



### Club Meeting

**SPUR Feb 12, 2020**

Livermore  
Meets at GHMG Hotel  
(Good Hotel  
Management Group)  
720 Las Flores Rd.  
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By Don Wentz on Sunday, February 16, 2020

## Rotary Spur Report for Feb 12, 2020

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### Events



President Jay opened the meeting and Alan Frank lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Michael led the songsters in ♦ Yankee Doodle Dandy, AND Henry the Eighth. ♦ As a side note, Michael said that back then macaroni was defined as exceeding the bounds of fashion.



Lynne Freeman gave us the Thought For the Day. The theme of her talk was ♦ who are heroes? ♦ Who are the heroes of today ♦s young people? She thought it should be one who could pass our 4 way test. ♦ The real hero is a hero by mistake ♦ was one of the quotes she chose.



Visiting Rotarians - Sheila intro Dave Haubert from the Dublin club, who's running for County Supervisor and got gonged by President Jay for attempting a political stump speech.

Guests of Rotarians - Mike Thompson introduced his wife Anita, Paul Thompson introduced his wife Pauline, Peter Poulsen introduced his wife Jacki, Beth Wilson introduced President Jay's wife Mary Davis, new member Norm Bregman introduced his daughter and granddaughter, Joel Swanson introduced his wife Mary Margaret, John Shirley's daughter introduced her brother (John's son) Steve Shirley, Marty Plone introduced Bill Noble, retired veterinarian from Hayward





President Jay and John Hudson inducted Norm Bregman into the club as our newest member. Welcome to the Club Norm!



#### Announcements:

Kathy Coyle spoke of the Comedy Night Fundraiser for Open Heart Kitchen (Open Heart Kitchen gets \$20 of each \$25 ticket); she emailed us the information earlier this week.

Carolyn Siegfried played a LVJUSD video thanking the Rotary Club of Livermore for various programs supported.

John Hudson gave a brief update on new members ♦ we♦ve added 10 new members so far this year. Our goal is 15 for the year.

Jay stated that LARPD is closing the Barn down due to lack of funds to bring it to code. Jay said this year's DDF money will need to go to another project, to be determined by the board.

Bob Bishop announced the LHS crab feed March 7, just in case you didn♦t get enough at our crab feed.





Our meeting today was entitled "On the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Brexit." Today's meeting occurred on the 12 day after UK left the EU. President Jay and Carolyn Siegfried moderated the panel of Paul Thompson, Mike Thompson, Gordon Jones, Susan Mayall, and Brian Mayall.



The program began with 12 short questions. Here's a few of those questions and answers highlights:

*What was your biggest surprise?* - Brian: that Brexit happened at all. Susan said she was against from the beginning and hasn't changed her mind.

*How does it impact you as Americans?*

Gordon: pays taxes for his property in Spain, so it does affect him. Mike: we might be able to sell more chicken.

*Is there hope for Prince Charles?*

Mike: Harry could become Trump's ambassador for trade.

*What does 5 years in the future look like for Scotland and northern Ireland?*

Susan: Scotland will be out as soon as possible, Northern Ireland's future is far more tenuous

*Can and will UK still collaborate with EU on military issues?*

All of the panel agreed this was likely. Mike said the EU is bureaucracy on steroids

*Upside or downside of Brexit?*

Very complex issue, Paul: No one really knows, it's a very complex issue.

*Likely social changes?*- Mike: lots of immigration into Britain, including Romanian criminals coming into

Britain. Susan: young people of England will not be able to go to Europe to work as they did pre-Brexit.

Gordon: controlling immigration in England a big issue. Brian: the genie has been let out of the bottle in terms of nationalism.

Open Comment portion with longer answers:

Paul: Northern Ireland is a huge problem with no real solutions. Fear that the troubles will reignite.

Mike: believes things will be worked out. Compared to our 50 states. Cultures of the 29 EU countries are incredibly different. France a pain in the ass.

Susan: England/Ireland relationship has always been difficult; she'd prefer things had remained the way they were.

Gordon: there are lots of dissimilar situations in the European countries.

Brian: England voted to stay, Northern Ireland wanted to stay, Wales is questionable.

Paul: regulations and tariffs ♦ he used a bag of tea analogy: If you leave the bag of tea in the cup, the tea is strong. If you remove the bag of tea from the cup, the cup of tea is weaker.

Mike: Britain has huge trade deficit to EU; England has heavy fishing rights, much exported to EU. Fisheries vs financials will be the tradeoff, many people feel.

Susan: not concerned about economic but that Brexit has been such a divisive thing. Young tend to want to stay, old people tend to want to exit, middle is mixed.

Gordon: think ♦s we ♦ll figure it out, have faced bigger obstacles in the past.

## Next Weeks Program Jim Schmidt and the Livermore Valley Opera.

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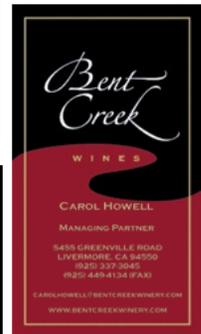


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