

# Rotary Club of Livermore



## Spur Report 11/08/2023

**Spur Reporter:** Wendy M. Ellison



At 12:30pm, **President Sheila Fagliano rang the bell** to open the meeting.

**The Pledge of Allegiance:** President Sheila called on Ron Koopman to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Songsters:** Keeping in today's speakers' talk on car repair, the Songsters took us back to 1970 and sang *Mercedes Benz*, first sung by Janis Joplin. What you might not have known, thanks to the following from Wikipedia, is that *Mercedes Benz* is an a cappella song written by the American singer Janis Joplin, Bob Neuwirth and the poet Michael McClure. A straightforward reading of the song's lyrics indicates that the song is about the desire for possessions and pleasure, but at least one writer considers it to be a rejection of consumerism.



## Thought for the Day:

Marc Roberts, President - Elect, observed that in a few days it would be Veteran's Day from the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of



the 11<sup>th</sup> minute. Further, Marc shared that in war there are no unwounded soldiers. Some give their lives, some are affected for their lifetime, and some remember for moments. We are called to remember what they gave and what they continue to give.

**Presidential Thanks:** President Sheila thanked Nile Runge for his efforts in producing the newsletter he shared monthly with the membership. In addition, President Sheila reminded us of the outreach efforts of Kelly Bowers, our Public Relations spokesperson.



**Induction of New Members:** Alan Burnham invited Trudi and David Barnes to the podium to be welcomed as new members. Dennis O'Brien sponsored Trudi and David, and they were warmly welcomed by all present.

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

President Sheila asked for guests and Rotarians on Zoom, and there were none. There were also no visiting Rotarians in the room.

Guests in the room included Celia Stewart, caregiver for Ron Koopman, TJ Gilmartin introduced his wife, Barbara, and J R Romero introduced his brother David. Michael Giannecchini from Caliber Cabinets and Liz Lent were introduced by Christine Lusty.





President Sheila welcomed back Jacob Reid (on Zoom). Rotarian Chris Ising was also welcomed back to the meeting.

**TRF Major Donor Presentation:**



Goud Memula brought Barbara and TJ Gilmartin to the podium to be honored for attaining Major Donor, Level 1. Congratulations to TJ and Barbara for reaching this goal.

Goud also challenged the Club to attain 100% Paul Harris Fellows (PHF). As of now, we have 72 PHFs and 19 non-PHF. So, we are close!

**Announcements:**



Brian Mayall had returned to health, and thanked the Club for the nice get-well-card and was pleased to give \$100 to the Club and \$100 to the Foundation.

November 29 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm we will have a Holiday Social at Alden Lane Nursery. We will gather “up front” at the nursery building, which will be decorated for the holidays and shopping will be available. Members are asked to bring a bottle of wine (or other appropriate beverage) and appetizers to share. (See banner below.)

Kathy Coyle announced that the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore will be having it's annual Holiday Party for Kids, Dec 3rd from 2:00 - 4:00 at the RLCC.

Don Wentz, on behalf of the Inner Wheel Club of Livermore, announced that their Movie Night will be held at the Vine Cinema on Nov 27 at 6:30pm. The movie is a new release, The Holdovers. The price is \$25



and includes a small popcorn and a soda. Proceeds go to the Inner Wheel Club's Giving Fund supporting underserved women and children in Livermore. (See banner below.)

Bob Cowan announced the Crab Feed meeting would be held on Thursdays at Bob's home at 5:30pm.



Michael Ferrucci announced a "Frets & Friends" concert at the Bothwell Center on Dec 9th at 7:00pm. Renowned guitar picker, Richard Smith will be performing. Costs are \$25 for seniors and students, \$30 for advanced tickets and \$35 at the door. The proceeds of this concert will go to the Rotary Music Scholarship fund.

Loretta Kaskey announced that on November 11 from 12 to 4 there will be a fun work party at JMC Cellars, 6800 Greenville Road. Proprietor Jessica Carroll will greet Rotarians and are asked to show up with shovels, etc., to put plants in 10 barrels to decorate the winery. The winery is at 6800 Greenville Road, Livermore. There will be wine!



President Sheila shared that LARPD has generously offered our Club the use of the facilities rent free this year. President Sheila asked for a vote to accept this offer and the majority vote accepted the LARPD offer.

### **Next Week's Speaker:**

President Sheila announced the program for next week: Mary Grace Gomilla and Victoria Tishman Kamerzell of Axis Community Health. There will be sandwiches and we will meet at LARPD as usual. *(Editor's note: A late announcement has notified us that Liz Perez-Howe will replace Mary Grace Gomilla at the meeting.)*

### **Today's Speaker:**

Jay Davis introduced our speaker for the



day, J R Romero of Tri-Valley Auto Body, to bring us up to date on the history of auto repair and dealing with technology and innovation in automobiles. We heard the challenge: What's coming next? J R Romero assured us that his company will take the training courses and will deal with whatever comes along in the auto repair line of work.



You can hear all of JR's presentation on our YouTube channel, see the link below.



**President Sheila then rang the bell** to bring the meeting to a close, with her appreciation for visitors, our speaker, and the attendance of all in the room and online.



**JOIN US FOR A  
WINTERY HOLIDAY  
SOCIAL  
GATHERING!**

**AT  
ALDEN LANE  
NURSERY  
ON  
NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>,  
FROM  
5:30 TO 7:30 PM.**

**Bring your spouses, family, and  
friends**

**Each member please bring a bottle of wine (or  
other appropriate beverage), and something to eat  
(to share with others).**

# The Inner Wheel Club of Livermore Presents Movie Night



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SIDEWAYS AND DECENDENTS

## The Holdovers

PAUL GIAMATTI  
Discomfort and Joy



**Where: Vine Cinema**  
**When: Monday Nov 27, 6:30**  
**Cost: \$25 includes small popcorn and soda**

*Proceeds go to the Club's Giving Fund supporting underserved women and children In Livermore*

## 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 at different locations  
Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Avenue  
Livermore, CA 94551  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

## Club Leaders



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