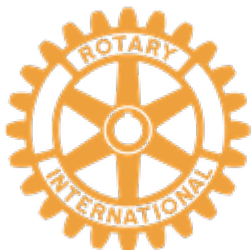


# Rotary



# Club of Livermore

## Spur Report Sept 28, 2022

By Kathy S. Coyle on Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Spur for September 29, 2022 meeting: written by the illustrious Bill Nebo!

President Splend opened the meeting at 12:30 thanking members for participating in a Hawaiian theme meeting by wearing Hawaiian shirts and leis.



Flag salute was followed by singing of "My Country Tis of Thee" led by guitar playing Perry and Ferucci.



In her thought for the day Trish Munro echoed a theme of Rosh Hashanah's 10 Days of Repentance by providing a look into the elements of true apology that can set things right.

President Splend reminded the club of the November 28th visit of the District Governor and Sheila and Sonia taught the club steps of the Livermore Stomp dance that will greet the visiting governor.

President Splend recognized the behind the scenes people who support the meeting's flow, then recognized the clubs one visiting guest Keileigh Bennett, neighbor to Mike Thompson.



Carolyn Siegfried recognized the work of Alan and Mary Burnham in the creation of a Dream Big Mural painted on building sides facing North K and Railroad Avenue. The Mural portrays astronauts who had connections with our Lab.

Sonia announced the meet and greet gathering scheduled for 5pm on at the home of Steve Powell on Tesla Road.

President Splend called for a “Brag Attack” allowing anyone to grab for a mere \$5, a levy far exceeded by many who took part. Braggers were :

- Alan Burnham noting the many people who showed up for the Quest Science event;
- Keith Beck reporting that his dad's ancient pickup which he had lovingly restored won a blue ribbon in the Altamont Cruisers automobile competition;
- Trish Munro noted her success in learning to chant for synagogue service;
- Loretta Kaskey revealing the planned girls Ohio trip for her self, mother and sister;
- Dave Rounds celebrating his home run in a soft ball game;
- Kelly Bowers delighting in the \$5million in federal funds that had finally been granted to Livermore schools for curriculum offering upgrades;
- Gordon Jones noting with relief the sale of his Sarasota real estate.



Mark Roberts presented a deeply touching and emotional report on the work of coming up with a presidential theme for the year, work now in the hands of a steering committee that will seek to deepen theme words to the point of compelling ecstatic abandon.

Any guesses what Sonia and Sheila were up to?

Next week's program will center on the issuing of Club Grants.

THE PROGRAM: The Livermore Lab Foundation



Sheila Fagliano introduced Dona Crawford, Cofounder of the Livermore Lab Foundation, and Sally Allen, the executive director of the Livermore Lab Foundation. Dona and Sally described the mission and work of LLF.

LLF uses funds from donors to extend STEM education to underserved populations and support and fund projects that sharpen the ability of science to address human needs. In the past year the foundation has supported STEM fellowships and partnership, delivered tools to bring climate change education to classrooms, and expanded neurodegenerative disease research. It looks to extend this philanthropic LLNL connection to expanding projects in the coming years.

Through the program's work students are supported in STEM education with financial aid and professional guidance from laboratory resources. The program has given several college students the financial means and instructional support to successfully complete STEM degrees.

LLF has funded work that produced a 3D Brain on a chip device that allows research on living brain cell cultures outside the body, making it unnecessary for human subjects to be risked in trials of certain drugs and therapies. This work has been used to unravel the disease progression of degenerative diseases like ALS, work that is opening the pathways to effective therapies and cures. LLF's early investments in ALS-related projects have yielded important insights into the many neurological diseases affecting our population.

And while it's William Schuler Fund for Degenerative Diseases expands the work in neurological diseases, it's Kim Cupps MemorialSTEM fellowship Fund works to connect students with lab internships. LLF has also has produced important work for the Carbon Clean Up Initiative

Donor funding for the program has grown from 18 donors in 2017 to 198 donors on 2021. The donations have raised some \$2,860,000 since 2016. The \$2,290,000 expended from donations was divided 54% for work in Climate education, 35% for Neurodegenerative Disease Research, 11% for STEM education programs.

The website of the LLF can be found at [www.livermorelabfoundation.org](http://www.livermorelabfoundation.org). The programs invites all who wish to contribute to the amplifying of engagement of the Lab with the needs of the world to consider becoming a donor.

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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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