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“A very good club”

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President Sblend’s comments

Happy new year Rotarians!

Last year the club conducted a visioning process.

Our club agreed upon several action items:

- Focus upon membership attraction of younger people
- Hear from younger people about their preferences
- Provide lunch at meetings
- Bi-monthly lunch programs should incorporate Rotary principles so that members have the necessary underpinning to engage with prospective members.
- Position Livermore Rotary as a community influencer
- Teach youth how to volunteer



I ask that each of you reflect on which of these goals have seen some progress, and which need more effort on our part.

Livermore Rotary is part of the process of building a community.

The theme for Wednesday, January 25 is “A Celebration of San Francisco.”
Wear SF Logo Apparel or Give Us Personal Stories About SF.”

Sblend Sblendorio

President-Elect Sheila Fagliano’s calendar

MEETING CALENDAR — January and February

- January 18th **Chest of Hope** with Jessica Alfaro. Also recognizing 3 outstanding students from Livermore High School
- January 25th **Zone 7 Agency** with Alexandra Bradley. And it’s “Special Theme Day” TBA by President Sblend.
- February 1st **“Pasta-bilities”** with Cassie Wetzel. Small home business done good! Also recognizing our members birthdays and anniversaries.
- February 8th **Interact Auction**
- February 15th **An Epic adventure in the Antarctic** with Kim Grandfield. Also recognizing 1 outstanding student from Vineyard High school
- February 16 **Board Meeting**
- February 22nd **Futures Explored, Specials needs adults center** with Hester Wagner and Karen Smith. And it’s “Special Theme day” TBA by President Sblend.



Sheila Fagliano

Secretary Joel Swanson — January Board Highlights

The highlight of the BOD meeting Thursday was the discussion regarding the \$25,000 government grant the club applied for and received, and how best to use it. The funds are specifically for a project that provides relief for those most affected by COVID 19, especially the homeless, Seniors, and/or K-12 education. We have 2 years to accomplish the project(s), and could work with the morning club to combine efforts and funds available for a large project. Sonya Sheffield is looking for applicable projects.

The Board also selected two Rotarians of the Quarter for quarters one and two of the current Rotary year. They will be announced and presentations will be made at club meetings.



Joel Swanson

Treasurer's Report—Norm Bregman



I trust you all had a great New Year celebration. I'm looking forward to a terrific New Year for Rotarians across the globe. The outstanding news to share in the new year is that we received



a grant for \$25,000 to help our local community. Kudos go to Glenn Kubiak for taking over the treasurer's job in my absence and our President's. You will be hearing more about this in the future as the Finance Committee has met to discuss how the funds may be best used and the

Board will be making the final decision once choices are presented for their consideration. Overall, we continue to be in very good shape financially. To ensure we remain in good financial

shape we need to have a successful **Crab Feed** with all tables occupied. Get your tickets now and influence your friends, and enemies if you so wish, to join the party and participate in the two auctions, live and silent!

The Financial news as of the close of the second quarter:

Our current checking account balance was \$63,220 as of Dec. 31st. Last year it was \$49,046.

Our total income as of Dec. 31st was \$49,352.00. Last year it was \$43,855.00.

Most of the difference comes from facility fee income being incorporated in the July invoice.

Norm Bregman

Community Service — Loretta Kaskey



“The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by **the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.**” DeAnn Hollis.

We announced a **call for volunteers** to support the Livermore Warming Center last month. I talked with Kim White the director of the program (located at the Veterans Memorial Building, 522 S. L St., Livermore) asking how the response has been. She still needs volunteers for the 6AM to 8:15 shift. This shift helps with wake up, monitoring use of bathrooms, breakfast service, and morning clean up.

If you are a Morning Person, please consider contributing to this worthy volunteer opportunity. Contact Kim White at (510) 224-3755 or kim@livermorewarmingcenter.org. Volunteer Training will be provided. Don't forget to tell them you are part of Livermore Rotary.

From what I have seen and experienced, concerning Livermore Rotary volunteers, is a strong set of values that guides our volunteerism including integrity, dedication, teamwork, respect, and responsiveness. Couple this with the strong heart of a volunteer and a little competence, it is clear why the Livermore Warming Center sought us out to help!

Baby it's cold outside!

In support of a **One Nation Dream Makers** and a request from **Supervisor Haubert's Office**, we announce a call for **VOLUNTEERS**. A warming center is open at the **Veterans Memorial Building** (522 S. L St., Livermore) for unhoused residents, as weather conditions dictate (forecasted temperatures of 45 degrees or below, or 20% chance of rain).

Loretta Kaskey



Membership — Alan Burnham



We are holding our current membership but are not making adequate progress towards building back membership to pre-COVID strength. At the end of the year, we had 98 active and honorary members, down from 120 a few years ago. We did have one person who decided to become a Friend of Rotary rather than a full member, and she plans to serve as a volunteer for Rotary activities. Fortunately, a few members have been successful at bringing friends, with one being in the process of joining and a couple more saying that they intend to apply. Hopefully we can nudge above the 100-member mark soon.

Many members have not yet established login accounts to the new **DACDB** website or the **Rotary Foundation** website. Kathy Coyle recently added a help sheet to our club website: <https://livermore-rotary.org/member-help/>. There you will find this screen (below) to help you in the process. Just below those tutorial links, you will see the announcement about where to find the **member roster** in case you want to find the contact information for any of our members.

Creating Accounts on Rotary International/ my.rotary and DACDB:

If you need help creating a login to DACDB [click here](#) to view the step-by-step instructions in a pdf.

If you need help creating a login to Rotary.org or My.Rotary [click here](#) to download the tutorial.

Member Rosters

Effective September 1, 2021 we will no longer publish the member rosters to our website. You can access the membership database by logging into [DACDB](#) and clicking on the "MyClub" and then the Club Members icon. Please contact [Club Secretary Joel Swanson](#) if you have any questions.

Meeting Volunteer Schedules

Contact [Gordon Jones](#) to sign up on our Google Sheet to help with Club Service: Spur Reporter, Photographer, Thought for the Day, Zoom host and more.

Alan Burnham

Major Events — Linda Tinney



As we near the annual **Crab Feed date of March 3**, I am reminding us all that the committee needs **raffle items and large auction items**. Please ask

establishments that you frequent if they would be willing to donate something towards our raffle. It is quite amazing how easy it is to ask and how many times businesses are quite happy to donate, i.e. favorite restaurants, salons, gift stores, etc. Several of the crab feed committee have done just that and have been successful in obtaining gift certificates. We also need large auction items. Please let Diana Geyer know if you wish to donate any raffle items. You will have an opportunity to bid on these items before the crab feed, so stay tuned. Remember to bring your crab claw crackers. **Sadly, it's not allowed to heat your butter over a flame, but you can bring it heated in a thermos.** There will be wine, beer, cocktails and soft

drinks for sale. Wine is \$30 per bottle, \$6 per glass, cocktails \$8, beer is \$6, soft drinks \$2. Water is free.



Due to spacing at the Community Center, there will only be tables for 8 available. Ticket prices are \$90 per seat or \$85 per seat if you purchase an entire table of 8. A table purchase will include 2 bottles of wine. If you purchase a table, your payment must be in one form. Contact Debbie Peck or Kathleen Tabet for tickets.

Location: 4444 East Avenue. Doors will open at 6 PM and dinner will begin at 7PM. **JR Romero's** band "Stagecoach" will be performing country, southern classic rock music for those dancing fans. So don't miss it!!!!

Linda Tinney

Club Service — Gordon Jones

Volunteer Sign Ups -

The new consolidated spreadsheet for all meeting support tasks seem to be working well for all tasks except for Spur Reporter. As well as being able to volunteer online we will ask Greeter to bring to peoples' attention that forms for signatures will be around on the tables.

Presentations

In recent weeks the quality of some of the Featured Presentations has been less than satisfactory and the slides were not applicable in such a large room. I know it is a sensitive subject but could someone with considerable presentation knowledge act as "Presentation Vetting Coordinator"? I assume many of the charities and non-profits do not have funds to provide presentation education so it could add value to their slides? Kelly Bowers has obtained a very detailed Powerpoint Training Guide that we can leverage to encourage better presentations. If anyone is willing to take on this Coordination role please contact Gordon Jones.



Gordon Jones

International Services Committee — Goud Memula

For Rotary year 22-23, our club was allocated **16,566 of District Designated Funds (DDF)**. Approximately 50% of our contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund from the last two years and seven months come back to us for use in District and Global Grants.

District Grants—Empowering Women

President Sblend allocated half of this DDF to the Area 4 Global Grant and the other half to a District Grant. He was interested in supporting girls, so we prepared and obtained approval for a District Grant to support Girls Garage, a nonprofit design and construction school for girls and gender-expansive youth ages 9-18. Some of you will recall their presentation to our club some time ago. Our 8,283 of DDF resulted in \$10,353.75 of funding in the approved District Grant.

Girls Garage will be finishing the Eames Institute Project and working on-site to prepare for an installation date in February with their Advanced Design and Build cohort. Their Construction + Community students, will be building a 10'x12' shade house (like a greenhouse but with shade cloth covering) for Urban Tilth's school-based garden site at Verde Elementary School. Will be a redwood framed structure used by students and Urban Tilth staff to cultivate seedlings for the gardening program.

We are invited to tour the site to see their students building the shade house (Rotarian participation is required for the District Grant). We need to select from the following dates on Tuesdays, from 4:30-5:00pm: January 31, February 7, February 14, February 21, February 28, March 7. By Friday, January 20, please let Pat Coyle, pat@coyles.com, 925-960-5286, know if you'd like to make it and what dates work for you.

Linda Tinney



Vocational Services — Paul McCandless and Keith Beck

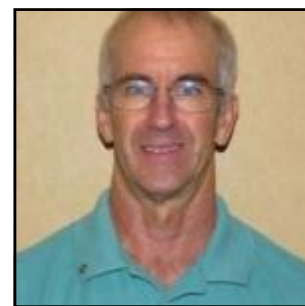
Youth Services Report from **Keith Beck**: There was a District zoom call on 1-10-2023 and here are some updates for the BOD.

Interact Club, Livermore HS. After a two-year covid shutdown the Interact Club is "booting up" again this year at Livermore High. The Youth auction sponsored by our club will not take place as per Jacquie Williams Cartright. Jacquie seems to have been successful in getting some high school students for the Crab Feed. Due to an inactive Interact Club we will not be presenting a student for RYLA Camp. Also we do not have any students lined up for the Speech Contest.

Youth Exchange Program. Paul was going to look into this. If we can get anything lined up it will be for the 2024-2025 school year. The monthly stipend for an incoming exchange student has been raised to \$175/month that each club will be required to pay if they have a foreign student.

Update: The Interact Club at Livermore High School is trying to revive and we are supporting those efforts. More to follow.

Paul McCandless and Keith Beck



The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

International Services committee consists of Goud Memula (Chair), Pat Coyle, Paul Thompson, Evonne Hopkins, Keith Beck and Paul McCandless.



International Project Global Grant 3242155 Anubandh (Reported by Goud Memula)

Successfully completed the fundraising for this Cancer Screening project with the help of many Rotarians and non-Rotarians. As of now we raised \$13,115 and a few more donations are expected. We are purchasing \$10,000 DDF from our District for \$12,500. Cash donations of \$1,050 will be needed after approval of Global Grant.

International Projects in Nepal and Uganda (Paul Thompson)



Need more support in Nepal for additional surgeries for hearing loss. Please donate to Nepalese Children fund through Rotarian Foundation of Livermore.

Uganda project for an Ultrasound machine needs additional support. Donations can be made through the Adea Foundation, 501c3 Tax ID 83-0393515, Po Box 45751, Seattle, WA 98145, specify for Grace Care Medical Clinic on the transaction.

District Governor Project "Independence through Hygiene (#EmpoweringGirls)

This project budget is \$150,000 of which \$48,000 has been raised. Support from all the District 5170 clubs is requested. More details on the project will be provided soon.

Update on hosting the I-House students from UC Berkeley (Reported by Evonne Hopkins)

March 25-26 has been approved for hosting I-House students from UC Berkeley. Lot of planning has been done by Evonne. Please contact Evonne Hopkins to sign up for host family and other support needed.

Goud Memula



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Committee Update

PHS Recognition pins were awarded to Rotarians as follows:

Lee Younker PHF+6 PHF+7



James Schmidt PHF+5



Paul Szmyd PHF+4



Mary Ann Rozsa PHF+4



Michael Ferrucci PHF+2



Jennifer Thaete PHF+1



Christian Chukwuma PHF+7



Paul Harris Society Member recognition was made to Rotarians who donated \$1000 or more this year as follows:

Robert Cowan
Marc Robert
Kathy Coyle.

Congratulations to all the above and thank you for supporting TRF.

Our TRF fundraising effort is as follows:

Annual Fund \$43,488 vs the goal of \$66,000, which is 66%.
PolioPlus \$6,726 vs the goal of \$18,000, which is 37%.

Club has set a goal of reaching 100%EREY, meaning **Every Rotarian** contributing **Every Year** and to date we have reached 46%.

We are now at 41% and need help from ALL to reach the goal. We need participation from all Rotarians to meet the goal.

District 5170 has a TRF 2022-23 drawing on March 1 to pick the winning Club with most Annual Fund and PolioPlus funds raised.

Please feel free to contact any of the three TRF Committee members with any questions while I am away until March 7. (Pat MeMenamin, Irv Stowers, Glenn Kubiak)

Thank you for the support.

Goud Memula

What's UP with Rotarian Foundation of Livermore

The Rotarian Foundation is gearing up to review a substantial number of grant application requests. Per our By-Laws we are allowed to distribute 4% of our corpus as determined by our portfolio as of December 31st. That corpus amount was \$4,407,028 and will allow us to contribute \$176,281 for funding the grants. That is a substantial amount and more than we have been able to fund in the past due to Marty Plone's generous endowment last year from his estate.

The Foundation will also be embarking on funding the Vineyard 2.0 project in Livermore where we allotted \$50,000 to honor Marty Plone's generosity. We will start this funding by placing a deposit for ordering the furnishings for the two Community rooms amounting to approximately \$20,000 either in January or February. Besides the furnishings, the Foundation also committed to purchase the appliances for both laundry facilities. The development will be completed in June or July of this year.

In case you are not familiar with Vineyard 2.0, it is a wonderful addition to our community assisting our low and very low-income residents with a history of homelessness. It is a partnership between the Housing Consortium of East Bay and the City of Livermore to provide 24 units of affordable, accessible housing. The development will be comprised of studios and 1-bedroom units, with one 2-bedroom unit dedicated to an on-site manager. The building will also include a 10,000 sq. ft. commercial kitchen, dining room and homeless resource center. The kitchen and dining room will be the new home for Open Heart Kitchen, serving hot meals 5-7 days/week for Livermore's homeless and low-income neighbors. The Homeless Center will provide the following services: showers, laundry machines, health clinic, mailboxes, mental health services and case management. We are extremely proud to support this much needed development addressing the issues of homelessness in our community.

Mary Anne Rozsa
Rotarian Foundation of Livermore
President 2022-2023

Application for custom Rotary business card

Check all boxes of items you want on your card

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Home address
<input type="checkbox"/>	Land line
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mobile phone
<input type="checkbox"/>	email
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rotary logo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Photo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Identity statement

Your name: _____

Home address: _____

Land line: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Photo: (from Rotary archives)

Identity statement: (Committee, occupation, retired, interests, other)

Business cards come in sets of 10. How many sets? _____

Signature _____

Please hand this application to Irv Stowers, business card magician

Expect one week for delivery.

Compensation: Suggest \$10 donation per set to Rotary club of Livermore

Grants Committee Report

Here they are! These are the current recipients of Rotary club grants. Our club awarded **\$11,035** this second session of grants, and the Livermore Valley Educational Fund added another **\$4,210** for a total grants awarded this month of \$15,245.

Next (and final) grant awards this Rotary year have a budget of \$13,450 by our club and \$5,975 by LVEF. We're making a lot of dreams come true!



Rolald Ellingsen



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Grant Awards January 11, 2023

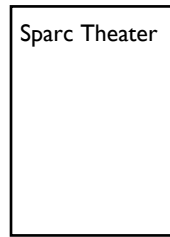
\$ Rotary + \$ LEVF



Nadine Moore
Our Savior Lutheran
History subscription
\$190



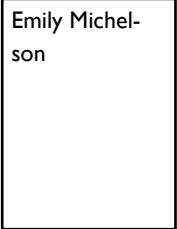
Terri Molano
Partners for Change
Gas cards
\$1000



Sparc Theater
Sparc Theater
LV Rotary Grant
Music equipment
\$595



Allison Faro
Our Savior Lutheran
CD player, headphones
\$540



Emily Michelson
Arroyo Seco
Ipads kindergarten
\$640 + 640



Jacky Paulsen
Asbury Church
Buss Pass Prog.
\$1,000



Emily Schul
Marilyn Ave.
Charms for running
\$245 + 245



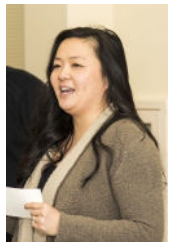
Debra Morris
Croce Elem.
Color Printer
\$255 + 255



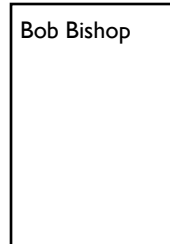
Alan Copeland
Del Valle Fine Arts
Music outreach
\$600



Jennifer Bowman
Granada Supporters
GHS Grad Night
\$450 + 450



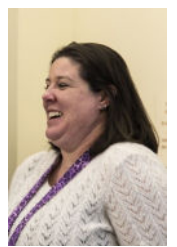
Jenn Fei
Croce Elem.
Garden tools
\$300 + 300



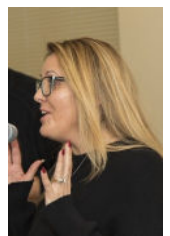
Bob Bishop
Bob Bishop
BFF Heroes
Gas Gift Cards
\$750



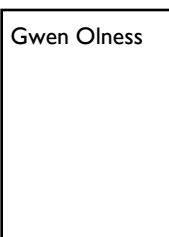
Kenon Willis
Granada HS
Robot kits
\$345 + 345



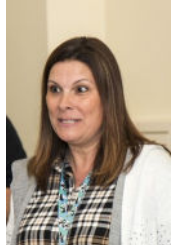
Kristina Wooten
Croce Elem.
1st grade STEAM
\$300 + 300



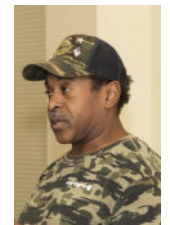
Scarlett Payne
Light Kingdom Ministry
Laptop women in crisis
\$850



Gwen Olness
Gwen Olness
East Ave MS
Triple beam balances
\$500 + 500



Christina Carroll
Lawrence Elem.
Teaching Easel
\$315 + 315



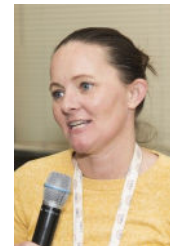
Ronnie Forbes
One Nation
Dream Makers
Laptop for warm-
ing center
\$1000



Lieven Smart
Junction Ave. MS
CMEA Festival fee
\$300



Jenne Peterson
LVJUSD
Student Clothing
\$500 + 500



Amy Jackson
Croce Elementary
Wobble Stools
\$360+360