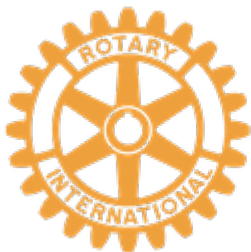


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Club of Livermore

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President Sblend started the meeting at 12:30pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance:

The pledge was led by: Heather Rayburn, mother of our Student of the Month!



Songsters: Today, the songsters included Michael

Ferrucci, Tim Barry, Sheila Fagliano, and Joel Swanson, who led us all in singing “O Tannenbaum.”



Thought of the Day: The thought was presented by Tim Barry. About the people who work during the holidays so we can all have Christmas at home. He played and sang “Christmas for Cowboys,” by John Denver.

Meeting Front Line: Spur Reporter- Joel Swanson, Spur Publisher – Don Wentz, Photographer – Irv Stowers, Audio Visual – Paul McCandless, Zoom Host – Jeff Youngsma/Pat Coyle, Greeter – Mary Anne Rosza

Visiting Rotarians: We did not have any visiting Rotarians today.

Visiting Guests – Erik Taylor, Principal of Del Valle high School. Norm introduced Eddie Rios, a realtor and lifetime Livermore resident, interested in joining the club. Gordon introduced Dr. Dante Sblendorio, Gabby from Cupertino, and Ziga, from Slovakia, all of whom are PhDs at the same Swiss University where Sblend’s son, Dante, just received his PhD. Ron Koopman introduced his caregiver, Jane. Mary Anne

introduced Mary Dyer, a future Friend of Rotary. Carolyn introduced Heather Rayburn, mom of our student of the month. Bill Nebo introduced Julian Laguisma and Aileen Le, also guests of Sblend. Bob Bishop introduced our speakers, Nick Harvey and Steve Smith.



President Sblend's Recognitions, Announcements, et al:

Thankful Giving: President Sblend offered to the Club for anyone who would pay \$10 to tell the rest of the Club what they were thankful for. Michael Ferrucci was thankful for his "Damned good 90 minutes" every week. Will Bateson donated \$10 because his son is back in town and was thankful for Yosemite in the snow. Glenn Kubiak was thankful for his family and running club. Bob Cowan was thankful that his annual airplane inspection was nearly done and donated \$1000 to the Foundation. Dr. Jack Mills is thankful that the year is over. Carolyn Siegfried is thankful that, in March, she'll be a grandmother. Mike Thompson is thankful for Ben Franklin's saying, "a good conscience is a continual Christmas," and that his health is well, donated \$150 for the Music Scholarship Program. Goud bragged that his granddaughter had just graduated from medical school. Sheila was grateful for being done with Christmas shopping, her health and family. Jeff Youngsma joined the President's Club after spending 14 days with his

grandson from Sweden. Pat Coyle bragged about his grandson who is 8 months old and donated \$100 to the club. Ted Michels bragged about his granddaughter who had overcome her premature birth. David Rounds bragged about his 4 grandkids in the Cantabella children's choir



The Ugly Christmas Costume Contest Finalists

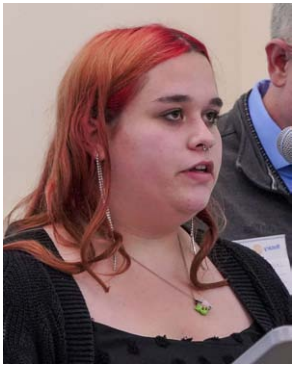
Sblend's Onesie Folly: Sblend then told us about Bucee's, a "big-ass" Truckstop in Florida, at which there were Christmas items on sale, including the onesie he was wearing at the meeting. He said he'd wear it in a public place if he could raise \$500. The place was selected by the Club as Pete's Coffee and Tea. The Club raised more than \$500 for him to appear at Pete's in that onesie. Looking forward to the pictures of him sipping coffee in his Christmas PJs!



The Rotary Foundation: Goud told us all about The Rotary Foundation's latest Paul Harris fellows in our club – Norm +8, Nile +4, Carolyn +5, Glenn Kubiak +3. For EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year), he explained about the letters we all received and how that donating just \$100 to TRF would get us towards our Club's TRF goal.

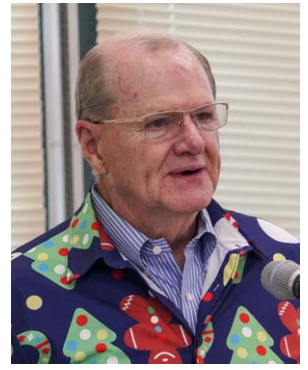
Crab Feed: Debbie Peck told the Club she is now taking reservations for tables or seats at the Crab Feed. The Crab Feed this year is Mar 3, 2023, at the Robert Livermore Center in Livermore.

Student of the Month: Keith Beck introduced the Student of the Month. Erik Taylor introduced us to the student, Julia Siraponian, who has excelled academically and personally at



Del Valle HS. Julia then spoke about her participation in the

Culinary program in Del Valle HS. She is graduating, then going to Laney college, and to become a cosmetologist, and running her own business.



Next Week's Program: The speaker for next week will be nobody, because there's no meeting. Enjoy your holidays!

Today's Speaker:



President Elect Sheila introduced Nick Harvey, of Bay Area Redwood. You can watch Nick's talk on our YouTube channel, a link is provided at the bottom of this Spur. His talk starts about 35 minutes into the recording.



Nick and Steve started their meeting by offering a wonderful assortment of snacks on a very large charcuterie board made by their company. At the end of the meeting, when most of the snacks were eaten, we could see that they had laser engraved "The Rotary Club of Livermore" on the Charcuterie board, including the Rotary wheel. Thank you Nick and Steve.



Questions:

Loretta asked about green wood. How do you shortcut the drying process? Redwood doesn't shrink much, so they can go ahead with the builds without drying. Eucalyptus is problematic: it warps and twists as it dries. Some eucalyptus are dried in Livermore. Michael Ferrucci asked about sunken redwood, which is sought after for guitar

construction. Nick replied that it was called “sinker” wood, and he did look for it, but it was a different guy that worked with the sinker wood.

Mike Thompson asked about the use of eucalyptus wood for poles.

Glenn asked about how to go about getting redwood slab tables. Nick said to come with a lot of info up front, to make it easier.

Sheila asked about charcuterie boards, and that the board brought in had her logo on it. The charcuterie board is to be placed up for auction at the Crab Feed.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:29pm.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!

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Club Meeting

Livermore

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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