



Rotary Club of Livermore

Spur Report July 12, 2023

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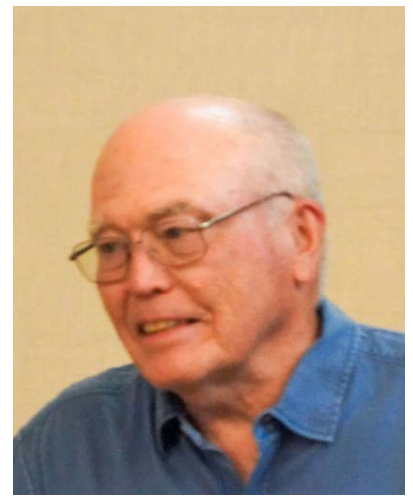
President Sheila started the meeting at 1230

Today, the **songsters** included Tim and Michael, Joel and Sheila, and the song was "Little Sheila," by Tommy Roe. In celebration of this song from 1962, President Sheila wore her poodle skirt.



The **Thought of the Day** was presented by Bob Cowan, who talked about sand dollars. You usually don't find a live one on the beach. One day after a storm, a little boy was out, throwing live sand dollars, which had been washed up by a storm the previous night,

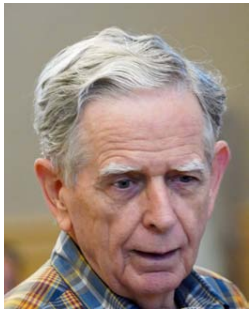
back into the sea. A man came up and said “What are you doing? You can’t save all those sand dollars.” The boy threw several more sand dollars back to their ocean home, and then replied “yeah, but I saved those.” That’s what Rotary does, for example in the READY program.



President Sheila recognized the front line, which included Joel Swanson as the SPUR Reporter. Irv Stowers was our photographer, Paul McCandless was the Audio/Visual operator, and Christine Lusty was the Greeter.

Next week we’ll be starting up the 50-50 Raffle again.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests



Rotarians - Ward Eccles was here from the Rotary Club of the Livermore Valley.

Guests – Rob, Ron Koopman’s caregiver, and Robert Freeman, from the Global Uplift Program.

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



Don Sweeney asked the club about AI use by Rotarians – did we want a talk about the new AI, and would anyone like a tutorial. By a show of hands, we’ll have a presentation about this at a future date.

Norm and Marc – talked about dues and why they went up. Moving from a place subsidized by tax dollars (the community center), to a place not subsidized by tax dollars, costs money. Facilities fee costs went from 2.50 (tax subsidized) to 7.50 per week. If we find that we don’t like the potential new places, we can come back to the RLCC. The 5\$ is coming from the fellowship and fun part of our years’ goals, and not paying out of the club funds for service. We’re back at



Beeb's next week, so sign up for lunch!

Irv Stowers shared information on the international projects committee's work.



Goud – Rotarian Foundation Update – Goud showed our results for last year and goals for this year.

Sheila reminded us of the wine social on August 30th, at Wood Family Vineyards. Red Badgers and Prospective members are free, and blue badgers must pay for their wine.



Upcoming – We'll be at Beeb's on July 19th and 26th, then back at the RLCC on Aug 2nd.

The **program for next week** will be Native Residents – Tina Henson, whose talk will be "Learning about Local Native Americans."

Today's Program Club Assembly



President Sheila's first topic was fines, and recognized Paul McCandless. Paul's daughter graduated from college, and Paul joined the president's club, with extra going to music scholarships.

Tim Barry just got back from a cruise to northern Europe, from which he brought back a guitar. He joined the president's club with the extra funds going to music scholarships too.



Board of Directors were recognized. Sheila introduced Bob Bishop and Trex Donovan as our new sergeants at arms. She then introduced Avenues of service directors. Gordon Jones is staying on as Club Services, Loretta Kaskey is continuing as Community Services, Irv Stowers is our new international services director, Jeff Youngsma is our new Vocational Services director, and Trish Munro and Matt Fuzie are co-chairing Youth Services. These committees will be needing members to serve in them, to get our service to community and the world done, and have some fellowship and fun.

Irv introduced us to how DDF works. The Rotary Foundation gets our donations, and the district gets money back after 3 years. At 1302 in the zoom meeting recording, you can see Irv's talk. The international service committee facilitates the international student weekend, support to the orphanage in Nepal, and any international student exchanges. What Irv needs is people who can participate in selection process for international goals. Kathy asked about area clubs getting together for these projects? Irv said that's definitely on the list to be considered, because the minimum amount for an international project is 30,000 dollars. An example of a past multi club project was the work we helped with in Guatemala, as well as other projects. Paul Thompson asked about the possibility of helping the orphanage dig a deep well there. The cost is \$30,000 for the well.



Joel talked about pins (\$10) and badges (\$25). If a club member would like to buy a Rotary pin, they can be purchased at the check-in table. If you need a new badge because your classification has changed, or you'd like a badge with a magnetic fastener rather than a clip, let Joel Swanson know, and he'll get them ordered.

Alan talked about membership. We had several new members last year, but several other members moved out of town or were otherwise moved to terminate their membership. We need new members –

Keep looking for good candidates!



Sheila mentioned that she gets a huge number of Rotary emails. Many require no action from her, but a few do, and might slip through the cracks. If you sent or forwarded an email for which you'd like to get some action by the club, and you haven't heard back, politely remind Sheila about it!

Final brag time –

Carol Howell's grandson just graduated with a degree in agricultural engineering. Carol joined the president's club, with extra going to the book project.

Paul Thompson just got back from the UK, and donated 1000 into foundation, and 25 cents to the club (he was joking, and he changed the club donation to \$25).

Glenn Kubiak donated \$500 to the club.

Mike Thompson and Anita went to Lisbon for 5 days, and had a very enjoyable time, then went to Spain for a 7-day golf tournament. Mike waxed poetic about the great food and good times. He donated \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation and \$1000 to the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore.



Marc reminded us that more members needed to sign up for lunch. 30 diners are needed to reach our break-even point.

Meeting Adjourned at 1327

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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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