



Rotary

Club of Livermore

Spur Report Feb 19, 2025

Spur Reporter: Joel Swanson

Pre-Meeting Pot Luck. Before the meeting started, our members and guests were treated to a soup, salad and dessert pot luck lunch provided by various Rotary members and orchestrated by our Chef de cuisine, Joel Swanson. Norm demonstrates the correct technique for sampling the food.



President-Elect Pat McMnamin, substituting for President Marc, gaveled the meeting to order right on time.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Irv Stowers.

Today, the Songsters, including Stu Frazier, Michael Ferrucci, Tim Barry, Dave and Trudi Barnes, and the Spur reporter himself, sang "*I'd like to teach the world to sing.*" Of course, that might be an impossible chore for some members of our club!



The Thought of the Day was presented by Keith Beck. Today is the anniversary of Edison's first recording on a phonograph. Keith then went on to repeat several quotes from Edison.



President -Elect Pat recognized the Front Line; Spur Reporter, Joel Swanson; Spur Publisher, Don Wentz; Photographer, Don Wentz; Audio Visual, Paul McCandless; Videographer, Christine Lusty (this is Christine's first time going solo as Videographer. She appreciates your leniency!) and Greeter, David Shefler.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests:

Visiting Rotarians: Bob Tucknott, of the Dublin Club, was visiting today. Ann Wilburn, introduced by Sonya, was visiting from the morning club.



Guests of Rotarians: Again, we said hello to Mary Sweeney, who has submitted her application for club membership.



Recognitions and Announcements:

Student of the Month: Our student of the month, Leo Wu, was introduced by Steve Martin, Vice Principal at Del Valle. Leo is an excellent student and expects to graduate early this year. Stu Frazier presented Leo with his awards and Leo thanked Rotary.



The Ready Program: Glen Kubiak talked about the READY program at Junction Avenue middle school. There are approximately two dozen students in the program. Glen said the program could really use more mentors. There are a number of challenges that the kids have: one is that English is a second language, and there are some kids in the class with neurodiverse disorders. Last week, they took the kids on a field trip to the Winchester Mystery house, and earlier this year there was a field trip to the California Academy of Sciences. Donations of your time (and funds) are always welcomed.

The Literacy Program: Carol Gerich updated us on the Literacy program. The last spots for volunteers were filled today. Carol told us about the books, and the bookplates for the kids' books.

Volunteer Opportunity: Paul Szmyd reminded folks about volunteer opportunities for <http://www.healingca.org> occurring next week at the

Pleasanton fairgrounds.



RFL Grant Application Deadline: PE Pat reminded us about RFL Grant application deadline approaching on March 1st. This is a hard date for applications.



Crab Feed: Bob Cowan talked about the status of the crab feed. He talked about some of the live auction items. He also mentioned that donations are needed for the “Barrow o’ Booze.” Bob said that bottles could be given to any crab feed committee member. Bob reminded everyone that the Crab Feed is only one month away on Saturday, March 22.

I-House Weekend: Evonne Hopkins is requesting more driver sign-ups for I-House weekend.

Next Week’s Program: Our speaker will be Yolanda Fintschenko of i-GATE.

Please note that next week’s Rotary meeting will be held at 5:30pm at the Delle Valle Winery at 4948 Tesla Road in Livermore. Come early for a glass of wine.

Today’s Program: The Livermore Valley Opera (LVO)



Today’s program was presented by Jim Schmidt. Jim introduced Erie Mills, the LVO Artistic Director. Erie said that Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart’s Don Giovanni was coming to the Bankhead on March 1 & 2 and also on March 8 & 9. Erie introduced us to the Rotary supernumeraries that will appear in this production; Mike Ferrucci, David Rounds, Jack Mills and Ann Wilbur. Ticket sales are going well, but tickets are still available.



Erie then introduced Rob Herriot. Rob is this year's opera producer, and talked about what has to happen in order to put on an opera. Rob is from Winnipeg, Manitoba. He talked about choosing an opera to stage, set and prop building, rehearsing and blocking, practicing fights, and on and on. President-Elect Pat presented Rob with a bottle of wine for his presentation. (For those interested, today’s talk starts at about 25 minutes into the video.)



President-Elect Pat adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM. Well done meeting Pat!

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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

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