



THE SPUR

The ROTARY CLUB of LIVERMORE



InterAct Auction



Meeting Photos by Beth Wilson



Pat Coyle
Your Spur Reporter



Carolyn Siegfried
Thought for the Day

President Kathy Coyle rang the meeting to order at 12:29.

Kathy shared the sad news of the passing of Milt Finger on Monday after being quite ill and a difficult surgery. Memorial service information will be provided when it is available. In addition to his other activities in the club, Milt organized multiple educational exchanges with visitors from the Russian city of Snezhinsk.



Rotary Make-up Opportunities in the Tri-Valley

| TUESDAY | TUESDAY | TUESDAY | THURSDAY | THURSDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 11:55 AM-12:30 | 7:00 AM | 12:15 PM | 12:15 PM | 7:30 PM | 6:00 PM | 12:10 PM |
| Interact | Livermore Valley Club | Dublin Club | Pleasanton Club | Rotaract Club | Tri-Valley Club | Pleasanton North Club |
| Livermore High Room 412 | Beeb's Livermore | Dublin Ranch Golf Club | Haps Original Pleasanton | Handles Gastropub Pleasanton | Castlewood CC Pleasanton | Handles Gastropub Pleasanton |

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Susan Mayall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Happy Valentines day! The songsters sang That's amore: When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie, That's amore, When the world seems to shine like you've had too much wine, That's amore.

Thought for the day: Carolyn Siegfried shared that all students in the Livermore School District are participating in the Choose Love social emotional learning curriculum. The program was developed by educators to develop provide schools, families, and communities with the tools to promote self-empowerment, resilience, connection and optimism. The program focuses on for important character values: Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness and Compassion in Action which cultivate Optimism, Resilience and Personal Responsibility. The Choose Love curricular blends social emotional learning with character education, positive psychology, mindfulness, neuroscience, and emotional intelligence.

The Choose Love at Home Program provides parents with lessons to use at home to supplement the school program. In her recent Superintendent's newsletter, Dr. Kelly Bowers highlighted the theme of Choose Love at

Home unit three: learning to be reflective rather than reflexive when we experience strong emotions. The lesson explores our primitive Lizard Brain that operates out of a fight-or-flight survival mode. When we use this part of our brain, we are reactionary, reflexive, and impulsive. We see many things as a threat and negative self-talk floods our heads. Kelly invited parents to bring the lesson of "talking back to the Lizard" into their homes by discussing how to replace negative statements with positive ones.

She challenged all of us to identify our own negative thoughts and then think about how to talk back to our Lizards. More information on the Choose Love initiative is available on the school district website which includes links to JesseLewisChooseLove.org.

Kathy introduced and thanked the Meeting Front Line, and other meeting support folks.

Visiting Rotarians

- Jacquie Williams-Courtright introduced Frank Hanna, Pleasanton North Rotary, auctioneer extraordinaire.

Guests of Rotarians

- John Marion introduced his wife Christina.
- John Shirley introduced his daughter Jean Ott. Jean alerted us to save the June 15 date for the ribbon cutting for the new City Council chambers



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named in honor of John. More details will be coming.

- Beth Wilson introduced Trish Munro, City Council member, who has applied for membership and been published in the Spur.



President Kathy called on Paul Thompson and gave him his badge. They discussed how he lost his badge so got a new one, but then lost the new one. He took it for \$10, but then donated \$100 for the upcoming Michael Ferrucci music scholarship concert.



JR Romero announced his second grandchild this year – John, nine pounds six ounces or so. Bigger than his first grandson of this year, Tristen, who came last week. He donated \$200, \$100 each, for music scholarships.



Kimbrely Gruidl won big in the morning club football pool, so joined the President's Club.



New Member Proposal

This is the second publication of a new member proposal for Patricia (Trish) Munro. Trish is a sociologist, a city council member and lives in Livermore. She has been sponsored for membership by Beth Wilson. If anyone has an objection to this proposal, please contact Pres Kathy immediately.

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Announcements:

- Inner Wheel drawing – Kathy Coyle reported she attended their luncheon, but none of our members won the drawing. Great company, meal, and program featuring Mona Patel, founder and executive director of San Antonio Amputee Foundation, who spoke of her personal experience as amputee, her foundation's work, and that of Hanger, Inc. the world's premier provider of orthotic and prosthetic services and products. Inner Wheel partners with Hanger to make a difference in providing advanced prosthetics. President Kathy thanked Diana Geyer for her work in organizing the drawing sales. She congratulated Diana and others who just returned from trip to South America including a visit to Coaniquem in Santiago, Chile.



- Dictionary Project – Carol Howell: Discussed that distribution is underway. Schedule were on tables, can let her know or just show up. Need folks for Joe Michell, but it is out in March, so there is time.



- International House Week End – Evonne Hopkins: Overviewed for red badgers. For over 50 years we have hosted 20-25 students from I-House at Berkeley, for tours of Livermore, pot-luck, family stayover and visit to Paul Banke ranch, then back to Berkeley. Coming March 16. Sign-up sheets were on table. Brian Mayall added that John Sarboraria was founder of our program and supported it for many years. Keep this in mind as a special part of this year's event.

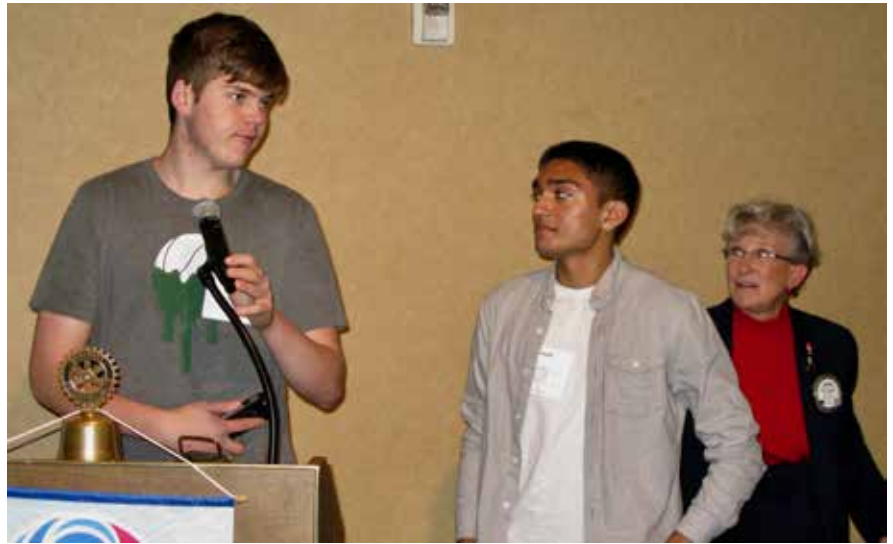
A vertical business card for Bent Creek Wines. The top half is black with 'Bent Creek' in white cursive. Below that is a red wavy shape with 'WINES' in white. The bottom half is red with white text: 'CAROL HOWELL', 'MANAGING PARTNER', '5455 GREENVILLE ROAD', 'LIVERMORE, CA 94550', '(925) 337-3045', '(925) 449-4134 (FAX)', 'CAROLHOWELL@BENTCREEKWINERY.COM', and 'WWW.BENTCREEKWINERY.COM'.

A horizontal business card for Lance & Cavaliere Jewelers. The top half is gold with 'LANCE & CAVALIERE' in white serif font. Below that is a white wavy shape with 'JEWELERS' in gold serif font. The bottom half is white with gold text: '1102 EAST STANLEY BOULEVARD, LIVERMORE' and '925.455.4222'.

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- **Music Scholarship – Michael Ferrucci:** Upcoming event emerged fast. It will be 7pm, March 2, at the Bothwell west end room. Looking for 50-75 attendees. Tickets will be \$30. Fretted Friends is putting it on. More information to come. All proceeds will go to music scholarships.



Program – Jacquie Williams-Courtright: Livermore High School Interact Auction 2019. Jacquie introduced Interact Co-Presidents, Grant Dufek and Devon Maheshwari, who spoke briefly of the Interact program to support youth in Venezuela. Auctioneer Frank Hanna, Pleasanton North Rotary, warmed up the crowd with his compliments, remarks, and jokes about our club. He said their club has a pre-meeting in the bar at 11:15, so they are a ruder crowd by time their meeting starts at noon. All in good fun. Thanks to

Frank for the great auction experience!

Items included:

1. **Movie Night Basket** -An arrangement of items to allow you to have a blast sitting down and watching movie! Provided by the Interact officers. Successful bidder was Kathy Coyle, bid was \$200.

2. **Valentine’s Spa Basket** -An arrangement of lotions and candles along with a box of Sees Candy! Provided by Britney Pham. Successful bidder was Sheila Fagliano (shared, with donation from Lori Souza, from morning

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club), bid was \$175.

3. Interactor Garden basket. Successful bidder was Jennifer Thaete, bid was \$75.

4. Volunteer Labor -Have 4 interactors do work for 2 hours. Grant Dufek Interact Co-President will lead the group of volunteers for service for 2 hours (925)337-5084 or grantpapag@gmail.com. Did two. Successful bidders were Susan Mayall and Trish Monro, bid was \$200.

5. Coffee/ Sunday Morning Basket -An arrangement of coffee supplies and others to get your Sunday Morning off to a comfortable start plus a \$25.00 Starbucks gift card. Provided by Interact Officers. Successful bidder was Christian Chukwuma, bid was \$150.

6. iPhone Tutorial-Have an Interactor teach you how to use your iPhone for an hour and half. Grant will be teaching a course on iPhone. Grant is Varsity Basketball and Volleyball player for LHS and Co-President Of the Interact Club. He's a Senior. Grant Dufek - (925) 337-5084. Did two. Successful bidders were Jim Schmidt and Bill Nebo, bid was \$75.

7. Custom Made Art Piece-Have a custom art piece created specifically to your tastes by outstanding student artist Robert Flauta. Successful bidder was Mike Thompson, bid was \$270.

Alden Lane Nursery and Jacquie's Plant Offerings

8. Falling In Love Rose, Valentine's garden stake & Lemon Meringue pie. Soft Pink Long stem rose. Successful bidder was Jon Hart, bid was \$120.



9. Lasting Love Rose, Valentine's garden stake & Nation's Apple Pie. Beautiful long stem Deep Red Rose. Successful bidder was Ron Koopman, bid was \$210.

10. All My Loving, Valentine's garden stake & Nation's Cherry Cheese Cake Deep Rose pink, fragrant flowers are borne on long stems perfect for cutting. Successful bidder was Bob Cowan, bid was \$170.

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11. Sweet Sunblaze Miniature Rose, Valentine's Garden Stake. Plus, Nation's pie!

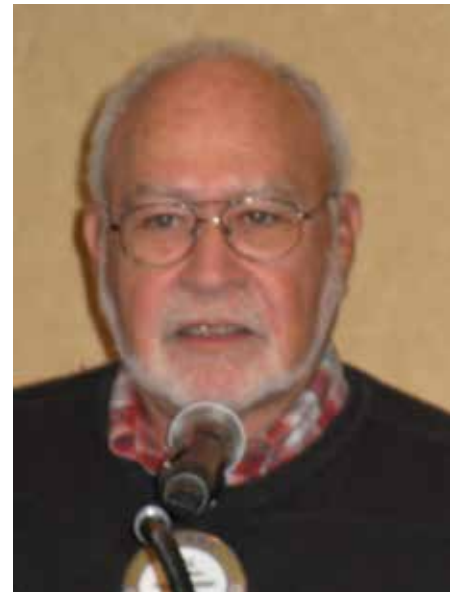
Soft pink miniature rose perfect for a garden spot or a patio planter. Did two. Successful bidders were Paul Thompson and Carolyn Siegfried, bid was \$200.



12. Pink Parade Camellia, Valentine's garden stake & Nation's Boysen Berry Pie

Enjoy this beautiful winter blooming evergreen Camellia plant in a pot or garden. Its large double true pink blooms will brighten any shade spot all winter long. Did two. Successful bidders were Evonne Hopkins and Linda Tinney, bid was \$251.

Wendy bid \$50 for the USC coffee mug. Don Wentz bid \$10 for bracelet. Both items had been left at the Crab Feed.



Bill Nebo told story of early Livermore, about cattle auctioneer and local rancher who was very competitive bidding against a woman. As the bid got very high, close to the value of his ranch, finally the auctioneer advised him he was bidding against his wife.

Next week's program: Livermore Valley Opera - The Barber of Seville, Jim Schmidt

Dianna Geyer had the winning ticket. Didn't hear what color marble she drew.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

Feb 19 - Board of Directors meets at Noon at Oddfellows Lodge
Feb 20 - Meeting - Jim Schmidt will sing "*Barber of Seville*"
Feb 27 - Meeting - Speaker Brandon Caldwell - "Switch"
Mar 6 - Meeting - Speaker David Decoteau, Livermore Airport Manager
Mar 13 - Meeting - Speaker Kathy Wilson: "New Day for Children"
Mar 19 - Board of Directors meets at Noon at Oddfellows Lodge
Mar 29 - Meeting - Speaker Ben Santer "Regional Signatures of Climate Change"

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WEEKEND

March 16 - 17

Hosts are needed
Drivers are needed
Party for everyone (Pot Luck)

Sign up at our next meeting