

# Rotary Club of Livermore



## Spur Report July 5, 2023

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**Spur Reporter:** Joel Swanson

**The Rotary Club of Livermore wholeheartedly welcomed our new President for 2023-2024, Sheila Fagliano.**



President Sheila started her first meeting as President right on time, 12:30 pm.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Marc Roberts

**Today's Songsters** included Michael, Joel, Sheila, and Beth Wilson. "God Bless America" was the song which the club sang from memory.

**The Thought of the Day** was presented by Dennis O'Brien, who talked about friends in the heart.



**This was the first meeting we had the opportunity to meet at Beebe's banquet room** at the Los Positas Golf Course. It was a nice venue and the hot buffet lunch was very good. We will meet at Beebe's again twice in July.



**President Sheila recognized the front line:** The Spur Reporter was Joel Swanson, Spur Publisher was Don Wentz, Photographer was Irv Stowers, Audio Visuals were operated by Paul McCandless, our Zoom Host was Carolyn Siegfried, and Mary Anne Rosza was our Greeter.

**Visiting Rotarians & Guests:**

Rotarians - We didn't have any Rotarians visiting today.

Guests – Ron Koopman introduced his caregiver, Rob. Debbie Peck brought her friend, Bruce Clark, visiting from Oregon.

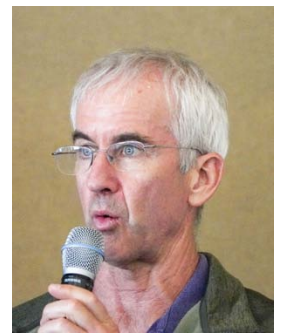


**Today's Program: Club Assembly – Sheila's First Meeting!**



## President Sheila's recognitions, announcements, et al:

- **Thought for the Day coordinator:** Kimberly Gruidl is coordinating sign-ups for Thought for the Day.
- **Kelly Bower has made a Rotary Club of Livermore flyer** for us to use at public events in our drive to inform and look for new members. She passed out copies for us to review.
- **Sheila honored Mary Anne Rosza** for her work as Chairperson of the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore (RFL) Board. Mary Anne said that it was an honor and privilege, and she's looking forward to the RFL's new year coming up.
- **A Fine for our Missing President-Elect:** At the Demotion party last week, one person was missing, so Sheila gave president-Elect Marc Roberts a "small" fine and Marc got his President-Elect pin and joined the president's club for \$300.
- **RCoL Meetings for the upcoming three weeks:** Sheila reminded us that we were locked into our contract with the RLCC until December and reviewed the upcoming three weeks of meeting locations.
- **Paul McCandless, apologizing for the entire A/V team,** for the lack of sound on Zoom this week. The problem, where the people attending in person could hear the people on Zoom but not the other way around, could not be diagnosed by the team prior to the meeting, but the AV crew will continue to investigate.
- **New Member Winery Social:** Sheila announced that Sonya had scheduled a social for new members on August 30th, at Wood Family Winery 2407 Research Drive. Wine is free for red-badgers, and blue badge members will need to buy their own glass.
- **Birthdays and anniversaries:** Debbie Peck and Carole Lince made the presentations. As part of the presentation, Debbie noted that some of the club members had experienced being left out from this presentation in months past. The reason is that their birthdays and/or anniversaries are not in the District and Club data base (a.k.a DACdb). They should contact the club secretary (swanson83@gmail.com) to ensure their dates get added to their member information. Michael sang a new anniversary song "Why don't you love me like you used to do," by Hank Williams.



**Next week's meeting** - Norm and Marc will be talking about dues, and try to clear up any questions that we might have about the expenses being covered.



**All about our New President:** Sheila thanked the club for their support and told us about her background. She was born at St Paul's hospital, and went to Inman School, a one-room schoolhouse in Livermore. Her son Armando also went to Mountain House School, another one-room schoolhouse. Her first job was as a custodian at Livermore schools. In 1977, Mr. Leo Croce made it possible for her to be interviewed for a job with a small company called Oakland Scavenger. Sheila loved the job as it was a family run, tight-knit company. Though the company has changed hands a few times, she's still working at what's now called Livermore Sanitation, and is able to do her work with gusto. Her job allows her the opportunity

to be a part of this community and be out there making new friends and making a difference all the time. She and her husband Paul, and son Armando are ranchers. She got her work ethics from working on her dad's ranch and has passed that attitude along to her son. She joined Rotary 13 years ago, and thanked us for welcoming her in.

**"Fellowship, Service, and Fun" is Sheila's motto** for the year. Many hands make for light work, so her goal is to get members involved. Cross Training is important. Some committees have co-chairs, but it would be great to have additional people trained for club-related tasks, which would make the club a smoother-running organization. Sheila thanked Debbie Peck for being her sponsor, mentor, and for helping her get her blue badge. Sheila encouraged the Red Badgers to join a committee. Sheila will be contacting you! Another red badge goal is to get more of them turned into blue badgers. Sheila asked Alan if he needed mentors for red badgers.

**Sheila's Goals for the Year:** There are goals for the year that Sheila is working on. Bringing back old traditions is another goal of her presidency. There was a lot of respect and comradery, which impressed her. Pre-COVID, she loved the check-in table. She wants to make sure members know they're welcomed here. We have a new set of sergeants at arms. Bob Bishop and Trex Donovan are co-sergeants-at-arms this year.

**Sheila Fines: We will do fines!** Cell phone rings will get you a \$10 fine. The 50-50 raffle is coming back. You buy tickets at the front table and there's a drawing of a ticket at the end of the meeting, and the winner draws a marble out of a bag. The bag has marbles of two colors – lots of marbles of a color that doesn't win the cash prize, and one of a different color that wins. If they don't draw the winning marble, there will be a consolation prize, and the pot remains until the next week. The pot is split 50-%50 between the club and the winner. We've had Rotarians win hundreds of dollars in this raffle.

#### **Sheila's meeting orders for the year:**

Guest speakers will be given a gift. Sheila asked, and Jessica Carrol offered bottles of wine, and Charles Crohare offered bottles of olive oil. The speaker can choose one or the other.

Sheila reminded us to welcome visitors, make them feel at home with us, and maybe give them the idea that they'd like to be a member.

Traditionally, we welcome guests with applause and visiting Rotarians by name. Introduce visiting Rotarians with their club, occupation classification, and finish by welcoming them by name so the

club can all say “Hi, Bob!”

Next, when we have a speaker that you won't be able to stay for the entire meeting due to other obligations, you go to the speaker (before the meeting begins at 12:30) and thank them and let them know that you must leave early.

**Sheila reminded her committee chairs** that they'd be talking next week. They'll be doing a short presentation on what it is they plan to do for the club in their role this year.

She recognizes that we're all busy, and Kimberly Gruidl will be coordinating and reminding TFTD volunteers, and Christine Lusty will be coordinating greeters.

### Today's Meeting Fines:



Mike Morgan was recognized for his phone, which sometimes rings out of turn. (Just prior to Sheila calling on him, his phone went off!) Sheila gave Mike \$10.00 with the hope that his phone would find its silence button. Mike matched that and donated \$20.00 to the club in honor of his phone and will have a talk with it about its buttons. ??

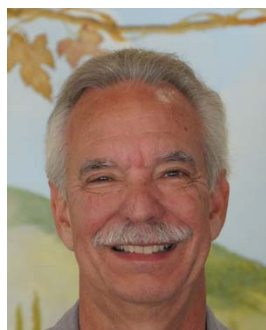
Chris Ising was recognized: He was a star at LHS, and was a winning distance swimmer, the best in northern Ca. Chris donated \$100 to the club.

Marc Roberts admitted that his honeymoon interfered with his preparations to become the president-elect. Anyway, he was on the opposite side of the planet, on a beautiful island with a beautiful wife, and donated another \$200.

Bob Bishop stated that he was a champion pole vaulter in HS and college and joined the President's club.

TJ Gilmartin was also a swimmer (200-meter breaststroke), and joined the President's club.

Lynn Freeman played basketball for her school. Having been drafted from her gym class, she talked about the rules for ladies' basketball back then. She donated \$100 to the club.



### The Program for next week:

The meeting will be at the Robert Livermore Community Center, in the Palo Verde Room, where the speakers will be our club's Avenues of Service Directors.

**Sheila adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.**

For those of you that missed the **Demotion Party** on June 28, Nile Runge video recorded it and you can view it at: <https://youtu.be/kmlB89zkFZM>

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## Youtube channel

### Youtube Channel

Meetings are videoed and published on our Youtube Channel. [Click here](#) to explore the most recent as well as every meeting for the past three years!

## 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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