

# Rotary



# Club of Livermore

## Spur Report Aug 10, 2022

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**President Sblend** called the meeting to order at precisely 12:30 pm and used a gavel borrowed from Alan Burnham. It appeared that there was some historical significance to the gavel dating back to 1961.

Our **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by **Dianna Geyer** - Sblend, who was very quick to select her from the audience and she began the pledge immediately.



Today, the songsters include **Michael Ferrucci, Tim Barry, Sheila Fagliano, and Stu Frazier** who led us in singing Marvin Gaye's "I Heard it Through the Grapevine". Very appropriate since our speakers today were journalists discussing a new on-line newsletter called the

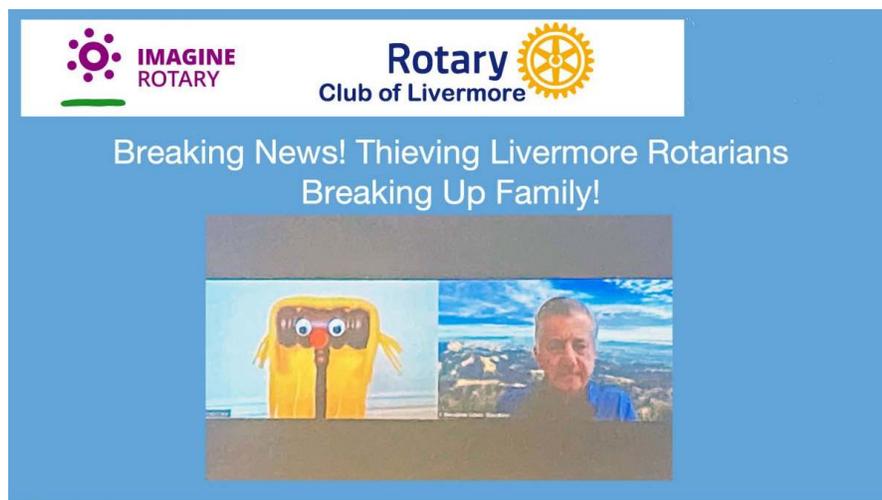


**"Livermore Vine."** And we welcome back all three of our singing Amigos in the same room!

The **Thought of the Day** was presented by Sheila Fagliano, who discussed our new Rotary International President Jennifer Jones, who's theme for 2022-2023 is "Imagine Rotary". Sheila pointed out the ability to imagine a concept and then to see it come to life is very precious.



**President Sblend's** announcement was a video news clip where Sblend interviewed the Rotary Club Mallet (with a cute face and blond hair) under a headline that read "Breaking News! Thieving Livermore Rotarian Breaking Up a Family!"



**Tim Barry** announced that he had recently been named President of the Livermore Amador Symphony and proceeded to hand out a very colorful brochure produced by the Symphony which discussed all of their accomplishments, including giving funds to young musicians to purchase musical instruments. This is in addition to their concerts led by Laura Weber.



**Tim Barry** also added a punchline announcing that he had successfully lost 70 pounds through the assistance of Kaiser Hospital. I believe that he joined the President's Club to accompany this announcement.

**Hank Shay** (on Zoom) suggested that Tim should send out an email to all Rotarians containing the symphony's website [ [livermoreamadorsymphony.org](http://livermoreamadorsymphony.org) ].

**Michael Ferrucci** announced that he had just returned from several weeks in Costa Rica and is just beginning to review his collection of sixteen hundred photographs. He was encouraged to join



the President's Club and directed it to the Rotarian Foundation.

**Lance Cavaliere** attended today's meeting in person and Sblend tried to elicit a story from him.

Sblend concluded by encouraging other Rotarians to visit Lance's jewelry store.



**Ronnie Forbes**, a new club member, was encouraged to give an impromptu four-minute new member talk about himself. He discussed his recent trip to Riverside, CA, where he visited relatives and old schoolmates and reminisced about past exploits, including being high school class president. He even shared some stories about his past military career and the bad side of

suffering from PTSD. He concluded by acknowledging how much he enjoyed being able to interact with so many great friends in Rotary. Kathleen Tabet spoke highly of Ronnie and of her visit to Ronnie's facility and mentioned that volunteers are needed on Tuesday morning.



**President Sblend** showed a slide that spoke of a planned event being organized by Area 4 Rotarians and the **Kids Against Hunger** organization on Saturday September 17 from 1:30pm - 3:00pm to pack food for Ukraine. President Sblend indicated that the Club would pay the necessary \$20 donation for any participants. Christain Chukwuma clarified how volunteers are to operate and spoke highly of the need for volunteering for this great organization.



**Sheila introduced our Today's Speakers, Gina Channell Wilcox and Cierra Baily from Livermore VINE**

Our speakers, who both joined us today on Zoom, are both multi-degreed journalists. Their news website is available at



<https://www.livermorevine.com>.

Their relatively new service was launched in October 2021 and gathers information from many print and online news services covering the Livermore valley. They emphasized their effort to bring truth to their reporting and clearly separate facts from opinions. They are particularly concerned about how many citizens are now getting their news through social media, which generally operate without oversight and fact checking.

Due to the poor audio quality in the Cresta Blanca room during the presentation, many members in the room had a hard time understanding our speakers. We remind all our members that today's presentation was recorded via Zoom and can be viewed on our Club's YouTube channel by clicking on the link below. The YouTube video audio is very good.

*(Editor's note: Our volunteer A/V team continues to work on improving the audio quality issues in the Cresta Blanca room, but the effort is severely compounded by the physical features of the room affecting the acoustics.)*

**President Sblend's** closing comments were that it is increasingly important that citizens read the entire news story and not just the headlines.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

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## 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

### Club Leaders



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