

# Rotary Club of Livermore



## Spur Report 3-12-2025

**Note from Publisher:** Photos arrived today!

**Spur Report for March 12, 2025**  
**By Will Bateson**



**President Elect Pat McMenamin** filled in for President Marc, who is still battling an illness. Get well President Marc!

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Dennis O'Brien

**Songsters:** Michael and Stu and the rest of the songsters led us in a rousing rendition of the classic *You've Got a Friend* in honor of our guest speaker's talk today about her Peace Corps adventures



**Thought for the Day:** Sheila started with a quote by Ghandi. To summarize, he said the best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Sheila went on to say that as rotarians we should all embrace the spirit of giving. Well said!



**Visiting Rotarians:** What is a meeting without Bob Tucknot? Fortunately, we didn't need to find out today, as Bob joined us.



**Guests:** We were fortunate to have many guests today. Mike Thompson brought Michael Gomes and Jeff Watts from Topcon, Paul Spence brought Yoland Fiveshenko. Lynn Freeman (today's speaker!) brought friends Harry & Judy Levine and Jane Keene. And Bill Nebo invited students of the month from Livermore High School (see below).



**Students of the Month:**



Alyssa (sorry, last name not listed), who has volunteered over 360 hours in kindergarten classrooms among other places. She is the Senior Class President at Livermore High School, and plans to attend Las Positas College and then transfer to Cal State Long Beach and pursue a career in child development. Her parents Chisty and Erick were present to see her receive her award



Shrish Premkrishna carries a weighted 4.6 GPA with many honors classes and a leader in LHS's STEM program and robotics. Shrish plans to attend Stanford University in the fall.

**Announcements:**

Jay Davis spoke about a new series of guest lecturers, Rotary Insight Services. The idea is to have about 6 meetings a year in this format. The premise is to have the lectures at the beginning of the meeting and be more of a university format with questions coming throughout the talk and not canned



presentations. The first in line will be our own Jessica Carroll of JMC Cellars talking about The Magic of Winemaking: What Happens Between the Vines and the Bottles?

Mike Morgan shared that John Lynn died earlier this week. A Memoria Service will be held April 3 at 11:00 am at First Presbyterian Church

Crab Feed update: We still need bottles of booze for our booze for the barrel raffle! Please donate a bottle in the next week.

International House Weekend on March 29/30. There will be a potluck at Alden Lane Nursery on Saturday, March 29. All rotarians are invited.

Phil Dean's Memorial Service will be held next Tuesday, March 18, from 4-6 at the Bankhead Theater.

**Next Week:** Youth in Government Day



**Today's Speaker:** Lynn Freeman talks about her experience in the Peace Corps (1969-1971) in Lesotho, a country in Africa surrounded by South Africa, during turbulent apartheid times. It's a fantastic talk, please check out the video!

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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!

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

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