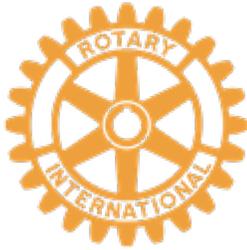


Rotary



Club of Livermore

Spur Report

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Spur Reporter: Will Bateson



President Sblend opened the meeting at 12:30p

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wendy Ellison.

Songsters: Michael, Stu, and Tim led us singing "Takin' Care of Business" to honor today's speaker, CEO of the Livermore Chamber of Commerce, Dawn Argula



Thought for the Day: Maryanne Rozsa quipped that her thought for the day was short and sweet, just like President Sblend. She found 7 rules to live life well. They are: Let it go; Ignore them; Give it time; Don't compare it (yourself to others); Stay calm; Smile – life is short, live it in 3D color; and, Oops, that's only 6. Sorry! I guess the Spur reporter will have to let it go...

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: We pitched a shutout today. If only the local baseball teams could do the same once in a while, it has been a tough year to be an A's or Giants fan.

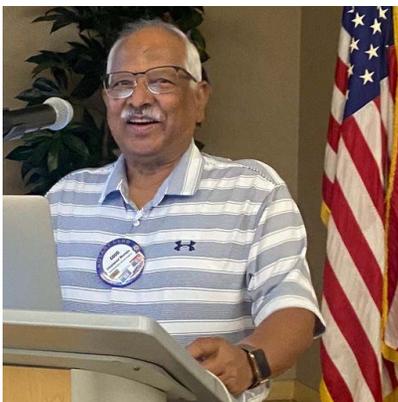
Marilyn Back-to-School Hotdog roast: Joel Swanson talked about the Back-to-School



hotdog roast which was last night (Thursday, as is written Friday morning), I'm sure it was a rousing success! Here are some pictures from the event.



Ready Program Update: Bob Cowan outlined the program our rotary has been doing at Junction School, typically helping 10-15 six to eight year-olds by spending an hour a week with them. He explained that often the children just need someone to help them with homework and many don't have anyone at home that can do so. We need a few more mentors this year, as a few of our mentors have retired from the gig, so who's up to the task? Contact Bob.



Club TRF: Goud Memula did a talk about our club's Rotary Foundation and his goals for the 2022-2023 year. He noted that we are quite a giving club, being the 12th largest club in membership of the 63 clubs in district 5170, but giving the 3rd most money. Then he shared that 20% of our members give 70% of our donations, and pleaded for the other 80% of us to step up. His goal is for every person in our club to achieve Paul Harris status this year (\$1000 contribution) and he will match a \$500 contribution – so all you need to give to become a Paul Harris fellow is \$500 this year, and a \$1000 donation will earn PHF +1 status.

Audio Issues with Dennis O'Brien: Dennis gave some background on why we are continuing to have some audio issues and gave a few possible solutions, including adding blue-tooths at each table. Stay tuned.



Mystery Golf Update: Last week Mike Thompson led the group to Dublin Ranch Golf Course, a short, fun course up in the hills of Dublin (CA, not Ireland). President Sblend won closest to the pin. Brian Mayall won 3rd place, Mike Thompson captured 2nd place and the winner of the coveted trophy was Linda Tinney. Linda noted it was the first



trophy of any kind she had won (clearly she did not grow up in today's participation trophy era) and was so grateful she agreed to fill the cup by joining the President's Club.

Norm Bregman noted he went back to upstate New York to celebrate his brother's 90th birthday and 65th anniversary and also will join the President's Club.

Gavel Talks, read by Alan Frank – So now attorneys are getting involved (in jest). Good grief.

Diana Geyer had some sad news. Long-time member **Judge Al Lewis** passed away today at the age of 92. There will be a memorial service sometime in September.

Next week's speaker will be **Mark McMillan**, representing Livermore's first cannabis dispensary, Garden of Eden.



Today's Speaker: Dawn Argula, CEO of Livermore's Chamber of Commerce. She said the chamber's mission statement is to be an agent for change and champion for a strong community. See the link below for the full talk.

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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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