

# Rotary Club of Livermore



## Spur Report April 5, 2023

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**Again, no one volunteered to be Spur reporter, so today's Spur reflects that absence. Please consider signing up as a Spur reporter.**

We also apologize for some of the audio problems we had with our Zoom connection and will be addressing them before the next meeting.



**President Sblend opened the meeting** in his usual way, totally surprising a visitor by asking them to lead the pledge. Visitor Brenda Duttan led the Pledge.

**Our own musical wizards lead the Songsters** in a version of 'You are my *Sunshine*' written by Jimmie Davis and Charles Mitchell in 1940.



**The Thought of the Day** was given by Kelly Bowers, which was an beautiful ode to her parents, who were visiting.

Jacquie Williams Courtright was in cheery form to assist with



the **Interact Club auction** that has been ongoing.



**Today's supporting staff** included: Spur Publisher and Photographer, Don Wentz, for those of you that didn't recognize him; A/V, Joel Swanson; Zoom Host/Chat Monitor, Pat Coyle; and Greeter, Sheila Fagliano.

**Today's visitors:** Kelly Bowers introduced her parents, Bob and Brenda Dutton. President Sblend did his best to try and get Kelly's parents to spill some dirt on Kelly about her past. See the video of what happened. Sblend also introduced his wife, Beth.



Sblend shared with the Club a postcard he received from a young lady from **Girl's Garage** expressing gratitude for our club's generous DDF grant to Girl's Garage last year.





Carol Lince handled **Birthdays and Anniversaries** very nicely today along with our Club musicians, who entertained after both the Birthdays and Anniversary announcements.



Mary Anne Rosza announced the **Rotarian Foundation of Livermore 2023 Community Grants**. A total of \$199,243 in grants were funded this year. She also announced that 1000 books were distributed to all third graders in the Livermore School system.

Norm Bregman (now doesn't he look happy!) gave a summary of the total raised for this year's **Crab Feed at \$33,000**. Great result considering smaller attendance and higher costs. **Thanks to all the Crab Feed Committee and other volunteers that made that event possible.** Norm talked about some other stuff, including the costs of moving our meetings to Los Positas Winery. Not enough people raised their hands indicating they would purchase a lunch for \$30. See the video for all the details.



Paul McCandless, on Zoom, announced the **Youth in Government Day** will be on April 19 in the Cresta Blanca Room. Volunteers are needed to help Paul. Contact him asap.

Beth Wilson indicated that the **Music Scholarship Program** is short, about \$2000 to meet the next grant cycle. The Club quickly came to her rescue with donations totaling \$2100. Great job Rotarians.



Our own **Bob Cowan will be our speaker next week** with a COANIQUEM Children's Burn Center Update. Bob recently returned from a trip to Santiago and Concepción, Chile to attend their Board meeting and to tour COANIQUEM's newest facility in Concepción.



**Today's Speaker was Mike Piscotty, President of ALS Cures Foundation.**

Mike's presentation is on our You Tube video, but the audio for the three You Tube videos Mike showed was not heard by the Zoom folks. I have included below the You Tube links for those videos.

[Stephen Piscotty hits an emotional home run in his first at-bat after](#)



[his mother's passing - YouTube](#)

[#ALSCHATTER - YouTube](#)

[Molecular dynamics simulation of 24 full-length TDP-43 proteins aggregation - YouTube](#)

## 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, 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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