minute YouTube video that highlights the event.

<https://youtu.be/EwKHZXL4V0w>

If you have a spare bed and would like to host an international student for a night or would like more information, call Evonne at 925-963-3546.

Other Area 4 GG committee projects: The committee is meeting 2/20/23, to review status of selected projects and next steps for: RACHELS and Chromebooks in Guatemala, with Dublin serving as International club, and PURCHASE OF 9 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED-RCP) TO EQUIP 9 AMBULANCES OF THE VOLUNTARY FIRE DEPARTMENT OF GUATEMALA with Livermore serving as International club. They also will hear update on trip to Guatemala led by Tri-Valley Evening RC. Time permitting, they'll go through the rest of the agenda including status of ongoing Area 4 Global Grants and address questions.

I need backup for The Noon Club News

If the sky falls and the Creek **do** rise, **The Noon Club News** must go on. There needs to be a way for the newsletter to continue if I'm not here to publish it. We need one good member, **familiar with MS Publisher**, to carry on the publication. Publisher is an awesome application on a PC and very customizable. Your duty, *should you choose to accept it*, involves uploading the previous month's edition, deleting its messages, and then saving the unfinished current edition. It's important to send reminders to the regular contributors of

the due date, and then copying their contributions to the newsletter.

It's fun to make the newsletter, if you enjoy doing that kind of thing. I like being very, very picky about getting everything just right. Yes, I like that. If you do, too, consider backing me up. I'll train you. It's a joy to see the newsletter in print and to hear the appreciations from members at the meetings. The newsletter, uninterrupted, is important to our club, and with backup it will continue.

Nile Runge

Major Events — Linda Tinney

The crab feed committee is still hard at work organizing this great event which will take place on March 3 at the Robert Livermore Community Center. We are getting down to the wire with the planning details. Live auction items, silent auction items and raffle baskets are being prepared. We are assembling groups to help with the set-up, food delivery and preparations as well as clean-up afterwards. Please contact Bob Cowan or Don Wentz if you wish to lend your assistance to help out.



There are some wonderful live auction items to choose from.

1. Mexican vacation for 2 – Vidanta Resorts, Puerto Vallarta
2. Carmel penthouse for the week of June 8 – 15, 2023
3. Personally inscribed brick at Quest Plaza in Stockmen's Park
4. Pizza and Wine Blast for 10
5. Palm Valley Country Club, Palm Desert - available Dec. 1 – 22, 2023
6. Steven Kent VIP wine tasting experience
7. Pasta Making Party for 10

Dianna Guyer and her committee are assembling the silent auction items and gift baskets. Some of the items included are:

a personal flight over the San Francisco Bay Area,
Japanese style handmade quilt,
Muhammed Ali boxing gloves,
Sony 50" HD TV,
elliptical trainer,
wine,
rounds of golf at Wente, Castlewood, Poppy Ridge, Boundary Oak, San Ramon Golf Course
and gift certificates to local restaurants and retailers.

So get ready to have some fun and support our Rotary Club's biggest fundraiser of the year!

