

Rotary Club of Livermore



Spur Report 12/18/2024

Spur Reporter: Michelle Kleman

Rotary Club of Livermore Holiday Buffet: Prior to the start of the meeting, Santa Mike Thompson and all his Rotary Elves served the Club a wonderful buffet lunch from Strizzi's Restaurant in Livermore. A wonderful time was had by all.



President Marc Roberts opened the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Cowan.



Songsters Song: Songsters sang “*Jingle Bell Rock*” by Joseph Carleton Beal and James Boothe. Our Songsters included Dave, Marc, Trudi, Stu, Michael, Joel, and Tim.



Thought for the Day: Tim Barry sang “*Christmas for Cowboys*” by John Denver discussing how the simple pleasures of life provide much to be thankful for. The warmth of a campfire and a beautiful meadow are opportunities to give thanks for the real meaning of the holidays.



Visiting Rotarians:

We had no visiting Rotarians today.

Guests:

We had the good fortune of numerous guests at today’s meeting:

- JC and Kathleen Moody (friends of Barnes family)
- Courtney Michalowski (introduced by Christine Lusty)
- Pauline Thompson (wife of Paul Thompson)
- Merlin Martin (prospective member)
- Jay Mills (prospective member)
- Andrew Smolle (Guest of Pat McMEnamin),
- Madeline McMEnamin (wife of Pat McMEnami)
- Bob Carling (introduced by Paul Spence)
- Yolanda Fintschenko, Executive Director, I-GATE (introduced by Paul Spence)



Friends and family of Student of the Month honorees: Juan Espinoza, Gabriela Almanza, Raquel and Mathew Bocage, and mother and father of Malana Island.



In addition to visitors, we had **Corporate members** in attendance: Police Chief Jeremy Young, Captains Jason Boberg, John Reynolds and Julie Cochran as well as Christine Campbell of the Livermore Police Department.



Students of the Month – Livermore High School

Bill Nebo introduced Livermore High School Principal Roxana Mohammed who gave fabulous endorsements for each of our three Students of the Month from Livermore High.

Jonathon Espinoza

Jonathon is interested in nursing and has earned numerous credits that will count toward his degree already. He is a member of the ROP nursing program which is exceptionally hard to be admitted to. He volunteers at Junction School and with several other organizations. He plans to attend Los Positas College. It was a dream of Jonathon's to be Student of the Month at Rotary.



Jacob Bocage

Jacob takes a wide variety of advanced courses and has been on the principles honor roll nine times. He plays varsity football and is a champion long jumper. He is often praised for his teamwork. Jacob participates in many volunteer opportunities, including the Special Olympics, the Associated Student Body and is in leadership at church activities.

Malana Island

Malana takes varied advanced placement classes as well as participates in or leading several

extracurricular activities. She has organized Blood Drives, led her team to wins with the Society of Women Engineers and had three DNA segments published in a medical journal. She also finds time to participate in sports and was the varsity water polo captain and is on the Livermore swim team. She plans to go into chemical or mechanical engineering.



Announcements:

The John Shirley Scholarship: President Marc shared information about the Pedrozzi Foundation scholarship in honor of John Shirley. Rotary was able to create an endowment with funds contributed by Rotary members and with half matching contributions from the Community Health and Education Foundation. The endowment will be funded at \$100K and will allow for one \$4K scholarship for a deserving recipient studying animal science or veterinarian medicine each year. Way to go Rotarians in supporting this worthwhile endeavor. The scholarship fund is still accepting donations.

Beard Growing for Rooms of Hope was a huge success, and the Rotary club prevailed as the victor. Rotary met our target goal and raised \$5,900 to support children who are isolated due to being immunocompromised from illness or treatment of an illness. Often these kids do not even get to interact with their own family because of illness or treatment.

In celebration of the good work, Brook Witherspoon, Board member of Rooms of Hope, has invited all Rotarians to The First Street Ale House on January 8th from 5-6pm to enjoy a drink and appetizer.



The Rotary Foundation Honorees: Goud Memula, TRF Chair, honored quite a large group for their generosity this year.

He honored the **Paul Harris Society members** who were new to Paul Harris this Rotary year.

He also honored the **Paul Harris Fellows** and the **Polio Plus Society members**.





Crab Feed Committee Meeting: Bob Cowen announced the crab feed committee meeting at his house on 12/19 from 5-6 pm.

Crab Feed Tickets: Tickets for our March 22, 2025 Crab Feed will be available via PayBee on or after Jan 8, 2025. At the Rotary meeting on January 8, 2025, the Club will be given instructions on how to use PayBee to purchase your ticket. Please do not try to use PayBee before Jan 8, 2025.

Next meeting: Remember we are dark for the next two weeks (no meetings.) **The next Rotary meeting will be held on January 8th** and will be Victoria Tishman, Senior Director at Axis Health.

Zoom is over – the Zoom meeting has concluded and will no longer be an option.

Today's program:

The Livermore High School Choir, comprised of juniors and Seniors with Director Brendan Lodge, sang five songs spanning a variety of music genres. They sang a Filipino Christmas Carol, a number inspired by Jewish Heritage and an African Spiritual song. They ended their concert with two holiday classics, *It's the Most Wonderful time of the Year*, and *We Wish you a Merry Christmas*. The group received a standing ovation for the beautiful mastery of the diverse body of music. Rotary donated \$500 to the ensemble.





Marc Roberts thanked all attendees for their service and contributions and **closed the meeting at 1:29 pm.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

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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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