

Rotary



Club of Livermore

Spur Report for April 28, 2021

By Don Wentz on Thursday, April 29, 2021

Spur Reporter: Joel Swanson

Pre- Meeting Chat:

Discussion between Glenn and Alan regarding Video equipment for future combination meetings (in person plus streaming)

JR is turning 60! He will be in the band playing at Casa Orozco this weekend. His business has been slow due to fewer cars on the road during COVID. His shop is back up to about 75% now. JR is hoping to see more Rotarians drop by in the future.

President Carolyn's Backyard landscaping is still underway. It shouldn't be a noisy as last week!

Gary Schwagerle joined us. He talked with JR about the Raiders stay tuned for JR's thought of the day! JR also talked about his daughter, who's starting to work with the Disney Entertainment company.

Marty mentioned that his parrot had gone missing, but his neighbor found him, and brought him back to Marty at 7 AM.

Joel mentioned that there will be a couple opportunities for the Rotary Roasters in June. More Details to follow!

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presenter. Ken Maxey (Chairman of Board KTT).



Rotary Meeting:

President Carolyn kicked off the meeting at 12:30, as usual, and welcomed us all!

Pledge: The pledge today was led by Bill Nebo.

This Week's Program was Kids Teach Tech, presented by Arjun Mulchandani; Introduced by Ken Perine.

The program was moved up to the beginning of our meeting, so that the presenters could get back to school!

Kids teach tech is a non-profit organization that teaches coding, and is a country wide organization. Arjun was attending a tech camp long ago, and when his mother mentioned the cost, he was taken aback. His goal became presenting tech topics to people free of charge. Their teaching model combines in-person teaching and tutoring. Got a lead teacher, with tutors scattered through the class. Ander Perterson, CIO for the city of Oakland, found out about them, and offered facilities via city libraries and park facilities.



The KTT has expanded to being international. Pre and during COVID, they've taught over 100 classes. They have a team of 50 instructors and tutors. Eli Beiser (age 14) then talked about his experience. KTT allows kids of all ages and backgrounds. In the beginning, his father had an exchange program with students from Tohoku, Japan, and Arjun was the guest speaker. Eli was definitely impressed and joined KTT. The first few classes were also a big impressing. Then COVID happened. HOWEVER, the entire KTT team went virtual, and developed the capability to be able to teach kids around the works through virtual channels. KTT is a group of committed kids, and he anticipated it continuing to grow.



Inaaya Hyder then joined in presenting. She joined KTT 2 or 3 years ago. She was impressed by their mission and dynamism. She talked about girls in tech, and the ways girls had benefitted from KTT. Arjun mentioned that they had been recognized by Diablo Magazine. He thought that Livermore Rotary could join in partnership. They also need volunteers to help with chaperoning classes and other jobs. Arjun said anyone who wants to help (between ages of 9 and 18) could join to help with KTT's training and education meeting (with C to be a new addition to the languages taught soon)

Q&A Session came next:

Joel asked what languages were taught. Arjun replied that kids are taught coding in Python, HTTP, and other languages.

TJ asked how Arjun got his start. He said he had attended coding camps. Some were just introductory, and after a while he started helping others, which helped him learn, and was also very rewarding

Gordon asked about other tech considerations like dangers of social media and security. Arjun answered that these topics were often covered in school, but they may be added to KTT's training classes.

Sblend asked if they could start a kids teach tech to older Rotarians

Back to the meeting after KTT's presentation:



Song: The Stu Frazier and Michael Ferrucci duo gave us a great rendition of the Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young great hit ♦️ Teach Your Children Well. ♦️ The song was very appropriate for today's speaker.



Thought for the Day: JR Romero talked about challenges we ♦️ve all faced in the past year. His message was for us not to lose focus. Positive people have a happier view of life, research showing that having a positive outlook makes you less stressed and more resilient. Stress has an opposite (and bad) effect. Individuals who are confident tend to live longer, and live fuller lives.

Counting blessings make you a happier person, and people will want to interact with you more. You ♦️ll sleep better. Write down things you are thankful for, every night. It helps you sleep better. JR told us all about the positive things happening to him and his family. Thanks, JR!

Meeting Front Line

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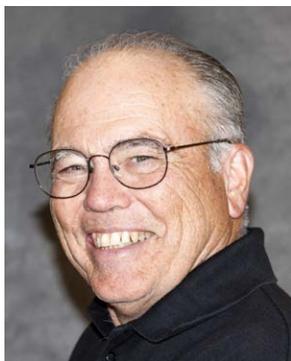
Welcome Rotarians & Guests

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Walking Livermore Photo ♦️ How many pandemic activities will continue after a year? Sidewalk chalk? Home Projects? Inside toys going outside? Keep it up!



New Member Talk: Dale Chorney - Dale started his talk with his career. He grew up in western Canada, and after college, he worked for a computer company, back when one could fix computers. He took a job in Silicon Valley, and made a career in high tech here, and got into his original dream of working on high-speed communications. Remember 9600 baud modems? Things have certainly changed. He moved to Livermore from Fremont eleven years ago. His retirement passion is woodworking. His blended family has four children (two boys, two girls), and they visit their oldest occasionally, which is a trip to Boston. He has two grandchildren, living in Alameda. Remember that he retired *to* something. Don't just retire *from* everything!



READY Update: Bob Cowan talked to us about the program that was started by Manual Perry in 2011. There are usually 13-16 students from Junction Avenue School, with 8-11 Rotary mentors. In normal years, they have field trips, such as Sycamore grove, Cresta Blanca (hike uphill!), Exploratorium, Chabot Science Center, the Lawrence Hall of Science, Oakland Zoo, et cetera. Twelve Rotarians meet the call, with help from Lori Valenzuela, an amazing teacher at Junction Avenue School.

- This was not a normal year. READY was conducted over Google Meets, which the students had been on all day in class on the same video stream. Rotarians had to learn the interface and still be able to help the kids. Field trips got cancelled.
- Bob showed screen dumps of several instances of READY classes over Google Meets. Amazing that they got the tutoring done!
- An on-line game called Kahoot! was employed as a means to make the

READY sessions more enjoyable than just being in a virtual class. They had three big sessions or 🎮Kahoot!🎮 this past year.

- Quotations from teachers were shared with the club. For many, it's a very rewarding experience. Talk to Bob if you're interested.
- Finally, Bob gave a shout-out to Lori Valenzuela for her coordination of the Rotarians and students!

Announcements:

Carolyn Siegfried talked about the slate of candidates for **2021-2022 Rotary Foundation of Livermore's Board**: They are Norm Bregman, Lynn Seppala, and Jeff Youngsma. Our Club will vote on their election to the RFL Board on May 5 (that's next week!)

RAVE Update 🎮 There was recently a "Kick off Your Career" workshop for veteran-students at Las Positas College. Dennis O'Brien covered this event at Las Positas college. This was a co-event with the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley (a.k.a. the morning club), that focused on resume writing and interviews.

Save the Date 🎮 There will be a Virtual Memorial Tribute for **Rosemary Almand**, who had been the president elect for the RFL, but has recently passed away. The memorial will be on May 5 at 5PM. The following web page includes a guestbook and a link to the zoom service, <http://rememberingrosemaryalmand.com>.

District Training Assembly - Continues thru May 6: Carolyn Siegfried reminded us that all are invited to this on-line training.

Next Week's Program: The Music Scholarship Program 🎮 Highlighting 2021 Recipients: Linda Tinney & Beth Wilson

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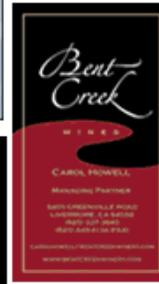
Check out our Flickr site for all of today's photos and more!

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Today's video will be available on our web site: <https://livermore-rotary.org/2020-21>



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Club Meeting

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Meets at We are meeting via Zoom for the foreseeable future.
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Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM