

# Rotary



# Club of Livermore

## Club Meeting

Livermore  
Meets at GHMG Hotel (Good  
Hotel Management Group)  
720 Las Flores Rd.  
Livermore, CA 94551  
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM  
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## Club Leaders



Jay Davis  
President



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Club Director  
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Club Director

## Rotary 2-19-2020

By Don Wentz on Thursday, February 20, 2020

### Spur Report for

**February 19, 2020**

Spur Reporter ♦ Cheri Sheets

Photographer ♦ Don Wentz



### Pledge:

Past President Kathy Coyle led us in the pledge of allegiance.

### Today's Song:

With the assist of graphical lyrics, and led by the Songsters, the club members sang America the Beautiful.

President's Graphics:

President Jay provided equal time with two political graphics:

King Trump sitting on his throne (not made of white porcelain) surrounded by his aides Mitch McConnell the spear bearer, and Rudy his Jester with the elephant in the room chained to the throne.

Hillary Clinton was musing over the fact that she was under enormous pressure by many people to ♦Go Away♦.



Lance Cavalieri  
Sergeant-at-Arms



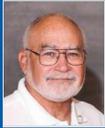
Patrick McMenamin  
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Hudson  
Membership Chair



William E. Nebo  
Youth Services Chair



Kathy S. Coyle  
iPast President



Lee Denlinger  
Assistant Governor

## Events

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### Thought of the Day:

Ken Mikulasek provided the Thought of the Day. In was in memory of his 16 year old grandson who had just lost his 3 year battle with cancer. He recited a poem "The Human Touch" by Spencer Michael Free:

*Tis the human touch  
in this world that counts,  
The touch of your hand and mine,  
Which means far more  
to the fainting heart  
Than shelter and bread and wine.  
For shelter is gone  
when the night is o'er,  
And bread lasts only a day.  
But the touch of the hand  
And the sound of the voice  
Sing on in the soul always.*

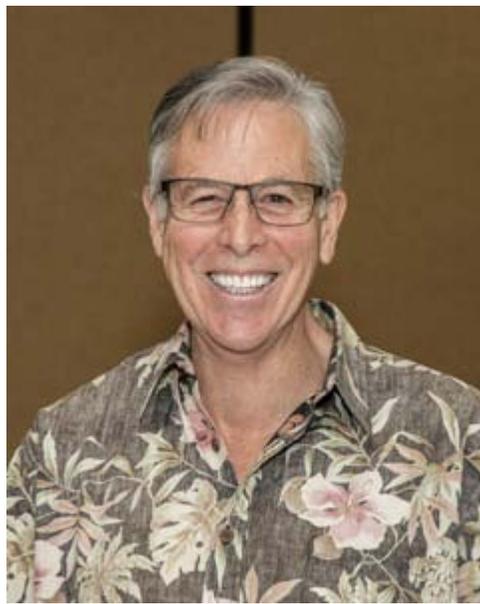
### Visiting Rotarians

Visiting Rotarians ♦ Bob Tucknott, Electrical Contractor from the Dublin Club joined us. Garry Schwagerly, who has been in Real Estate for 30+ years, joined us from the Pleasanton Downtown Club.



### Guests of Rotarians:

Phil Dean introduced John Shirley's guests including his son Steve, his caregiver Pat and his fellow veterinarian Bill. Kathy Coyle introduced Major James Sullivan who manages the Salvation Army for Alameda County and is looking to rejoin a Rotary club. We also had our Student of the Month, Spencer Rodriques' mother visiting.



**Student of the Month:**

Spencer Rodrigues was our **Student of the Month**. He is from Del Valle High School and his principal, Eric Taylor, stated he was selected due to his brilliant mechanical mind. He had exhibited his aptitude at an early age by disassembling all of his toys. He now contributes to the Bike Repair program and wants to become a mechanical engineer. He is 14 credits from graduating as a junior!



#### Announcements:

- **Tom Brown**, Kathy Brown's husband has founded battling ALS.
- **Alan Frank** is at Pleasanton Valley Care having suffered a small stroke and a cardiac event.
- Kathy Coyle announced that **Comedy Night Fundraiser** tickets were available for Thursday Night. In addition, Kathy awarded President Jay a Texas Ranger's Badge she picked up in her trip to Austin, TX.
- Carol Howell announced that she had scheduled 8 of the schools so far for the **Dictionary Project** distribution and there were sign up cards on the tables.
- Paul Smyzd announced it was time to start sponsor sign-ups, identify potential candidates for the Grand Marshall and the Community Service Award for the Rodeo Parade, which will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **Rotary Rescue** Jay announced the newest program for Rotary. He had rescued someone's basket from last week's auction. To rescue it Sheila had to donate to the new program. It cost her \$50 to retrieve her lost basket which was worth every cent.



**New Member Blue Badge Recipients** ♦ Jeffery Youngsma and Tammy Barstow received their blue badges, hats, pins and vests.



### Livermore Valley Opera Program:

Jim Schmidt introduced us to the upcoming (March 7, 8 & 14, 15) event at the Bankhead. Jim gave us pointers on how to answer the typical questions he gets from friends who he is encouraging to attend. For the males who always ask, ♦How long is it?♦ he answers, ♦It is so engaging that the time flies by♦. For his female friends who ask, ♦What shall I wear♦ he answers whatever you want. He noted that the opera has introduced a casual night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays with folks wearing jeans and going out afterwards for beer. Jim also acknowledged long-time Opera sponsors, Alan Frank and John Shirley.



Lanya Chianakes (Stage Director) and Erie Mills (Artistic Director) then introduced the planned event. Lanya♦s dad was a Rotarian in a morning 6:30 am club and she appreciated us being a more civilized noon club.



The event will be two operas in one. The first is Zelinsky's A Florentine Tragedy that will be sung in German. Apparently *that* is not the tragedy but rather that the wife of a cloth merchant is having an affair and the husband is trying to get even. It was based on a play that Oscar Wilde never finished because he got thrown in jail for debauchery. The second opera is Porcinni's Gianni Schicci, which is a comedy about a Greek family and their disputes over the inheritance of a dead merchant. It will be the west coast Staged premiere for this duo. The two operas share several elements. They both revolve around merchants; they were written in the same genre (1916-1918). They deal with similar emotions of jealousy and anger. The opera is staged to begin at sunrise and end the next sunrise using the same stage setting.

We then were given a sampling of the show where Anush Avetsyan sang an aria from Gianni Schicchi. She was playing Lauretta who is trying to convince her dad to let her marry her beloved. Bruce Alsta accompanied her on electric piano.





### Grant Committee Update:

Mary Ann Rosza and Barbara Hickman then updated us on the Rotary Foundation Grant Committee doings. In early spring the committee is given their budget for grants. This year it was \$21,000. Rotary partners with LVEF. LVEF contributes to educational grants for a total of about \$12,000. Meetings are held at the school district.



Grants are accepted three times a year. The first round is due in early April. The second round is in September and the third in December. The application is updated annually and is available on line. The maximum grant amount for this year is \$1,000. The committee identifies Rotary sponsors for each school who help get teachers and principals engaged. Applications are distributed to the schools and we announce the grant deadlines at our meetings. Once grants are submitted Barbara reads them and summarizes them for the Committee. The Committee then ranks each grant with 1, 2 or 3. Only 1 and 2s are eligible to be funded. They then submit to LVEF for matching funds. The list is then sent to our Board of Directors for approval. Club Treasurer then issues the checks.

There are a lot of logistics that Barbara is great at taking care of. Letters are sent to each winner and Rotary pays for the applicant and LVEF to eat lunch and attend the ceremony. (So there is such a thing as a free lunch!!). Recipients get name tags and they can give a brief schpeel on what their grant is for. It has been a very popular and successful program!

If you have any questions or suggestions about the program, feel free to contact Mary Anne or Barbara.

**Raffle** ♦ was won by Pat Coyle.

**Next Week** ♦ Roger Aines on California Quest for Carbon Neutrality.

