

Rotary Club of Livermore



Spur Report 1-22-2025

Spur Reporter: David Rounds (Thanks for volunteering.)



President Marc opened the meeting at 12:22 saying we had a huge program today.

Kathy Coyle led the pledge followed by the songsters version of the 1962 hit, "Stand By Me", a 1961 composition by Ben E King



Thought for the day was more of a plea for volunteers by Joel and Marc. We are having trouble filling some of the slots (like Spur Reporter; Greeter, Videographer etc. The link for the form to sign up as a volunteer is attached to every meeting reminder from Joel.

Rotarians Visiting were Richard Goldstein and Beth McCormack of the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley.



Guests: David Shefler had the following for his guests: Shaina Blake (his daughter), Wendy Van Horn, and Joanna Uhl (his friends). Bob Carling was a guest for the third time. The club has received his application for membership. Mary Sweeney, wife of Don Sweeney, was also present. Nick Lymberis, husband of club member Barbara Lymberis, was a guest of Sonya Sheffield (Barbra was out of town).



Announcements and other club business

2nd Wednesday Wine Social is February 12th, after the meeting at 5pm at a new venue, Pruet Farms Winery located at 5385 East Ave. This should be a treat. Apparently, the wine is pretty good and Pruet is only open to the public on Saturdays. This is an excellent time to bring a guest and/or potential members. More info to come.

Reminder the February 19th meeting will be a pot luck.



Crab Feed update. Bob Cowan announced that over 200 tickets have been sold with only 100 remaining and the price goes up on February 1, so buy your tickets now, before they sell out. To buy tickets, go to: <https://paybee.io/quickpay.html?handle=rotaryc485&ppid=1#optionList>

Football Shenanigans. Bob Cowan also announced he was donating \$100 to the club because his alma mater, Ohio State, beat both Texas and Notre Dame and won the National Championship. This action by Bob started a couple of other Ohio State related donations, including

\$100 from Loretta Kaskey, and \$100 from Lynn Freeman whose husband had been the Dean of Ohio State. Carol Gerich donated \$300 because her alma mater was Michigan, and they also won a national championship and, apparently, they are better than all the others. This reporter did not make a donation, because his Alma Mater, Cal State Hayward, never won anything. Norm Bregman mentioned that if you make your donation check out to the Foundation it might be tax-deductible.



International House Weekend (March 29 and 30). President Marc made a plea for volunteers for the International House Weekend. His plea was prefaced with the fact that if we don't have the volunteers the I House Weekend would be canceled. The following Rotarians raised their hands to host students for International House Weekend: Joel Swanson, Marc Roberts, Bob Carling, Dennis O'Brien, Dianna Geyer, Michelle Kleman, Lynn Seppala, Don Sweeney and Bill Nebo plus several members of the board who volunteered at their last meeting. Based on this response, the International House Weekend was saved! However, other volunteers are still needed, including drivers to pick up the students in Berkeley and to get them to the Banke ranch on Sunday. For more information, contact Evonne Hopkins at EvonneRotary@gmail.com



Dianna Geyer announced that the Native Daughters of the Golden West and VFW Auxiliary had an event where they provided a meal and a trip to the theater for 40 veterans residing at the Veterans Hospital.

Richard Goldstein of the morning club announced the details of the **Ambassadors of Compassion Program.**

This is a nine-week life skills/conflict resolution training session for middle school and high school students. The Red Carpet kick-off will be at Las Positas College on February 21 from 9:30 – 12:30, followed by a nine-week curriculum for local students. Club members are encouraged to attend the kick-off as well as participate in the nine-week course online. More information is to come in the following weeks.



Phil Dean Memorial service will be on March 18th from 4pm to 6pm. Check with Pat McMenamain for details.

Past President Sheila offered a big thank you to JMC cellars who provided the wine today. She also passed around a get-well card for Jackie who injured her knee.

Next Week's program will be an evening program, 5pm at Del Valle Winery and will feature Club Grants

Today's Program by our own David Shefler was a compelling and heartbreaking account of his Mom's Holocaust Survival Experience.



The Germans occupied Hungary in March 1944 and mom Kati was 15 years old when she was arrested in school and, along with the rest of her family, were swept up as part of the Final Solution. After a horrifying one-week journey on a cattle train, the people on the train faced Dr. Josef Mengele to be divided into groups. Of the 2,400 people on the train, Kati was one of only 36 who were selected to live. The remainder went to the gas chambers.

David presented a chilling story of poor treatment, lousy food, forced labor, fear and deplorable living conditions. Once liberated in the spring of 1945, Kati weighed only 50 pounds and had to do 3 months of rehab. More than forty of Kati's relatives were lost during the Holocaust.

Watch the video to view David's entire presentation.

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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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