

Rotary Club of Livermore



Spur Report 2-12-2025

Your Spur Reporter this week: **Trudi Barnes**



President Marc Roberts opened meeting at 12:25 pm

Pledge of Allegiance led by: **Norm Bergman**

Songsters Song: Downtown (Made famous by Petula Clark) but today sung by Marc, Dave, Trudi, Stu, Joel, Tim and Michael



Thought for the Day: Dave Shefler shared Famous Quotes on Peace and War. He quoted Albert Einstein, Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, Dwight Eisenhower and several others.

He closed by saying the quotes from these influential figures serve as a powerful testament to the enduring quest for peace and the recognition of the devastating impacts of war. Their wisdom continues to inspire and challenge us to strive for a more harmonious and compassionate world. By reflecting on their words, we can find guidance and motivation to contribute to the global effort for peace and understanding.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests:

Guests:

Don Sweeney introduced his wife, Mary, who he says will soon be joining the club!





Siqi (a junior from Livermore High) attended and is the representative of the Interact Club.

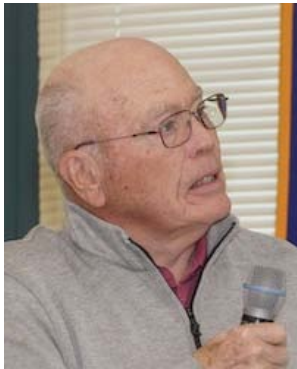


Announcements:

*Carol Gerich – **Literacy Program** Carol shared that she is still looking for volunteers to help with the book delivery on February 18. Below is the link to sign up:

Please use this form to sign up: [Gift of Reading 2025 Book Delivery Sign Up Form](#)

Additional Opportunity: If you would like to help sort and box books next **Thursday, February 13, 8:30 - 9:30 am at Towne Center Books** in Pleasanton, please let me know. (carolgerich@gmail.com)



Bob Cowan announced that the **Crab Feed** is sold out and we are now looking for **HIGH END AUCTION ITEMS!!**

He passed around a spreadsheet asking that if any Rotarians have contacts at any of the local businesses to please ask them to donate.

ALSO, if any Rotarians have items themselves that they would consider donating (a week at a vacation home, a dinner at their home for 8, etc.)

Next meeting will be at Bob's house tomorrow, February 13th @ 5 pm!!

International House is coming up on March 29/30 and we are looking for people to host students. If you think you can help out, please reach out to Yvonne.

Rotary Wine Social is tonight at Pruet Winery @ 5 pm. Light snacks are included and wine will be involved!!

Rotary Potluck NEXT Wednesday!! Joel has all the sign up he needs and will send reminder to all those who are bringing food to remind them to be ready to serve next Wednesday, February 19th by NOON!!



Tri Valley Bus Pass Program

\$3.75 per all day bus pass

Two ways to donate: By check to Asbury United Methodist Church (AUMC), with Bus Passes on the memo line.

Mail to:
Asbury United Methodist Church
4743 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550.
Please include your email address so we can acknowledge your donation, and also write "Bus Passes" on the envelope.

Or donate on line at:

<https://asburylive.org/buspassprogram>

Phil Dean's memorial will be held on March 18th from 4 to 6 pm at the Bankhead. More details will be forthcoming.

- Jay Davis also made a sad announcement that **Chuck Hartwig** passed away peacefully in his



sleep a few days ago. He will also share more details regarding Chuck’s memorial in the near future.

Paul Szmyd is involved in a **Community Service Project** that is supported by his fellow dentist organization. The event is to provide dental and eye services to Special Needs children and adults on Friday February 21st and to Vet’s on Saturday February 22nd at the Alameda County Fair Grounds. They can use help with the event. Go to the website for more information, <http://www.healingca.org> You will see the event listed under upcoming events.

Grant Applications are still open but need to be completed at due March 1st.

Inner Wheel Drawing: Anita Thompson made an announcement that Inner Wheel is doing a drawing for several items and the proceeds of the ticket sales will go to IWUSA Foundation, Inc. Please donate generously!!

Next week’s Program:

Jim Schmidt will share some insight into the Livermore Valley Opera

Today’s program:



Sherri Souza – President and CEO of Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce

Sherri shared LOTS of information that probably many of us didn’t know about how much the COC does for our community.

Mission Statement:

“To enhance the business community and quality of life in the Livermore Valley through strategic advocacy, visionary leadership, innovative programs, valuable connections and partnerships.”

She also introduced us to the team which included many of the Board of Directors as well as the Chamber Volunteers. All in all, there are almost 50 individuals who work to make sure the Chamber of Commerce is working to better the lives of Livermore residents and businesses.

For more information on any of the items in this Spur Report, please watch the full video.

Marc Roberts rang the bell and ended the meeting at 1:30 pm

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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!

If the video does not appear in the Club channel, please look in the Nile Rung channel link on our website.
















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

	<u>Marc Roberts</u> President		<u>Patrick McMenamin</u> President-Elect		<u>Irving Frank Stowers</u> Secretary-Elect		<u>Joel C. Swanson</u> Secretary
	<u>Kelly Bowers</u> Public Relations Chair		<u>Norman Bregman</u> Treasurer		<u>Wendy M Ellison Phd</u> Club Director		<u>Loretta Kaskey</u> Club Director Community Service Chair
	<u>Lingagoud Memula</u> Club Director Rotary Foundation Chair		<u>Nile Runge</u> Newsletter Publisher		<u>Sheila M. Fagliano</u> iPast President		<u>Don Sweeney</u> Membership Coordinator
	<u>William Jay Bateson</u> Club Director - First Year Club Service Chair		<u>S. Jeffrey Youngsma</u> Club Director - Second Year Vocational Service Chair		<u>Stu Frazier</u> Club Director - First Year Youth Services Chair		