

Rotary



Club of Livermore

Spur Report July 13, 2022

Spur Publisher - Don Wentz on Friday, July 15, 2022

Spur Reporter Extraordinaire – Pat Coyle



President Sblend Sblendorio

rang the Zoom meeting to order at 12:30 for another Hybrid meeting. He welcomed everyone as best he could to another meeting of the Rotary Club of Livermore because he was losing his voice. No one could image that ever happening!



Pledge of Allegiance: Susan Mayall led the Pledge

Songsters: Rotary player Tim is up in Oregon and Michael is in Costa Rica. However, Stu Frazier played, and songsters joined in and sang *This Land*, a Woodie Guthrie tune, in celebration of our program.



Thought for the day: Susan Mayall, discussed citizenship in a way. Because first of all, I was provoked to write this on July 4, and also by the fact that, in 1970, Brian and I became US citizens in Philadelphia, and the ceremony was led by the first black man to fill the position of District Judge in that area. So, that makes me feel patriotic. When we came to Livermore in 1972, I was hired by the then president of Livermore's branch of Chabot College to teach US history. In Philadelphia, I taught ancient history, African history, geography, European history, none of them anything to do with US history. He said, I'll give it a different angle. So, I totally did. I didn't mean to teach it subversively. But my exposure to American history was very different from that of most of my students. In fact, until the last 10 years in Philadelphia, it had been almost null. And my students, a huge class,

ranged all the way from brilliant and interested to bored, and let's get this over. We had a good textbook by the standards of 1974. So, I tried to fill in what I saw as gaps. They'd never studied the Western movement, for instance. How could one understand American history without it? I immersed myself in letters and journals, accounts by pioneers, and even a letter from someone whose great grandma had come on a wagon.

The point I'm trying to make is that there are many ways in which to teach and study history, which has become a rather controversial subject in some parts of the country. In every country, in most schools, history is arranged to help students understand the workings of their government and become good citizens. And that's fine until any sort of totalitarian government takes over. But in even the best of countries, the school histories of one may differ a long way from those of the other. We grew up in Britain and lived in Canada before we came here. I was somewhat surprised to learn that the War of 1812 was won by Canada. Did you know that? I had to adapt a bit when we came to the USA. When we grew up, there was virtually no US history taught in British schools. If we'd heard of it, it was just a mistake, which was in the case of the British. The British knew how to handle local insurrections, they had them all the time. They just put them down and forcefully calmed things down a bit and remedied some of the grievances which actually led to progress. Things have changed. American history is taught all across Europe, and I like to think that Britain might be portrayed in American textbooks as a beneficial influence rather than a tyranny. After all, there is the idea of no taxation without representation, which goes all the way back to the Middle Ages. There is common law and the British Bill of Rights, almost identical to the American one, but 100 years earlier. And as we discovered in Philadelphia, some places are still very British. Is that a subversive thought? I wonder? So that's my thought. Thank you.

Meeting Front Line: Sblend introduced and thanked the Meeting Front Line, including Zoom Host: Carolyn Siegfried, Zoom Chat Monitor: Carolyn Siegfried, Audio Visual: Paul McCandless, Spur Reporter: Pat Coyle, Spur Publisher: Don Wentz, and Irv Stowers: Photographer.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests: There were no visiting Rotarians, with the exception of our program speaker, Lori Souza from the morning club. Steve Powell introduced guest Ronnie Forbes (pictured to the right), who will soon be a Rotarian. Carolyn introduced her friend John Houghton, who was on Zoom.



Announcements and Activities:

Crab Feed News: Sblend noted one big announcement. The Aahmes Shriners Event

Center is closing effective this August. So, I expect our next Crab Feed will be in the Cresta Blanca Ballroom of the Robert Livermore Center. Don Wentz noted the Shrine Center event hall is being sold to a church and no longer available for non-church events.

New Club Historian: Gordon Jones also noted how historical events get interpreted differently in different countries. He shared that Irv Stowers had agreed to act as club historian.

Volunteer Sign Ups: Gordon showed the Google sheet with volunteer signups, in the members' area of the club website. He urged members to sign up to help make our club meetings work.

President Sblend Wants to Know: What's New with Rotarians?

Sblend invited Mary Anne Rozsa to tell us about some wonderful things going on in her family. Well, I have some medical grandkids. One is an emergency nurse in Virginia City, Virginia. Her sister is a fourth-year medical student in Southern California. She's also in the Air Force. When she comes out, she will be a colonel. And she does have to do service for four years after she finishes her medical degree. But she doesn't have to pay a cent to go through medical school. That includes her board, apartment, everything. So, she loves that. And she thinks she's going to go into emergency room service also as a doctor, so that's where she's headed. Sblend said, as chair of our local foundation, we hope that you make your first gift on behalf of your grandkids. Mary Anne made a generous donation.

Sblend spoke to Maryalice Faltings who indicated she's retired from banking, but still with LARPD. Despite some health setbacks, with the help of friends like Beth Wilson, she's able to get to activities like Rotary.

Sblend asked Kelly about her retirement and new gig. Kelly indicated she will be starting on August 8, as the CEO/President for the Three Valleys Community Foundation. Sblend also noted Kelly's role as Public Image Director for our club.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: Debbie Peck announced Birthdays and Anniversaries and we sang Happy Birthday to Bob since he was the only July birthday person present.

July Birthdays: Wendy Ellison, Jim Hannon, Bill Groth, Jay Davis, Peter Poulsen, Bob Cowan and John Marion III.



July Anniversaries: Steve and Karen Powell 24 yrs, Jacquie Williams-Courtright 32 yrs, Trish Munro 42 yrs, Pat and Madeline McMenamin 46 yrs, Don and Shari Wentz 51 yrs, Carol Howell 56 yrs, and Randy and Brenda Schlientz 61 yrs.

Call for a Practical Joker: Sheila Fagliano is looking for help with a practical joke. Contact her for details. Oh my, this sounds suspicious!



This Week's Program: President Sblend introduced Lori Souza, who spoke to us on Zoom, and noted her role as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Tri-Valley Conservancy and the UC Davis study of the economic viability of the Livermore Wine Region.

Lori Souza presented "Realizing the Heritage", a UC Davis study, and received a lively set of questions from the members. See the full presentation on our video. President Sblend thanked Lori.



New YouTube Channel for Club Videos: Watch the video for this important study, insights, and actions for our wine region. The Club meeting videos are now on our YouTube Channel. See below.

Next week's program is Jim Ott, Ventriloquist.

At 1:37 President Sblend rang the bell and concluded another meeting of the Rotary Club of Livermore.

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.

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/62794352@N07/albums/with/72157709710922731>

Today's video will be available on our web site: <https://livermore-rotary.org/2020-21>

The collage contains the following advertisements:

- Tri-Valley auto body**: since 1980, logo with a blue oval.
- Lance & Cavalieri Jewelers**: 1122 East Stanley Boulevard, Livermore, 925.455.4222.
- Mary Anne Rozsa**: Broker Associate, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 925.963.0887 (mobile).
- Securities America**: Call Us Today! (925) 443-2800, www.ChuckandChick.com.
- Bent Creek Winery**: CAROL POWELL, Marketing Partner.
- Chris Ising**: President, Culligan, 800.20.WATER, P 925.447.3717.
- Robert B. Jacobs**: Real Estate, Business Law, Construction Law, Engineers, Taxation, Litigation.
- Jack O Mills**: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, 60 Fenton St., Suite 7, Livermore Ca 94550, 925-443-4211.

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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