

Rotary Club of Livermore



Spur Report 2-14-2023

By Patrick Coyle on Thursday, February 16, 2023



President Sblend Sblendorio rang the Zoom meeting to order at 12:30 for another hybrid meeting. He welcomed all to another meeting of the Rotary Club of Livermore.

Dianna Geyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sblend spoke to health issues with Dale Miller, who had a stroke and is in rehab, and also that Kathy Streeter is having health issues.

Rotary players Tim, Michael, and Stu played, and songsters joined in and sang *Country Road*, written by John Denver. Even though there are no roads in Antarctica.

Thought for the day: Will Bateson spoke about graduating from college, working for an outdoor adventure. Company, leading canoe trips down the Shenandoah River.

I have a thought and a short story about Dale Turner today. My thought is you don't always know the positive impact you're making on other people's lives. And what I mean by that as Rotarians we do things like the mini grants. The teachers come up here we know what the mini grants are for. They express their gratitude, and we think wow, we did something really neat for them. And that's great because we see it. But we do a lot of things, all of us, that really help people and we don't even know it. And sometimes that's just as meaningful. And that leads me to thanking and being grateful for

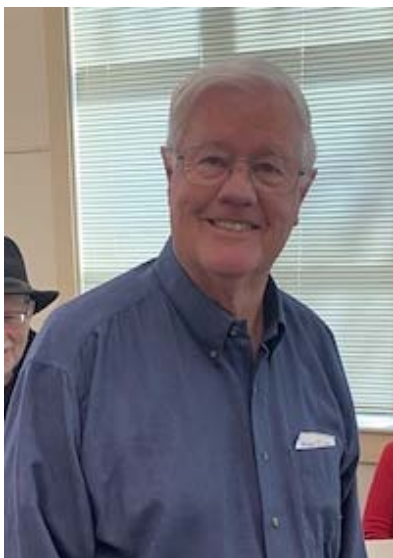


today's guest speaker. I've never even met him. I don't know him, but I'm very grateful for him. He's done a lot for my family. He had a really nice store with a rock-climbing gym. When my youngest was five to 10 years old, he went to a bunch of rock-climbing parties. And now as a 23-year-old, he rock climbs avidly at least two or three times a week. And that's all because of the support he got at the rock-climbing gym in Livermore and I'm sure there are lots of other families who feel the same way. So, thank you, Kim.

Most of you know Dale Turner is my father-in-law. The celebration of his life is going to be a week from Thursday, February 23, at 1pm at Cedar Grove and we'd love all Rotarians to be there of course. Dale was a great guy and he loved Livermore. He also was my real estate mentor and partner. Every Thursday morning, Dale and I would go out on tour together and look at some of the new houses. Rule number one when you go on tour is go to the bathroom before you leave the office. I started talking to the listing agent. But Dale's nowhere to be found. All of a sudden, I hear Dale saying I need a little help here coming from another room. He's just broken rule number one and he's in the bathroom. Not only that, but he's also broken rule number two. rule number two is if you have to break rule number one, make sure the water is turned on. At the very next stop Dale was back to being himself. Dale was always the connector.

Sblend introduced and thanked the Meeting Front Line, including Zoom Host: Glen Kubiak, Zoom Chat Monitor: Glen Kubiak, Audio Visual: Don Wentz, Spur Reporter: Pat Coyle, Spur Publisher: Kathy Coyle, Photographer: Marc Roberts, and Greeter: TBD

Visiting Rotarians: Wolfgang Stoffel from the Livermore Valley morning club was introduced by Sheila Fagliano.



TJ Gilmartin introduced former Rotarian Doug Bell.

Next meeting theme is who are you proud of—with lots of opportunities to brag.

Bylaws change recommendation was discussed. Motion was made and seconded that vote will be by acclamation. That carried. Then moved and seconded to change the bylaws. The vote carried and the motion was approved.

Student of month: Keith Beck introduced Sara Walke, principal of Vineyard, who overviewed the school. She discussed the Future Force program as a personal pathway education program tailored



for each student and the need to identify community people to discuss their careers and serve as mentors. She distributed fliers and invited members to engage. (see image at the end of the Spur).

She introduced and discussed Brenna Powell, a senior, who has made an indelible impression on their school. Faculty and staff said she is kind and generous, always the first in line to introduce herself to new students and to welcome them into her ever expanding circle. She goes out of her way to help others when something is not as it should be. Brenna speaks up. She advocates for herself and on the behalf of others as well. She is kind, compassionate and determined. She demonstrates all the qualities of a strong leader and fosters school cohesiveness and spirit. She is thoughtful, insightful, and creative. In her photography class she composes compelling images and has the ability to tell stories in photographs and film. One of the most important elements of success is showing up. Brenna does so much more than just show up, she's fully present and she invites others to join her. Brenna thanked the club, that it meant a lot. She spoke to her experience at Vineyard and thanked everybody, "...for having me and my parents because it really does mean a lot. I'm somebody who was bullied for a long time. And I didn't like school. So, it means a lot to be recognized by my school and to have my teacher see how much effort I put into going to school. So, thank you." She introduced Terry and Diane Powell, her parents. Keith gave her the "swag".

Brian Mayall gave a short update about **Shelterbox** and their role as offshoot of Rotary who provide support for emergencies. They operate independently and are particularly effective at responding to emergencies by providing these boxes which have accommodation for 10 people, have cooking utensils, and most importantly they have a set of tools to enable rebuilding. And this club, a number of times in the past has responded to international emergencies by supporting Shelterbox. With the Japanese Fukushima tsunami, we raised enough money to send several boxes which cost about \$1,000 a box. Shelterbox was one of the first responders after Fukushima and worked with a local Rotary. So, the local Rotary decides how best to distribute the resources. Shelterbox now has now depots throughout the world enabling them to respond very quickly. They've been having ongoing support for Ukraine providing particularly blankets and cold weather gear. And now are responding to the Turkish Syrian earthquake where the death toll is already over 40,000. So, I just want to remind everyone that if you'd like to make a quick response to this emergency, Shelterbox is a way to do it. You can do it online very easily. You can identify our rotary club and the club gets recognition for our collective support for this emergency. I hope we can once again raise funds to respond to the situation. TJ Gilmartin added that you don't have to give \$1000, you could make any amount of donation you wish,



and the club gets recognition for the total. Alan Frank asked how many are in service. Brian indicated there are hundreds of thousands around the world.

Bob Cowan updated on the Crab Feed, coming March 3, at LARPD Community Center. It is our major fundraiser. Discussed silent auction and live auction items—that will be sharing information about them. We are sold out! Volunteers are being organized! More info to follow.

Next week's program is Futures Explored—Special Needs Adults Center by Hester Wagner and Karen Smith.

Sblend said that he expected after Kim's talk people would be wanting to go to Antarctica, so he's found a TikTok tour guide for Antarctica, which showed video of guy drinking seawater, describing the taste, and carrying on about other wild things.



Paul Thompson introduced Kim Grandfield, former owner of Sunrise Mountaineering and current world traveler, and said what a life-changer he was for Paul on trips they did together. He discussed Kim's many accomplishments. Watch the video for more details.

Kim shared his 2019 kayaking adventure in the Antarctic with us. Wonderful slides with maps, and fabulous photos and videos! Watch the video for this terrific program on our youtube channel.

We ran a little long, but it was worth it for the great program. At 1:47 Sblend rang the bell and concluded another meeting of the Rotary Club of Livermore. Kim stayed and answered a few questions.

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The Future Now & WIOA Youth Innovation Programs are grant-funded programs coordinated with Tri-Valley ROP. Students in the program attend Vineyard & Del Valle High School and are exposed to 21st Century Workforce Skills, Career Exploration and Mentorship. We have a need for the following volunteer roles for the program:

- Career Speakers
- One-on-One Interviewees
- Student Mentors

For additional details on these roles, please visit the volunteer survey page.

Ready to make a difference?

Volunteer Survey

click the link above or scan the QR code
to be taken to the volunteer survey



For more information contact:
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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 Hybrid, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA

Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Avenue

Livermore, CA 94551

Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

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