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“A very good club”

April 2023

President Sblend’s comments

Please attend the District Conference on April 29 in Mountain View at the Computer History Museum. The club will pay for one event—such as the Saturday night dinner. Details can be found on the conference website. <https://rotarydistrict5170.org/page/district-conference-2023>.



We are making progress toward a new meeting location. Sonya, Sheila and several Rotarians have been very giving of their time to securing a new location WITH onsite food. We are one of the few remaining clubs in our area without onsite food preparation. The cost will be \$30 per lunch, we expect. If you recall, our lunch cost before COVID, at the DoubleTree was \$25 per lunch. We will need to commit to 30 meals per meeting. Non-eaters will be charged a nominal fee.

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President-Elect Sheila Fagliano’s calendar

MEETING CALENDAR — April 2023

- March 22nd: **Learn about Oakland Zoo** — Nik Dehejia
Theme Wednesday — TBA
- March 29: **Club Grants**
Theme — Baseball
- April 5: **ALS Cures** with Mike Piscotty
Birthdays and anniversaries
- April 12: **Coaniquem Children’s Burn Center Update** — Bob Cowan
- April 19: **Youth in Government**
Outstanding students (3) from Livermore High
- April 26: **Music Scholarship and Performance**
Theme Wednesday — TBA



Sheila Fagliano

Secretary Joel Swanson — March Board Highlights

Mike Thompson was present, and proposed a program to seek and find new major donors from the local area. Like TopCon, we're hoping to get donors in the 25,000 to 100,000 dollar range. He'll be starting a committee to look for and encourage businesses to become major donors to our club.

President Sblend encourages members of our club to attend the District conference in Mountain View on April 29th, a one-day event.

We've found a potential site for our weekly meetings, that will include lunches. The location is the event room at the Las Positas Winery. The board of directors is planning to have their next meeting (April 20th) there, and will check out the venue and the wi-fi to see how well the room supports Zoom attendees. We'll also try to schedule a New Member Mixer there soon, so more club members can reconnoiter the location. The venue is being offered for free to the Club, but lunches, as you would expect, will be more costly than the old DoubleTree hotel's were. Prices for lunches include wages for serving staff, plus tips.

We're still struggling to meet our "Every Rotarian, Every Year" goal. All club members are encouraged to donate to the Rotarian Foundation (this could be a Polio Plus donation).

Joel Swanson



Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman



We remain in very good shape in our club bank accounts with a cash balance of over \$61,000, although several large checks have not been cashed as of March 1st. I don't have an update on our restricted funds in the Rotary Foundation of Livermore since that arrives after the 10th of the month and I will be out of town and unavailable.

All tables were sold out for the Crab Feed. **Debbie, Sonya and Linda** did an incredible job to make sure this became reality at the Community Center, table layout and much more. The two co-chairs were *absolutely marvelous* in making sure everything got pulled off at the highest level. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the work of **Bob and Don. Joel** as usual was out of this world making sure the kitchen was prepared to handle the 320 guests. *He never got to leave the kitchen and ate pizza with the scouts.* I've never worked with a finer group of people dedicated to making this all come together. Kudos to **Mike Thompson** who arranged for all the donated wine. The list goes on, but I wanted to extend my personal thanks to all of you that were involved in making this a reality, especially **Glenn** who got me through this process!

I have not received all the invoices at the time of this writing, but from all the information I have we will be above our projections for net proceeds compared last year. That is always a terrific feeling for your treasurer. More potential dollars to distribute if the estimate holds!

Norm Bregman



Membership — Alan Burnham

Two new members were inducted into our club recently (**Don Sweeney** and **Matt Fuzie**), which brought our Active/Emeritus membership total to 100. Kudos to **Dennis O'Brien** and **Marc Roberts** for bringing them into our fold. In addition, we have another person (**Rania Harfouche-Szabo**) who has cleared all the membership hurdles and will be inducted soon. A brief bio for Matt and Rania will appear in future issues.



Donald Sweeney is a graduate of the University of Michigan where he studied optical sciences. He was a Professor of Engineering at Purdue University, a staff member at LLNL and Sandia, and the University of Arizona. At LLNL, Don managed the EUV lithography research program; a technology used today to manufacture the most advanced electronic chips.

*Don and his wife Mary have lived in Livermore for 23 years. He has three daughters and 6 grandchildren, five of the grandchildren live in the Bay Area. Don is active in the **Quest Science Center**, founded by Alan Burnham. Don joined Rotary to contribute to the Livermore community and to form new friendships with like-minded individuals. He looks forward to participating in Rotary projects that further these goals.*

Alan Burnham

Club Service — Gordon Jones

One of the challenges providing wine in the Livermore county is that as we have so many wineries, people are extremely knowledgeable and selective. So we tried to provide a large selection. **Mike Thompson**, with his winery contacts, was able to provide a wide selection. Trying to predict what type of beer and hard liquor combinations was also a challenge!



Although the event was scheduled for 6 pm opening a large number of people had arrived by 5:30 pm. Fortunately our ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) license was issued for 5:30 pm so we were able to handle the peak demand and provide early arrivals with the bottles of wines ordered via table purchases (about 80 bottles were provided!)

Gordon Jones

Community Service — Loretta Kaskey



A **BIG Thank You** to all Rotary Members who participated in the Area 4 Rotary Day of Service at Kids Against Hunger on March 25th at the Quarry Lane location in Pleasanton. Kids Against Hunger is a non-profit organization that has a mission to feed starving children and help end world hunger. The mission is accomplished



through the distribution of fortified soy/rice casserole-style meal specifically formulated to meet the nutritional needs of starving children; by engaging volunteers to package the ingredients for the meals; and by maintaining worldwide partnerships with humanitarian organization. Teams of 8 to 10 volunteers packed the bags of high-quality white rice, fortified crushed soy (52% protein), a blend of 6 dehydrated vegetables, and a scoop of 21 vitamins & minerals. Each package provides 6 nutritionally complete servings. In the past month and over the weekend, over **270,000 of these packages** have been boxed up and are ready to be shipped to **Haiti**. We had a good time scooping, weighing, filling plastic bags and zipping, all in a pleasant, busy hour and a half. We will have feed a LOT of people. Hooray!



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Reminder that **May 6th** is Livermore Community Service Day! Please save the date.

The Livermore Rotary Club in collaboration with the City of Livermore will be preparing and serving lunch to all the volunteers. Estimating that we need about 10 volunteers to prepare, cook, serve, and clean up between 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM. Lunch will be served outdoors in Carnegie Park. (More later)

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

A DAY OF SERVICE TO BENEFIT OUR LIVERMORE COMMUNITY



Sat., May 6, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - Update

Our TRF fundraising effort today is as follows:
 Annual Fund \$48,462 vs the goal of \$66,000 which is 73%
 PolioPlus \$11,276 vs the goal of \$18,000 which is 63%.

Club has set a goal of reaching 100% EREY, meaning Every Rotarian Contributing Every Year and to date we only reached 51%.

EREY pins were distributed to those present at the club meeting and contributed this year.

ROTARY YEAR ends June 30, 2023 and we need the support from all who did not donate this Rotary YEAR 2022-23. Please contact Goud Memula to know your status of EREY.

The following Rotarians were recognized for their donations to TRF this year:

Major Donor Level I and PHS Member: Marc Roberts
 PHS Members: Mike Morgan, Bill Nebo, Lynn Seppala, Paul Thompson, Linda Tinney and Leland Younker
 PHF+8: Jeffrey Youngsma and Leland Younker
 PHF+7: Brian Mayall
 PHF+6: Alan Frank, Theodore Michels and Linda Tinney
 PHF+5: James Schmidt
 PHF+4: Glenn Kubiak
 PHF Certificate and Pin: Stuart Frazier and Loretta Kaskey

Congratulations to all and thank you for your support to The Rotary Foundation.

Thank you. *Goud Memula*



Vocational Services — Paul McCandless and Keith Beck

Paul Harris wrote: "**Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession.**" Vocational is the very foundation of Rotary itself.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Paul McCandless (Director), Carol Howell, Carolyn Siegfried, Dennis O'Brian, and Marc Roberts.

Vocational Services is sponsoring two upcoming meetings:

April 19, Youth In Government: Arrive early and share your professional knowledge with high school youth! This year club members will be sitting with youth to explain our professions and help them understand future career possibilities. *Please arrive early* (closer to 12:00 than 12:30pm) for more time to interact with these inquisitive youth. The presenter for the meeting will be **Marianna Marysheva** giving a "State of the City" talk.

Bonus! Lunch will be provided for all attendees! More information to follow.

May 3, Outstanding Educators: We will be presenting awards to some of the outstanding educators in the LJUSD. I say "some" because so many of our teachers are outstanding, and we can only honor a few. Come help celebrate these great educators!

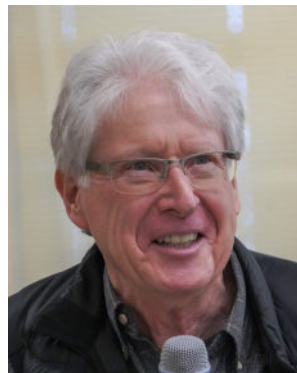
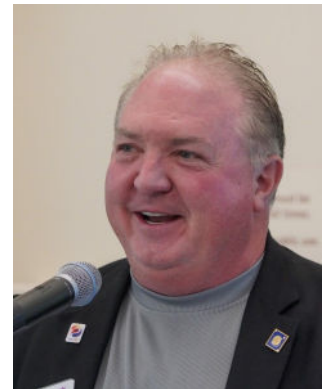
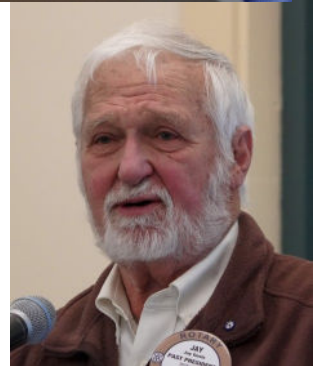
Another bonus! Lunch will again be provided for all attendees!

Paul McCandless and Keith Beck





Our fellow Rotarians



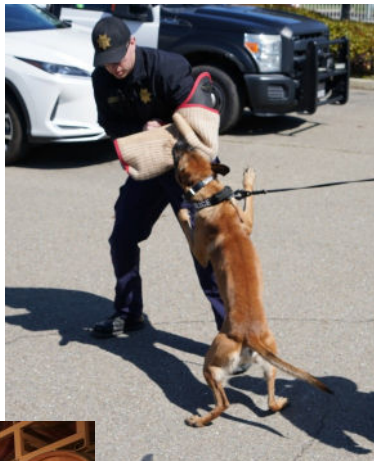
Major Events — Linda Tinney

We're doing our very best to get the data on Crab Feed to you, but it isn't here yet. There are several hoops to jump through, several approvals, and sometimes it takes a while to move through the process. I hear, though, that our club did very well adding to our coffers.

Linda Tinney



I-House photos



Grant Awards March 29, 2023

\$ Rotary + \$LVEF

—	<p>Andria Tapia Altamont Creek STEAM materials \$300 + 300</p>		<p>Adair Spence Granada Library books \$300 +300</p>	—	<p>Sara Lindsay Celebration Kids Msy Kindergarten supp. \$600</p>
	<p>Kim Campbell Altamont Creek 1st grade reading \$300 + 300</p>	—	<p>Susan Lei Joe Michell Microscopes</p>	—	<p>Danielle Lane Celebration Kids Msy 5 Chromebooks \$600</p>
	<p>R Hanley Altamont Creek Choose Love books \$245 + 245</p>		<p>Maria Omelas Junction Spanish books \$140 + 140</p>		<p>Rachel Keegan Our Savior School Storage organizers</p>
	<p>Kristi Barcelona Arroyo Seco 5th grade books \$290 + 290</p>		<p>Tracy Persson Lawrence Kindergarten easel \$690 + 690</p>		<p>Christina Bru Our Savior School Accelerated reading \$550</p>
	<p>Lisa Richards Arroyo Seco 50 library books \$500 + 500</p>	—	<p>Lori Porter Livermore HS Agricuilt. Binders \$290 +290</p>	—	<p>Amy Woo Our Savior School History, culture \$580</p>
—	<p>Tara Lutz Arroyo Seco LCD writing pads \$280 + 280</p>		<p>Stephanie Bogetti Livermore HS Library books \$300 + 300</p>		<p>Melissa Dantzig Little Miracles Diapers, wipes \$750</p>
	<p>Amanda Ramirez Christensen Middle A's Career Day \$500</p>		<p>Dan Bergman LVJUSD Planetarium upgrade \$245 +245</p>		<p>Julie Pelletier Missing Man Ministry Widows, children \$500</p>
	<p>Kelly Boulware Christensen Library books \$300 + 300</p>	—	<p>Candice Bolar Marylin 4th grade costumes \$300 + 300</p>	—	<p>Jeff Ribera Monthly Miracles Homeless rent startup \$600</p>
	<p>Lela Witherspoon Arroyo Seco 2 DSLR cameras \$475 + 475</p>		<p>Anne Rosendin Marylin Camera \$300 +300</p>		<p>Katy Kempton Reins in Motion Safety helmets \$600</p>
—	<p>Paul Grasseschi Del Valle Bike rehab program \$295 + 295</p>	—	<p>Asha Kello Mendenhall Ancient history \$225 + 225</p>		<p>A Moore V Feeser Special Olympics \$840</p>
	<p>Zachary Taylor Del Valle Library books \$300+300</p>	—	<p>Jill Hornbeck Mendenhall Library books \$300 +300</p>		