

# Rotary Club of Livermore



Spur Report 5/14/2025

**Spur Reporter:** Will Batson



**President Marc** called the meeting to order at 12:30.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** TJ Gilmartin led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Songsters:** Today we celebrate teachers. Rather than a repeat song, Stu and the Songsters sang "*You Made a Difference*." It was a great choice!



## Thought for the Day:



Singer and songwriter Dave Barnes did the honors today. He started by saying thank you to all the teachers who have touched you and thank you to teachers everywhere. He shared about teachers who have helped his children grow. Here is his message to today's teachers about the impact they have on our children's lives: you may never see the seeds grow, but we do! Dave ended with a song he wrote when his child was graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade, "*When it Flies*". Thank you Dave!

## Rotarians and Guests of Rotarians:

There were no visiting Rotarians. We have not seen Bob Tucknot in a while. We miss you Bob!

We had many guests with our Outstanding Educators and Student of the Month, but no other guests of Rotarians.

## Announcements:



**Student of the Month:** Daijon Kelly of Del Valle High School. Daijon and his family moved to Livermore about a year ago. He has accomplished a lot in his time here and will graduate in the next few weeks. Beyond being a great basketball player and having a radiant smile, Daijon has completed many certifications and is ready to soar. Good luck Daijon!

## Granada Native Garden Trail:

According to top shoveler President Marc, **10 tons of gravel** were moved last Saturday. That's the amount Rotarians spread last Saturday at the Granada native gardens. Great job! President Marc urged Rotarians to go and check out the beautiful work.



#### **Celebrate the Magic of Rotary:**

The District 5170 Conference is coming on May 31, 2025. It will be held at San Jose State University. President Marc says that the Club will pay for our Red Badgers to attend.

#### **Support the Rotary Foundation:**

Goud gave a brief update, showing that we are very close to our goal this year, but time is running out on the year (Rotary year), so if you are inclined to donate, NOW is the time!



#### **The Livermore Rodeo Parade:**

The parade is just four weeks away! Paul Szymd reminded us that we need all hands on deck for this event and that all Rotarians are invited to breakfast at the Riata Tavern the morning of the parade, starting at 7 a.m. The Riata is located at 190 S. J Street.



#### **The Demotion is Happening on June 26, 2025:**

Immediate Past President Sheila reminded the Club that the demotion of our esteemed President is happening soon. The Demotion, which includes a dinner and wild entertainment, will be June 25, 2025. So save the date!

#### **May 21 Meeting Potluck:**

Joel reminds us that at next week's meeting we will have a potluck for lunch. It's a Asian or Pacific Islander theme so let Joel Swanson know if you are bringing food. Joel says you can stray from the prescribed theme if you so inclined!

#### **Next Week's Meeting:**

Our own Bob Cowan will present a slide show of Livermore aerial photographs; both old and new. Join Bob in identifying places of interest in the Livermore Valley. Many of the photos were taken from Bob's own plane, Doris, shown below.



#### **Today's Program: Presentation of Outstanding Educators Awards**



Carol Howell led the program, with great assistance from Sheila, Beth Wilson, and TJ. Carol talked about her 38 years as a teacher and relayed a perfect quote to sum up the teaching profession: "Teaching is a work of the heart." The LVJUSD Superintendent and fellow Rotarian, Torie Gibson, joined the program to present the Outstanding Administrator. There were eighteen awards given for Outstanding Educators, one from every school in the District, and one for Outstanding Administrator, from the District.







On a final note, a few weeks ago, Susan Mayall suggested we include the Four-Way Test in our meetings. Here's the Four-Way Test Banner we bring to each meeting.



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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 Robert Livermore Community Center  
Robert Livermore Community Center 4444 East Avenue  
Livermore, CA 94551  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

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