



Rotary

Club of Livermore

Spur Report 1-8-2025

Spur Reporter: Linda Stanford



President Marc Roberts opened the meeting at 12:25 pm on January 8, 2025.

The pledge was led by: Glen Kubiak

Songsters Song: Good Lovin' was the song sung in honor of having the health speaker here today.



Thought for the Day was presented by **Anita Thompson** - From the many "Dollies":



Dalai Lama: People take different roles seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost.

Dolly Parton: Don't get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life

Front Line:

Spur Reporter: Linda Stanford; Spur Publisher: Ted Michels; Thought for the Day: Anita Thompson; Photographer: Don Wentz; Audio Visual: Dennis O'Brien; Greeter: Michelle Kleman; Sargent of Arms: Trex Donovan; Web Miraculous: Kathy Coyle; Public Outreach: Kelly Bowers; Videographer: Nile Runge

Visiting Rotarians: None present today

Visiting Guests: Merlin Martin who expressed his interest in becoming a member.



Announcements:



Marc announced we raised \$5,019 for the fundraiser for Rooms of Hope (Thank you Marc for participating) . Rotary was invited to the Ale House tonight (Jan. 8th) to celebrate raising the highest amount of money.

Trudi and David Barnes announced Birthdays and Anniversaries for January

Birthday's celebrated:

Jeremy Young Jan. 1
Beth Wilson Jan. 6
Loretta Kaskey Jan.8
Bob Bishop Jan. 11
Lance Cavalieri Jan. 11
Tim Barry Jan. 14
Carol Howell Jan. 18th
JR Romero Jan. 19



Ronnie Forbes Jan. 27

Anniversaries celebrated:

Kathy and Patrick Coyle Jan. 8th - 48 years

Hank and Ernestine Shay Jan. 1st - 57 years

Crab Feed Information:



Bob Cowan announced that it is time to buy tickets to the Crab Feed on March 22nd at the RLCC. Prices will go up Feb. 1st. The event will be cashless.

Courtney Michels explained the new procedure for online ordering of tickets.



- The Crab Feed committee looked at: How can we make it easier to get a ticket and check in? Also, how to get our money more quickly into our account?
- It was decided to use PayBee, which is a Fundraising Events Solution for nonprofit groups, to help with ticketing, check-in and financial management. Many nonprofit groups use PayBe and the committee looked into this and asked other nonprofits about using PayBee. Positive feedback was received from those who have used PayBee.
- How does this work: Go to the Rotary Website, scroll down to the crab feed poster and then click on: BUY TICKETS HERE!
- Once you get to the next step, you will click on purchasing a ticket/s or purchasing a table. Then you will go to the next step and type the list of names and guests' emails because tickets will be distributed through email.
- The ticket will have a QR code, and it will be scanned when you enter the event. You can also still add the names of your guests at this time.
- The committee believes there will be a very big improvement in the organizing of the event and financial management.

Next Week's Program Speaker: Steve McCoy-Thompson - The Gratitude Network



Today's Program: Mary Grace Gomilla, AXIS Community Health

Pat McMenamin introduced Mary Grace Gomilla: Welcome back to our Rotary Club. She has over 15 years experience in event planning and other engagement activities. She works hard to advance the need to make healthcare more affordable for all. Her commitment to community service extends to many other organizations.

For the actual presentation, access the link at the end of the Spur

Mary Grace explained the history of AXIS. In 1972, it started out as a grassroots organization to serve pediatric care for underserved children. Their mission is to provide quality and accessible healthcare for all. AXIS includes Integrated Behavioral Health. In 2019, they opened their first dental site in Dublin and in 2020 they introduced chiropractic and acupuncture services. Axis has a staff of over 200.

In 2023, they provided over 125,000 healthcare visits to over 14,000 patients. Patients come from the Tri-Valley area and San Ramon. Axis has really improved in their reaching out to the community. There are six locations. The main headquarters is in Pleasanton. There are three other sites in Pleasanton and one in Dublin and Livermore. The Livermore facility will include dental, medical and mental health services. They also provide not only in person, but online (telehealth) services. They have expanded and have included senior age services in the Livermore office.

The Bridge Program is available to ALL residents ages 5 and up. You can call their hotline, and they will work with the person to guide and support the individual regarding the care they may need. This program has been important in decreasing the amount of 5150's crisis.

There was an active Q&A at the end of the talk:

Question: How many people would be completely uninsured? Do the numbers of medical and Medicare change from year to year? AXIS does have a sliding scale for those insured and uninsured.

Question: Do you do vaccines and TB tests? Yes, by appointment.

Sblend Sblendorio shared: The Alameda Health System (EX: Highland Hospital-trauma care) does not really serve the Tri-Valley. So, AXIS provides a level of service that is of high quality and meets the needs that is required by law and is financially supported by the county and other levels of government.

Question: What about transportation for patients: AXIS will organize rideshares.

Question: What percentage of Livermore is under the 100% poverty? Information is not available, but there is a large need in Livermore.

Carolyn Siegfried is on the Board of AXIS. She shared that in order to get a 100% rating score is huge. AXIS received this and continues to demonstrate an ongoing reflection process and care.

AXIS works closely with the mobile units for homeless needs. There is a community liaison who supports the needs of the homeless.

Question: What are some of the key things to deepen and expand the impact of the community? Volunteer opportunities are an area where they can be expanded, especially after covid.

Question: Who does the maintenance? There is a maintenance team who oversees the six facilities.



President Marc shared that the club donated \$500 to AXIS.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.

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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
Livermore, CA 94551
Time: Wednesday at 12:00 PM

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