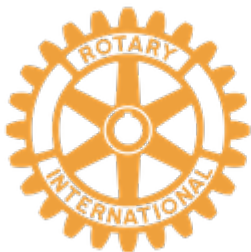


Rotary



Club of Livermore

Spur Report October 26, 2022

Your Spur Reporter this week: Glenn Kubiak



The Rotary Club of Livermore met on October 26 at the Robert Livermore Community Center and online, with members and guests celebrating Halloween in their costumed finery! Some particularly gaudy examples are shown below.



President Sblend, resplendent in his best tutu, called the meeting to order near 12:30.

Anita Thompson led us all in the pledge of allegiance.

In recognition of guest speaker Brad Robert's topic, "The Eroding Security Environment," the **Songsters** next provided a spirited rendition of "Secret Agent Man." [For extra credit, name the singer who made that song famous in the 1960's and what was its peak position in the U.S. Billboard Hot 100?



Thought for the Day: President-Elect Sheila reflected on her thirteen years as a Rotary member. Over that time, being a Rotarian has always helped her retain a positive outlook on life. An essential aspect of that has been to cultivate a robust sense of humor, which has helped her, and others, remain healthy and recover from challenges more quickly, develop a wider circle of friendships, and work through tough times.



Meeting Front Line: Audio/Video - Joel Swanson, Spur publisher - Kathy Coyle, Photographer - Irv Stowers, Zoom Host - Carolyn Siegfried, Spur reporter - Glenn Kubiak

Visiting Rotarians: Mr. Chris Hobbs from the Dublin Club and Sergeants Chaney and Blanca of the U.S. Army, who share a corporate membership in our Club with Capt Alvarez.



Guests: Mary-Martha Swanson (Joel's wife), Matt Fuzie of LARPD, Heather Larrick of Hoge-Fenton, and potential new member Chau Pham Bui.



Announcements:



The missing gavel mystery seems finally to have been resolved (whew!), as well as the Club President's Theme of the Year, which is now "The best d@^n 90 minutes most of us will have all week!" Hallelujah! And through a process that would be difficult (and unproductive) to try to explain, it was also decided that the Songsters need a cowbell player. Who knew?!

Youth Services Director Paul McCandless reported on his travels to Belgium to visit former Rotary International Exchange student (2019-2020) Elisa Delince and her hometown Rotary Club in Durbuy, Belgium. Paul returned with a Durbuy Rotary Club flag, which he presented to President Sblend and then announced his pledge of \$100 to the Music Scholarship fund of the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore. Paul also made a strong appeal for volunteers to STEP UP to take over crucial leadership positions within Youth Services, including those of the READY, International Youth Exchange, Interact Club, Student of the Month and Speech Contest programs. PLEASE contact Paul if you are interested in taking a lead in one of these important Youth Services programs!



Sonya invited all to attend the Wine Wednesday New Member Mixer at the Singing Winemaker on October 26, the last mixer of the 2022 calendar year. David Rounds encouraged members to attend the District Governor's Area 4 "Girl's Empowerment" fundraiser being held from 4:30-8:00pm on October 27 at Page Mill Winery.

The Program: Dr. Brad Roberts of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory provided his clear-eyed and very sobering perspectives on the current nuclear security environment, emphasizing the ongoing invasion of Ukraine by Russia and the resulting nuclear threats posed to Ukraine, NATO and beyond by Russia and its bellicose leadership.

All are encouraged to watch Dr. Roberts' presentation and Q/A session in its entirety at the following YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/7YikleGoQnQ>



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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

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Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

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