

Rotary Club of Livermore



Spur Report Aug 2, 2023

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President Sheila called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anita Thompson.

Today, the **Songsters** included Stu, Tim, Michael, and Sheila, who sang "Take me out to the ball game" before a well attended meeting.





The **Thought of the Day** was presented by Marc Roberts: Marc talked about women's sports. Marc is a proud parent of two girls (now women) who played sports. Research shows it leads to higher self-esteem, less depression, et cetera. When Marc asked his younger daughter, who played water polo, whether she agreed, she said yes, but she really liked that she could eat 4600 calories a day without worrying about weight gain!

The **Meeting Front Line** was recognized by President Sheila, including our Web Maven, Kathy Coyle.

Who were the front line volunteers? Joel Swanson was the SPUR Reporter, and Don Wentz was SPUR publisher. Don Wentz was also our photographer. Dennis O'Brien piloted the Audio/Visual equipment for the meeting. Goud Memula was Greeter, and Pat Coyle served the club as our Zoom Host.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

Rotarians - Walter Pratte from Pleasanton North, who is one of our speakers today. Sherri Simoni, from the Rotary Club of the Livermore Valley (a.k.a. the Morning Club), told us about their service project to collect Lithium batteries for recycling. She'll be here next week, so bring your old lithium-ion batteries for recycling then. Emmi Ensign, from the Mission San Jose/Fremont club, was introduced by Norm Bregman, who also introduced Emmi as his fiancé. Congratulations to the pair!



Guests – Rob, Ron Koopman’s caregiver, was with us again. Bob Cowan introduced Kathy Young, from the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance, who has applied to join our club. Roland Ellingsen introduced Jonathan Truman, a young man of Roland’s acquaintance who had just got accepted to Notre Dame. Maria Lujan Avalos, visiting from Paraguay and one of the first members of Girls Soccer Worldwide who also spoke to us today during the presentation.

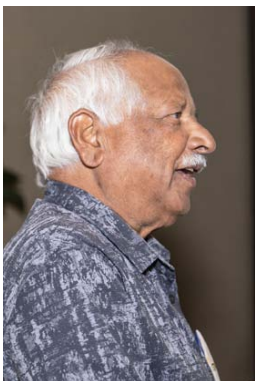


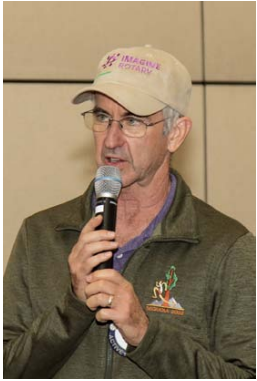
Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated by Debbie Peck. “Ain’t she Sweet” was premiered by our songsters for those with anniversaries. *(Some club members were correcting the presentation for the number of years they’d been married. Contact the Secretary if you have any corrections to wedding dates that need to go into our database, because that’s where we get our info on who’s having an anniversary.)*



President Elect Sheila’s recognitions, announcements, et al.

Goud talked to us about **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)** and recognized several members as Haul Harris Society members. The line-up is below. Goud also covered how we did on last year’s goals and showed us this year’s goals. We are 12th in size in our district, but #2 or #3 depending on whether we are talking about the annual fund or polio plus. Well done!





Paul McCandless talked about the **District Leadership academy**. Paul encouraged every member to consider taking this course.

Two phones rang – Fines were fined.

Tim Barry talked about the upcoming season for the **Livermore Amador Symphony**. He drew our attention to their calendar for the year.



Bragging time: Norm Bregman, after having introduced visiting Rotarian and Fiancé Emmi Ensign, joined the President’s Club. Christian Chukwuma bragged about his daughter, who completed a crash program in human anatomy during her vacation time. Christian donated to the Music Scholarship Fund.

Next Week’s Program: The Veterans First Program. We’ll be at the RLCC again. Evelyn Andrews and Josh Laine from Las Positas College will be our presenters.

Today’s Program: Girls Soccer Worldwide was presented by Pamela Jacobson and Walter Pratte.

Pamela Jacobson started the program at one half hour into the meeting (see our video on YouTube). Watch the video to see how Girls Soccer Worldwide is changing Girls’ lives. Walter Pratte first met some potential soccer players in Paraguay over 30 years ago. A highlight was a presentation by Maria Lujan Avalos, one of the first members, who is visiting in the summer before going back to Paraguay. She’s the program manager in Paraguay.

Pamela talked about the dollar a day program. During August, donate a dollar a mile for each mile you walked, rollerbladed, jogged, etc. text “dollar-a-mile” to #44321.





You can also donate to **Girls Soccer Worldwide** by reading the QR code below with your camera and entering your donation.

Prefer to help from the sidelines?
MAKE A ONE TIME DONATION

Are you competitive?
BUILD YOUR OWN FUNDRAISING TEAM



You can also find ways to donate at <https://girlssoccerworldwide.org/donate>.

Club Drawing: JR got the winning ticket, but not the winning marble. The pot is up to over \$300. See you next week!

Youtube channel

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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 at different locations

Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Avenue

Livermore, CA 94551

Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

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