

# Rotary Club of Livermore



## Spur Report 3/15/23

Spur Publisher: Ted Michels

**Spur Reporter:** Will Bateson

**President Sblend** was in Santa Barbara leading the meeting remotely. Just curious, can he fine himself? On a nicer note, President Sblend noted that Alan Frank is recovering nicely AND is in attendance today. And Keith Beck is in attendance via Zoom, recovering from major heart surgery less than 2 weeks ago. Great news on both fronts. And Sblend did a shout out to Ron Koopman, not in attendance today, but celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday today.



**Pledge of Allegiance:** Herb Ritter, from the Pleasanton North Club, led us in the pledge today

**Songsters:** Stu and others led us in "If I had a Hammer"





**Thought for the Day:** Will Bateson delivered the thought. Here it is: I've also noticed that we have a lot of new members, which is awesome. For today's thought, I want to take a minute to talk about a past rotary member who I think exemplifies the spirit of our club and should never be forgotten: Dr John Shirley.

Many of you knew John a lot more than I did. John was a World War II hero, noted in his book I Remember – Stories of a Combat Infantryman in WWII. He was a veterinarian and built the first animal hospital in Livermore, as well as being the first mayor of Livermore and a Past President of this rotary club. I could list his

accomplishments, but that would take up the entire meeting. For those who didn't know John, please take the time to google his name and read his obituary. Or visit his website, [drjohnshirley.com](http://drjohnshirley.com) for more information.

Here's what I most remember about John: One rotary meeting about six years ago was devoted to honoring John around the time of his birthday. His children and even some of his grandchildren travelled to Livermore, some by plane from far away, to our meeting to honor him. Their devotion to him, to me, says more about him than any of his accomplishments.

Finally, I loved his dry sense of humor. Here's my favorite quote from his obituary: "You can be a bad golfer, skier, or tennis player, but you have to be a good pilot." Thank you for your service, Dr. John Shirley.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Herb Ritter from the Pleasanton North Club; Herb will be our district governor for 2025



**Guests:** Jay Davis introduced Rick Stulan, retired from Sandia Labs; Christian introduced Del Valle's student of the month, Harly Segova, his mom Marielo Sanchez, and Erik Taylor, Principal of Del Valle High School



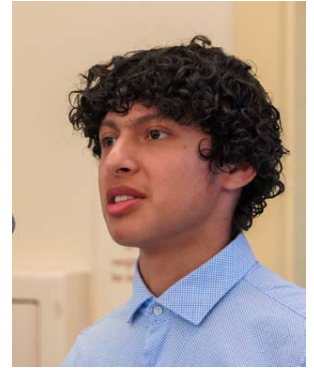
**Announcements:**

**The Interact Silent Auction** is Happening NOW.

**Presentation of a Grant Check:** Presented by Herb Ritter, given on behalf of David Halbert, to our rotary club for \$25,000! Fantastic!



**Student of the Month:** Bill Nebo introduced Del Valle Principal Erik Taylor, who introduced Harly Segova, a senior at Del Valle. Harly was very grateful and shared that he hoped to pursue a welding education at Las Positas next fall, hopefully leading to a journeyman position where he can make a lot of money and donate some to rotary. Ok, I added



that last part



**Goud** gave a Rotary Foundation update and handed out several Paul Harris Fellow pin



**Rotary Gift of Reading Program:** Carol Gerich shared that herself and TJ sorted over 1,000 books, ready to be given out to Livermore 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in a few weeks, and asked for folks to step up and sign up for the 20 spots, which commits you to about 2 hours at a local elementary school.

**Yvonne Hopkins** talked a bit about the International House weekend next weekend, March 25-26.

**Paul McCandless** mentioned that we need hosts for the Student Exchange



next year, details to follow in the coming weeks

**Next week's program:** Nik Dehejia, CEO of the Oakland Zoo



**Today's speaker:** Mike Slessor, President and CEO of Form Factor, here in 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

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