

# Rotary Club of Livermore



## Spur Report April 26, 2023

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### Spur Reporter – Will Bateson

**President Sblend**, fresh from vacation, opened the meeting five minutes early.

**Pledge of Allegiance**, led by Jacquie Williams-Courtright



**Songsters:** Stu and Tim led the group with a special appearance on the flute by Beth Wilson, leading us in *Do Re Mi* in honor of this being the week we honor our music scholarship recipients. President Sblend wondered why Beth was not a permanent member of the Songsters, as her beautiful flute playing absolutely brought the



performance to a higher level. I concur!

**Thought for the Day:** President Sblend filled in admirably with the famous line from the Beatles song 'The love you take is equal to the love you make.' Alas, Sheila left her glasses on the podium – good news for us though, as it cost her a \$50 donation to retrieve them.

**Meeting Front Line:** Today's volunteers include Will Batson, Spur Reporter, Don Wentz, Spur Publisher., Irv Stowers, Photographer; Joel Swanson, A/V; Jeff Youngsma, Zoom Host/; Chat Monitor; Mary Anne Rosza, Greeter.

**Visiting Rotarians:** There were no visiting Rotarians.

**Guests of Rotarians:** There were several. I'm sure I botched the spelling of many, so my apologies. Here's what I got:

- Allie Sudiu from Livermore Sanitation was introduced by Sheila.
- Carol introduced Alejandra Morales of Vineyard Landscape Maintenance.
- Mary Anne Rozsa introduced Christine Leste, a potential new member.
- Sonya introduced Katarina Writt, a potential new member.
- Ron introduced his caregiver Rob, who is becoming a regular.



**Italian Day:** As the last meeting of the month, President Sblend offered the theme of *Italian Day*. The costumes were sparse, other than Joel Swanson's attire from a trip to Italy and President Sblend's A's baseball cap on *Italian Day* at the Oakland Coliseum (soon to be held in Las Vegas, but, alas, that's a story for another day). Sblend's mom had several sayings which we tried to guess their meaning. I jotted down the American translations and what they meant. Here's a recap:

- To have short arms – to be cheap
- Pork's misery – still don't understand what this means, sorry
- To have an ass – very lucky (hey, I made an 80' putt today, so I have a LARGE you know what!
- To break boxes – get on someone's nerves
- To take it for a spin – to tease
- Drunk like a monkey – basically just translates to be 'drunk'

**Bonus Songsters !!!** We got a second performance, perfect for today's theme with the song *That's Amore!* By the way, has anyone else noticed how many guests and visiting Rotarians comment on how wonderful our songsters are and the fact that they sing every week? We are truly blessed to have such a talented group!

**Rotarian Foundation of Livermore Board Spots:** So, we have one opening, which is being filled by Goud Memula. And then we had a spot held by Mary Anne Rozsa. Normally



the position is for one year, but as a Past RFOFL President, Mary Anne can continue in this role for another year, which the Club graciously agreed to let her do. Thank you Mary Anne and congratulations Goud!



**Rodeo Parade:** Paul Szmyd, our Rodeo Parade leader, alerted us that this year's parade will be Saturday, June 10. And he plans to help us generate even more dollars than the \$3,000 we give to the high school marching bands every year. The Parade Marshall will be the Lawrence Livermore National Lab Fusion Team, and the Community Service Award recipient will be our own Sonya Sheffield. Congrats! To support the Rodeo Parade, volunteer to help during the Parade or fill out a

Sponsorship form, please check out the very front page of the Rotary Club of Livermore Website.



**Livermore Community Service Day**, led by Loretta Kaskey, is set for Saturday, May 6, from 10:30-1:30 at Carnegie Park. You can volunteer on various websites, or just show up. Lunch will be included.



**Crab Feed Update:** Bob Cowan, our Crab King (OK, who has a better name for our Crab Feed leader?), gave us the information on this year's crab feed, which was the most successful ever, coming in with a net profit of approximately \$33,200. This doesn't even include tips to the Interact Club, money to the Inner Wheel Club for their help with the auction and raffle, and the money we gave the Boy Scouts for helping in the kitchen and cleanup.



Next year's Crab Feed is set for Saturday (rather than our usual Friday), March 9, 2024.

**Rotarian of the Quarter:** Bob Cowan was announced as our Rotarian of the Quarter. And if you're curious as to what Bob did to achieve this honor, see above!

**Next week: Outstanding Educators.** It will be in the Cresta Blanca Room and lunch will be

served for all!

## Today's Program: Beth Wilson and the Rotary Music Scholarships

This year, the Music Scholarship program awarded 20 scholarships for a total of \$8,700. The students were present, and each was awarded their scholarship. Three young men performed today for the Club; Vinh Nguyen performed a Chopin piece on the piano, Daniel Brown sang Loewe's "On the Street Where You Live," and Calvin Shawler performed a piano piece, "Repetitions" he wrote with lyrics by Carl Sandburg. They were all fantastic! Calvin was awarded the Outstanding Senior award for this year. Congratulations to all our Scholarship winners.





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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

## Club Leaders



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