

# Rotary Club of Livermore



## Spur Report June 14, 2023

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**NOTE from Reporter:** *Due to the poor audio quality at this meeting, it was difficult to hear everything, especially the names of people.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> NOTE from Publisher:** *There was no meeting photographer this week. So, the publisher took some pictures from past meetings, plus pictures from Sonya, and used them when possible.*

Spur Reporter: Pat Coyle



**President Sblend Sblendorio** rang the meeting to order at 12:30 for another hybrid meeting and welcomed all to another meeting of the Rotary Club of Livermore—this time at Darcie Kent Winery.

**Pledge of Allegiance**, could not hear who did it.

**Rotary songsters** Tim, and Michael played, and songsters joined in and sang *Bottle of Wine*, written by Tom Paxton.



**Thought for the day:** Christine Lusty shared her thought about not wasting time—with small kids at home, out of school for summer, the joy of having them working with her in her business. Her parents were entrepreneurs and she grew up in a small business. It has given her so much in her life. She is so grateful to be able to share that with her kids and be able to spend that time with them. Don't waste time!



**Sblend introduced and thanked the Meeting Front Line**, including Zoom Host: Pat Coyle  
 Zoom Chat Monitor: Pat Coyle, Audio Visual: Dennis O'Brien, Spur Reporter: Pat Coyle,  
 Spur Publisher: Ted Michels, Photographer: TBD and Greeter: Christine Lusty



**Visiting Rotarians:** Goud introduced his brother Sadanand Memula, a Rotarian from West Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Guests:**

Alan Burnam introduced Lisa Tromovitch from SPARC

I couldn't hear who introduced Jay Fasil, long-time Livermore resident, his friend who is considering Rotary.

Trex Donovan introduced a guest. Couldn't hear who it was.

Ed Coats introduced Carol, his special lady.

Ron Koopman introduced his caretaker, Rob.



President Sblend welcomed Keith Beck back when he came in.

**Debbie Peck announced birthdays and anniversaries (May and June):**



**Birthdays:** Stu Frazier, Mike Thompson, Paul Thompson, Lynn Seppala, Stu Gary, Carol Gerich, Dale Miller, Glenn Kubiak, Lynn Freeman, Jessica Carrol, Gordon Jones, Carolyn Siegfried, Goud Memula, Paul Banke, David Rounds, Irv Stowers, and a few more I couldn't hear.

**Anniversaries:** Sheila Fagliano, Glenn Kubiak, John Linn, Joel Swanson, JR Romero, Brian and Susan Mayall, John and Christine Marion, Paul Thompson, Lynn Freeman, and Jay Davis.

### **Announcements:**



**Goud Memula did TRF update.** Thanked his committee. Went over progress toward goals—we are very close to meeting them. Noted used the matching points for donations over \$100 toward Paul Harris to encourage donations. Thirty two members have donated \$1000 or more this year, so are Paul Harris Society members. Regarding EREY, we are making good progress, he is optimistic will achieve it. Sblend spoke about the importance of donations to TRF: the great progress on eliminating polio and the other good work Rotary does.

**Lisa Tromovitch from SPARC** discussed their programs for Shakespeare and other plays. They've been doing Shakespeare and other plays in the vineyard since 2002. Will be at Darcie Kent this season. Rotary has been very involved with their company for many, many years—the clubs have donated to their education programs, and the foundation has donated specific monies for things that they needed to purchase. This season they are presenting *Silent Sky* by Lauren Gunderson: The true story of 19th-century astronomer Henrietta Leavitt explores a woman's place in society during a time of immense scientific and heart-bound discoveries. On the first Sunday performance they're doing a little social for our female scientists and they'll be receiving a complimentary glass of wine and an opportunity to meet each other. The second show is an adaptation of *Much Ado About Nothing*. Flyers were on the tables and she invited volunteers to help.

**RCoL's Major Donors:** President Sblend spoke to what Rotary does locally as well as internationally and invited Mike Thompson up. Mike Thompson reminded folks of the Demotion party. Then he discussed a new initiative to seek out additional major corporate donors for RCoL and the RFL. So if have connections, please get the contact information to Mike. He introduced the committee. The idea is to tailor it to the priorities of donors. Mike Morgan spoke to the RFL background and benefits to the community over the years, as a vehicle for effective use of donations. Irv Stowers spoke to opportunity for non-Rotarians to donate in ways similar to Rotarians to RFL or TRF. Mike noted a benefit with Rotary projects is that much of the labor is free.

**Next weeks' meeting** will be at Las Positas Winery. No theme—it is Sblend's last meeting.



**Today's program:** Sblend introduced David Kent. He noted his incredible history in the business world starting with Proctor and Gamble, then made his way to Gallo, and to Livermore where was the CEO of the Wine Group, and now does lots of consulting. David talked about making wine.

See the video for his interesting and compelling background and perspective on making wine. There was a lively and instructive Q&A session as well.

At 1:35 Sblend concluded another meeting of the Rotary Club of Livermore.

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### Youtube Channel

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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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