

Rotary



Club of Livermore

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Spur Publisher Don Wentz on Thursday, September 1, 2022

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Sheila Fagliano, our President Elect, opened the meeting just a few moments after 12.30 pm. President Sblend has apparently run off to London unexpectedly.



The Pledge Of Allegiance was recited by Steve Powell.

Thought of the Day: Mike Thompson's Thought of the Day should be an example to all of us (including myself!) who continually break the rules and talk for more than 2 or 3 minutes.



"What are the hardest things to say?" he asked.

1. To say, "I'm wrong".
2. To ask for help.
3. Worcester Sauce

Definitely food for thought!



Songsters: Michael Ferrucci led us in singing 'Happy Birthday' to member Jennifer Thaete, then followed by announcing that, in keeping with the railroad theme of the meeting, we'd sing 'I've been Working on the Railroad'. The songsters were Stu Frazier, Tim Barry, Michael Ferrucci,, and Linda Tinney – joined by Sheila. Nice to have a singing President Elect!

Meeting Frontline: Spur Reporter, Susan Mayall; Spur Publisher; Don Wentz;

Photographer, Marc Roberts; A/V, Paul McCandless; Zoom Host/Chat Monitor, Jeff Youngsma; Greeter, Debbie Peck

Thanks: Sheila expressed thanks to Ronny Forbes for his generous gift of goodies for the members to snack on during the meeting.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians, present or on Zoom. Jay Davis introduced his wife Mary. Ronnie Forbes introduced guest Conni Naylor, who represents the Ravenswood Historical Site docents.



Announcements:

Club Grants: Check the Club website for a sample of Mini-Grant Applications. If you know of a suitable non-school project, help it by getting an application in by Sept 7 . School project applications have been filled.

READY Program: Bob Cowan announced the READY program starts again on September 12, at 2.45 in the Library at Junction School. Volunteers must be approved by the school. Below are the requirements for being a school volunteer. The information is self-explanatory. Use this link to begin the process.

<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NjgzMzplbi1VUw=>

It will ask you to upload copies of your driver's license and other items. For the TB requirement, I just uploaded a copy of a file I saved saying "In Process." Let's all start the process and we'll deal with the usual roadblocks and hiccups as they occur. Let Bob Cowan know of any issues at 925-337-2334. Remember, we start on Monday, September 12. If you are not officially cleared by then, you can still participate by signing in as a "school visitor".

LVJUSD Volunteer Requirements:

All volunteers are required to complete a volunteer application, code of conduct form, and have a clear tuberculosis screen on file.

General Clearance (for those not going on field trips) requires:

- Completion of the LVJUSD Volunteer Application and acknowledgement of our Code of Conduct on the Raptor online portal.
- Scanning of a government-issued ID via the Raptor system when checking in through the main office at a school site.
- Clear tuberculosis screen record on file. TB screenings are valid for four years, but

need to be resubmitted annually via the Raptor portal.

For those participating in Field Trips:

- All General Clearance requirements plus
- LiveScan Fingerprinting (DOJ & FBI)
- Completion of "Use of Private Vehicle Transportation Form"
- Proof of insurance is uploaded to Raptor online portal. Minimum requirements include: \$100,00/300,000; Property Damage \$50,000; Medical \$5,000



The First Talk of today's Meeting: Goud Memula introduced Robert Freeman, Founder and Ex Directive of The Global Uplift Project and also a past Livermore teacher. This is an effective Internet development aimed at small-scale, high-impact infrastructure projects. It grew out of a suggestion made by Freeman to his class when teaching. "What if everyone in the school gave one dollar to build a classroom for some kids who needed one?" The idea grew and flourished. It has built schools and latrines all over the world, trained teachers, provided sanitary kits for menstruating girls, produced a 'Science Lab in a Box'. In each case, local involvement is part of the deal. It has grown from small donations, and every dollar goes to its intended project. This inspiring talk led to 'passing of the hat' and raising \$550. Sheila promised there would be more!

Next week's Speaker – Mark Trisca on "Vines and Truffles in the Tri-Valley"



Today's Speaker is our own Alan Frank, a retired Physicist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and a Railroad aficionado, largely responsible for the survival and renovation of the Niles Canyon Railroad, Historical Superintendent of the renovation of the Livermore Train Station, and author of two books on the subject, one available today. His talk covered the joint development of the local railroad, and, in fact, how the town and railroad grew up together.

On the way, we saw several historical illustrations and learned about the often wild and sometimes violent competition of the various railroads, mostly aimed more at personal gain than for the public good. A fascinating story well told. See both talks on our YouTube video at the bottom of the Spur or go to the club website. (*Editors note: At publication time, the video had not been uploaded.*)

And so, the meeting ended. Happy heat wave to all!

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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

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Meets at Hybrid, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA

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Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

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