

# Rotary Club of Livermore



**Spur Report May 31, 2023**

**Some sad news.....**

**During the month of May we lost two former Rotarians. Manuel Perry who started the READY Program and Larry Burdick who owned a bookstore and then became a teacher. They will both be missed.**

**Spur Reporter: Tim Barry**

**"I Am Woman!"**



**President Sblend**, sensing his time as Supreme Leader of Rotary Club of Livermore is coming to an abrupt end this next month, started the meeting a few minutes early!

**Guest Speaker Geeta Kadambi** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



**Songsters** Tim, Stu and Michael were joined by Loretta Kaskey I, Sheila Fagliano and Linda Tinney in leading the group to sing a rousing "I Am Woman," a Helen Reddy hit, to honor the speaker's topic of empowering girls. Loretta really let it loose!

**Thought for the Day:** Nile Runge gave a super thoughtful message about remembering things he used to do, but age had taken its toll. He related watching young people and athletes doing things he used to do

and reminisced with a crack in his voice. He realizes he can experience those things again by watching others enjoy these activities. We can all relate to Nile's words. Well done Nile!



**Thanks to our front line meeting support:**

Spur Reporter- Tim Barry, Spur Publisher- Ted Michels, Greeter- Goud Memula, Thought For The Day- Nile Runge, Photographer- Dennis O'Brien, A/V- Don Wentz, Zoom Host- Jeff Youngsma.

**Visiting Rotarians:** Guest speaker Geeta Kadambi of Rotary District 5170.



**Guests of Rotarians:** Michael Parr and son Matthew, Caregiver Rob.



**Rodeo Parade:** Chair Paul Szmyd said we still need volunteers for the parade on June 10th and be sure to meet at the Riata for breakfast that day at 7 am. Also, the June 7th Rotary meeting will take place at the rodeo grounds at Robertson Park and there will be no Zoom access that day. Pay and sign up on the club's website.

**Demotion Party at Alden Lane Nursery:**

Mike Thompson announced that members will get an email with instructions to sign up to attend this June 28th 5:30 pm event to honor President Sblend on his demotion. There is no noon meeting that day.



**Sblend introduced Michael Parr**, an executive for Wente, whose 14 year-old son Matthew has participated in local, regional and state history presentation competitions, winning at each level. He is now invited to the national competition in Washington D.C. and is in need of funds for travel and lodging. Matthew, dressed in War of 1812 garb, gave an energetic monologue about the



War of 1812, complete with in-character speeches and no shortage of enthusiasm. A hat was passed and collection taken up for Matthew's trip. All enjoyed his presentation!



**Marc Roberts**, who is getting married on June 10th, was a good sport as members brought odd hats, necklaces and decorated tables for a wedding shower. Jay Davis bestowed upon Marc his wedding vows in a very entertaining fashion. Marc was asked to say a few words on the occasion of his upcoming nuptials and didn't fail to keep us in stitches with his ever-so-dry wit, and wearing a big floppy hat. Pictures were

taken of the groom as he cut the ceremonial wedding cake and accepted the well wishes of his fellow Rotarians.



Sblend asked Michael Ferrucci about his recent trip to Greece, which resulted in a donation by Michael to the Rotarian Foundation.



**Guest Speaker:** Geeta Kadambi- District 5170's "Empowering Girls Project." Please watch a video of this presentation at the YouTube link provided.

# Youtube channel

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Please consider following in the footsteps of our dear friend  
Marty Plone and make the RFL one of your "heirs"!  
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## 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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