



Rotary Club of Livermore

Spur Report 12/11/2024

Club Meeting & Elections for 2025-2026

Spur Reporter: Will Bateson



President Marc opened the meeting

Pledge of Allegiance: Paul Spence led us in the pledge at 12:30

Songsters: They led us singing *Yellow Submarine*



Thought for the Day: Trudi Barnes reflected on her youth, including being married 47 years ago in December. She mentioned movies that she always watches this time of year, including *White Christmas* and *Die*



Hard. President Marc took a poll of how many of us consider Die Hard a Christmas movie. Our poll was about equally split, and President Marc replied that 'there are good people on both sides.' Ha! Trudi mentioned that she and David left their wedding ceremony to *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* and asked us all to reflect on our memories and pass them onto the next generation.

Guests: Dennis O'Brien introduced Merlen Martin (sp?), a prospective member. Mike Thompson introduced Eric Wentz from Wentz Winery. The Wentz family have donated heavily to our club over the years, most notably with lots of wine given to us for our annual crab feed.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Ready Program: Dennis O'Brien mentioned the field trip to the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco last weekend and remarked that he's seen the same white alligator there for at least the last 25 years.

Beard Growing for Louie's Dream Room Makeover: President Marc noted that as of a few days ago, we were in 2nd place of all the groups donating, with a bit over \$5000 donated by our club. And while that's commendable, it's not 1st place. As I was taught in my ultra-competitive family, 2nd place is just 1st loser. Sorry, I know that's harsh. In any event, President Marc donated an additional \$500, bringing us up to over \$5700 and 1st place (as of this writing). Great job Rotarians!

John Shirley Scholarship: CHEF portal is now open (mentioned in last week's Spur), so it's time for those who said they would donate to this amazing scholarship fund to do so!

Children's Christmas Party: Kathy Coyle led us and some non-rotary



volunteers at this beautiful party for 184 guests/families. Lots of food was eaten and what little remained was given to the families. A fantastic magician (a member of the morning club) made all the children laugh, and they all left with a present. Irv took photos of each child who wanted to sit on Santa's lap (yes, of course Santa was in the house!), which is pretty special. These families were so well-behaved and appreciative. This party exemplifies what Rotary is all about. Kudos to all who helped make it a great event.

Plaque to Eric Wente: Mike Thompson presented Eric Wente a long overdue plaque for all his contributions to our club over the years, beginning in the 1990s. Also, Mike auctioned off a bottle of Wente Nth Degree wine!



Board Nominations: Past President Sheila gave us the update. Coming on board (nomination and confirmed) will be Trex Donovan, Trudi Barnes, and Christine Lusty. Alan Burnham will be Treasurer, Irv Stowers will be Secretary, and Joel Swanson will be President-Elect Elect, or something like that – he'll be President after Pat McMenemy. Congratulations all!

Next Week Catered Lunch! Mike Thompson is organizing a catered lunch for next week's meeting with Strizzis. He needs 6 volunteers to help.

Next Week's Speaker: Livermore High School Choirs are joining us

Today's Assembly: Board members each came up to give a brief summary of their accomplishments and goals. Lots of good stuff will be in our newsletter coming out December 15.



See the link below for all the reports.

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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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