

# Rotary Club of Livermore



## Spur Report 2-5-2025

**Editor's note:** Christine Lusty took our photos today. She did a wonderful job on her first try! So did Sheila as a first time reporter.

Your Spur Reporter today was Sheila Fagliano.

Our fearless leader, President Marc “clanged that bell” with all his might bringing the group to attention promptly at 12:30.

Alan Burnham lead us in the pledge of allegiance.



Our “songsters” did an amazing job with their song choice and the lively performance of a song by Fleetwood Mac, Don’t Stop! Michael, Stu, Trudi, Dave, Marc, Tim, Linda, & Sheila.

Followed by a wonderful thought for the day by Kathy Young .She shared the story of the little boy on the beach trying to save the star fish. A passer-by told the little boy, “You can’t save them all”, and the little boy picked up another start fish and replied, “I made a difference for that one”. The point is that we all can make a difference every day by just doing what we do through Rotary, volunteering in our community, and helping other non-profit organizations. “One good thing, that simple change can be the thing that starts a ripple effect which can create bigger changes and make a world of difference for many.”

No visiting Rotarians

**Guest of Rotarians:** Ed Coats introduced his significant other, Carol. It was nice to see them.

### Announcements:

#### Rotarian Foundation of Livermore

A reminder from President Marc: The Rotarian Foundation is accepting applications for grants. All grants need a Rotarian to sponsor them. If you are going to be a sponsor, President Marc suggest you look at the email that was sent to all of us, click the link and make sure we understand what





our roll is in helping the applicant submit an acceptable grant, so it will be considered.

### Rodeo Parade

Paul Szmyd; Will be emailing all of us and existing sponsors of the Rodeo parade in advance. Confirming existing sponsor and offering an opportunity to new sponsors. He wants to be able to include them on the application.

### Community Service Opportunity

Paul also shared a community Service project that is supported by his fellow dentist SACDA. The event is to provide dental services to Vet's and adults with special needs. They can use help with the event.. The event will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> & February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Go to the website for more information, [www.healingca.org](http://www.healingca.org)



### Rotary Club Receives Donation

Mike Thompson announced he was again able to secure an amazing \$5,000 donation to our club from Sudhakar Rama Kristna, from Solar Winds. He requested the monies be divided as follows: \$2,500 to Club Grants,\$1,000 to Nepalese Children Fund,\$1,000 to STEAM, \$500.00 to REACH.

### Birthday and Anniversaries:

Trudi and Dave made our monthly Birthday and Anniversary announcements for our members. They handed out delicious chocolate desserts for our birthdays and lovely flowers for anniversaries.

#### Birthdays:

Sheila Fagliano 2/6 ,Paul Szmyd 2/12, Debbie Peck 2/17, Ted Michaels 2/20, Linda Tinney 2/25, Michelle Kleman 2/27, Carole Lince 2/28

#### Anniversaries:

Jeff and Lori Youngsma 3 years, Bill and Jane Nebo 21 years , Vern and Caro Green 38 years, Yvonne & Dave Hopkins 42 years



### Rotarians of the Quarter

President Marc announced his choice for Rotarians of the Quarter for the last 2 quarters. Both were very deserving. They may be new to our club, but they have jumped in with both feet and have been a wonderful addition to our club.

For the Summer quarter: Trudi Barnes For the Fall Quarter: David Barnes



### Crab Feed

Bob Cowan announced and update on the crab feed. As of today, we had 5 tickets left. And withing minutes, they were swooped up by TJ Gilmartin. We are officially sold out! Bob talked

about a few of the live auction items, Taylor Swift Signed guitar, Ranch experience at our own Paul Banke Ranch, and a wheel barrel full of liquor. Bob will be asking us for good liquor to fill the barrel, so start looking in your cabinets.



Trudi Barnes sent around the list of donations that we received last year for the silent auction. She asked that we put our name next to the business/item that we collected for the auction. If you missed the clip board and you secured a donation last year, please reach out to Trudi.



### I-House Weekend

Yvonne Hopkins announced we will be having our International House this year on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. She wanted to confirm all the sponsors that will be picking up and housing the students overnight. Also to verify if you as a sponsor are not able to drive them back to the college, let Yvonne know so we can arrange drivers for that task. The students will be in for a wonderful experience and will finish off with the Potluck Dinner Saturday night. Jacquie had graciously offered her beautiful Alden Lane nursery to host the dinner. Look for an upcoming clip board to sign up to bring a dish.

### Wine Wednesday

Sheila Announced we will be holding our Rotary Wine Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> this month at Pruet Winery. All are invited. Please bring your significant other and potential members. We will provide snacks; you purchase your own wine. Hours are from 5-7 pm.

### Pot-Luck:

Joel Swanson announced we are having a “pot luck” lunch at our meeting on Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>. The main course is minestrone soup, salad, and bread. A clip board was circulated for members to sign up to **bring other items to compliment our lunch that day.**

**Wheels buss pass program.** The tri-valley buss pass program is looking for donations. These bus passes help individuals in our community that do not have their own transportation and can't afford public transportation. The program is run by Asbury Church.

### Literacy Program

Carol Gerich announced we are gearing up for our Literacy Program for all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in Livermore. We, along with the morning club, and the foundation purchasing 1,000 hard covered books. Look for an email from Carol asking for help with all the different fazes to get these books to the students, sorting the books and handing them out to the students. It is a very rewarding project to be a part of. We will start handing the books out to students February 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Next week speaker:** Barbara Lymberis, Livermore Chamber of Commerce Update.



**Today's program:** Assistant Professor Jonathan Schofield: Assistive robotics, rehabilitation engineering, neural-integrated prosthetic limbs

Today we had an amazing and very interesting speaker, Professor Jonathan Schofield from the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at UC Davis.

I was so engrossed in his talk; I must apologize that I did not take enough notes to express how important his research and the project he and his team are working on. He leads a team that is helping children and adults born without a hand or have lost their hand, providing them with a prosthetic that allows them the ability to live a fuller life. They are developing a prosthetic that has the dexterity that mimics our real hand. What has been available are prosthetics that have harnesses that go over the shoulder, and the hand has a claw or pinch style. The old styles did not allow the patient the freedom to have some sense of normalcy with that limb. They are working on

how copy the muscles activity in the forearm of the good hand and transfer that to the effected arm. The body and mind are operating the hand. The sample of the hand and the tiny electro sensor that was passed around was impressive as it had individual fingers and would allow the patient to lead a more normal life. His teams long term goal is to develop something

similar on lower limbs and children with Cerebral Palsy.

Watch the full video: <https://youtu.be/3iGxy59Gr9k>

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## Youtube channel

### Youtube Channel

Meetings are videoed and published on our Youtube Channel. [Click here](#) to explore the most recent as well as every meeting for the past three years!

## 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

### Club Leaders



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