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“A very good club”

May 2023

President Sblend’s comments

This month, let’s sing the praises of the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, its board chairperson, Mary Anne Rozsa, and its board of directors for looking at the Livermore community and recognizing that many needs are unmet and that the Foundation can do more. The Foundation distributed almost \$200,000 to 29 different charitable and community groups. Each of these groups will surely make a difference to someone or family in our community.



Along with the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley and the Livermore Valley Education Fund, our club partners to support the Foundation and its grant recipients. In the morning of April 25, at Las Positas College, I attended the distribution of grants to these 29 groups. Next time that you see Mary Anne or a Foundation board member, please take the time to ask them about the impact of the Foundation upon our community.

Sblend Sblendorio

President-Elect Sheila Fagliano’s calendar

MEETING CALENDAR — May 2023

- May 3rd: **Outstanding Educators**
Birthdays and anniversaries
- May 10: **Club assembly**
- May 17: **Tiny Houses** — Jake Medcalf
- May 24: **Off site Meeting! Paul Banke** “The Educational Farm”
at Las Positas Winery, 1828 Wetmore
- May 31: **Empowering Girls** — DG project — Geeta Kadambi



Sheila Fagliano

Secretary Joel Swanson — March Board Highlights

The Board of Directors met at Las Positas Winery's event room. We used Zoom along with Las Positas' wi-fi to allow three board members to attend remotely, and it worked well. The club will be having its first meeting there on May 24th.

The Board voted to use our \$25,000 grant for establishing the mental health program at Granada High School. The money will go towards setting up the program, and supporting the initial training for teachers and students who will be running the programs. On-going operations of the program will rely upon teachers and students teaching the techniques to their successors.



Zoom coverage of our meetings was discussed. We will continue Zoom until June, and are thinking of changing over to some other streaming platform (perhaps YouTube), with which meetings will be recorded, and those not able to attend can watch the stream via the internet.

Joel Swanson

That's all for this month!



Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman

We are in good shape financially. As of April 1, there was a balance of \$73,978 in our UBB Account and \$14,083 in our Chase Account. This does not include the \$25,000 grant check that was deposited in March. Several checks have not been cashed (all the mini grants that total almost \$13,000). The Crab Feed netted over \$32,000. The Committee did a truly outstanding job!



Large expenditures in March include Pacific Seafood for \$9,115, the auctioneer was \$500 (a true bargain), food and supplies cost \$2,208, bar supplies were \$368, the READY program had expenses of \$417, student help at the Crab Feed was \$3,400 that has yet to be cashed. As of April 1st we are more than \$5,000 ahead of the 3rd quarter report from 2022 when the outstanding checks are accounted for. We have not received a March report from the Livermore Rotary Foundation because of tax season. This was expected. There is a little of \$2,000 in the District Foundation.

Several action items were discussed and voted on in the March Board meeting. The Finance Committee met on April 10th and evaluated 2 proposals. The committee voted unanimously to recommend that the \$25,000 grant we received be used to support a mental health project at Granada High School. Livermore High currently is supporting a mental health project that is successful in helping students deal with stress and challenges, lead by students helping other students after receiving training. The Board voted to support the Finance Committee recommendation after a discussion of the 2 proposals under consideration.

The second action item was to increase the budget for the Rodeo. The day before the Board meeting, we were informed the Volunteer Police Officers would not be helping us and that we will have to seek a security firm to cover security at the Rodeo. This could increase the cost of supporting the Rodeo by up to \$3,000 more than budgeted. The Board approved the increase in funding needed.

Norm Bregman

Membership — Alan Burnham

A new member orientation was held on April 12. Three of our new members attended, and three were not available. We have a new application from Christine Lusty that is being processed, and a couple more people have expressed interest. These new members give us a good start for rebuilding to pre-pandemic numbers. TJ Gilmartin is handing off the new member orientation to Carolyn Siegfried, and discussion has started about how the orientation might be modified going forward. Comments are certainly welcome.



Alan Burnham

New member profile: **Mathew Fuzie**



I have lived and worked my entire life in the State of California. During college while playing water polo at Fresno State University, I received a job offer to be a California State Lifeguard. After attending the State Park Peace Officer Academy, my wife and I travelled around the State of California moving 13 times while being promoted up the chain of command. We lived in Orange County, Sonoma County, Fresno County, Riverside County San Diego County, Monterey County, Sacramento County and Stanislaus County. In 2018, after 33 years with California State Parks, while in the position of Deputy Director, I applied for the open position of General Manager for Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. I was fortunate to be offered the job and accepted in July 2018. On August 4, 2018, I retired from state service. August 6, 2018, I started my first day with LARPD having been retired for an entire day. I love being closer to service delivery in a special district as compared to running a statewide system. I am married to a 6th generation Californian and have a lovely daughter who is finishing law school at McGeorge School of Law. I am also excited to be joining Rotary.

Matt Fuzie

Club Service — Gordon Jones

The April 19 Rotary meeting in the Cresta Blanca Room was very successful being a large event attended by maybe 200 people with lunch provided (is there a correlation there? :-)) to celebrate Youth in Government Day, with many of our city government officials present having been shadowed by maybe 50 students with parents to witness their student speak. However, the sound in the room was so bad many people had no idea what was being said. Very frustrating when what was being said was important to hear. Tim and Ted covered the event in superb detail in their Spur Reporting and Spur Publishing functions.



The audio for the Zoom participants, however, was so bad the proceedings and speaker were mostly incomprehensible. Alan, Don and Dennis and others have discovered both communication and technical issues, e.g. there was no way the zoom host could communicate with the AV operator to note a problem. The technical problem seemed to be a secondary audio input feeding into the system. That created an echo which totally garbled the sound.

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Gordon Jones

Community Service — Loretta Kaskey

May 6th is **Livermore Community Service Day!** It's time to sign up! The Livermore Rotary Club, in collaboration with the City of Livermore, will be preparing and serving lunch to all volunteers. We estimate that we will need about 10 -12 volunteers to prepare, cook, serve, and clean up lunch between 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM. The lunch will be served outdoors in Carnegie Park (Third and K Streets). *Loretta will be walking a sign-up sheet at the next meetings.*



If you would like to join a service group out in the community, you can do that too!!! Sign-up at the City Website, or with LARPD, Just Serve, and VolunteerMatch.com or come to Carnegie Park to sign up at 8AM. The schedule of events begins at your work site or at 8:30 AM at Carnegie Park (Third and K Sts.):

Loretta Kaskey

- 8am - Check-in and Light Breakfast
- 8:30-11:30 - Site Specific Volunteer Projects
- 11:30-1:00 - Lunch, Live Music, Vendor Fair and Celebration at Carnegie Park

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

A DAY OF SERVICE TO BENEFIT OUR LIVERMORE COMMUNITY



Sat., May 6, 2023

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



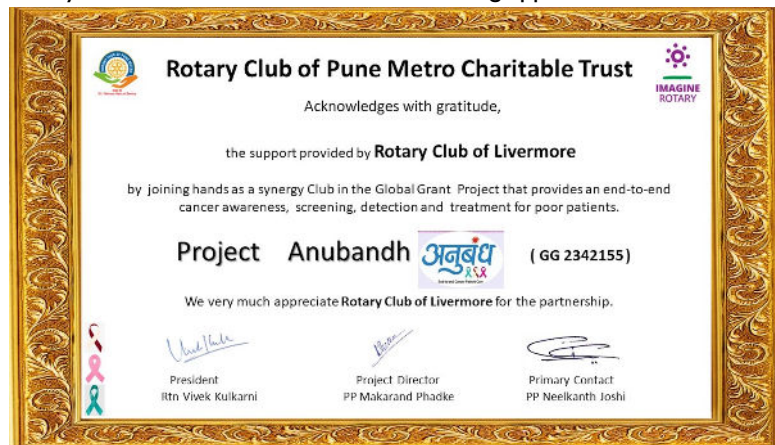
International Services Committee

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)

Global Grant 3242155 for Cancer Screening project in Pune, India has been approved and funded. Rotary Club of Pune Metro sent the following appreciation certificate.



Our club contributed \$10,000 DDF (\$18,000 with match) plus \$1000 cash donation. We have additional \$550 to send.

Update on ENT GG 2232751 project Implementation.

Since deployment of Mobile van in August 2022, 24 camps were conducted, and a total 2,853 students were screened for hearing deficiencies. Screening resulted in 254 surgeries, medicines distributed for 368, hearing aids distributed or referred for 106. 306 further investigations referred and 692 were counselled.

Overall program is going very well.

International Projects in Nepal and Uganda (Paul Thompson)

A partner Rotary Club of Kololo Kampala in Uganda is not seeking a Global Grant now. They are now establishing banking arrangements so that the Grace Care Medical Clinic can accept funding and begin to operate in a more business-like manner. Cash donations to the project will help make this project successful.

Update on Nepal project is awaiting further information on a well digging at Navakiran Children's Home.

District Governor Project "Independence through Hygiene (#EmpoweringGirls)

Geeta Kadambi is scheduled to make a presentation to our Club in May to provide an update on this project.

The Rotary District Girls Garage Grant

Our Rotary year 22-23 District Grant was approved to support **Girls Garage** in Berkeley, a nonprofit school shop for high school girls and gender-expansive youth ages 9-18 who have an interest in architecture, construction trades, design, and engineering. It is free to participants.

For girls interested in pursuing college pathways or careers in STEM, the trades, design, or architecture, this course is a hands-on exploration of what it means to physically construct the environments in which their community thrives.



Girls Garage Advanced Design and Build group of students will be finishing the Eames Institute Project to build a geodesic dome in Petaluma. They will be working on-site to prepare for installation in February 2024.

Another group of 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 in Richmond. The structure will be a redwood framed greenhouse used by Richmond students and Urban Tilth staff to cultivate seedlings for their gardening program.

I (Pat Coyle) toured their shop to see their students building modules for the shade house on February 7, 2023

Our \$8,283 of DDF resulted in \$10,353.75 of funding for the approved District Grant.

Goud Memula

From: **Kristy Higare** <kristy@girlsgarage.org>
Date: Wed, Mar 22, 2023 at 2:35 PM
Subject: Thank you for supporting Girls Garage!!!
To: Patrick Coyle <pat@coyles.com>

Dear Pat and Rotary Club of Livermore,

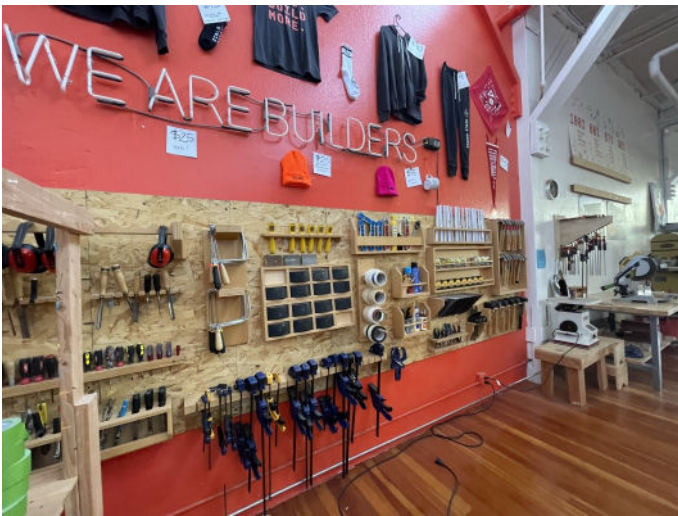
Thank you so much for your support of Girls Garage! We are so grateful for your generous donation in the amount of \$10,000 to support our fearless builder girls and gender-expansive youth!

Your generosity supports free programs for students in year round classes and workshops, including Advanced Design/Build, Protest + Print, and Construction + Community. Girls Garage provides training in carpentry, welding, architecture, engineering, and activist art to a diverse community of 300 students per year. In 2022, we provided no cost programs to teen participants and their families, including \$513,000 in free programming.

Girls Garage is what all youth deserve: an opportunity to thrive in an encouraging workspace, to be supported by talented female and nonbinary mentors, to practice bravery, and to build the world they want to see.



Girls Garage



Vocational Services — Paul McCandless and Keith Beck

VOCATIONAL SERVICE:

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



COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

Vocational Services sponsored the April 19, Youth In Government day.

In partnership with the LJUSD and City of Livermore we hosted 30 youth from Livermore schools. Our contribution hosted the students for lunch and engaged with the students to help nurture their vocations, explore their future occupations, learn to make service an integral part of their lives. We also were honored by city manager Marianna Marysheva giving everyone an update on the city's operations.

Photos of participating students on page following.

Vocational Services will sponsor the May 3, Outstanding Educators awards:

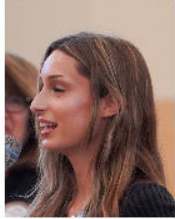
Our club presented awards to some of the outstanding educators in the LJUSD. I say "some" because so many of our teachers are outstanding, and we can only honor a few. Come help celebrate these great educators! **Another bonus!** Lunch will again be provided for all attendees! This meeting will be held in the Cresta Blanca room.

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The issue was discussed at the recent board meeting and Sblend said he was considering sending out a survey to determine the viability of supporting Zoom that needs some much technical support given our large audience and frequent room changes. It maybe that publishing the event of on YouTube streaming maybe the most practical way forward . It will not enable remote interactions but it may encourage more people to attend in person and would promote more camaraderie?

Paul McCandless and Keith Beck

Youth in Government Day Student Participants



Call for Hosts! International Student Exchange

Our club is planning to host **an international** exchange student for the next school year and needs host families.

Hosting an exchange student is a rewarding way to meet interesting young people and get to know other cultures. The incoming students are 16 to 18 years old, bright, outgoing, and very interesting. They will be attending a Livermore high school. Host families gain fantastic experiences and form lifelong relations with their students.

We will need **3 families**, each to host a student for a three-month period (fall, winter, spring)

We also need at least **one “backup” family** who can take over hosting duties in emergencies.

All host families **will be trained** to Rotary standards and have constant support

from our club and the very active **district 5170 Youth Exchange program.**

All Livermore families are eligible to host, from those with young children to retired couples. Each family volunteering is unique and gives the student different perspectives of American life.

Talk to your family and friends! If you or someone you know might be interested in this great experience.

Contact Paul McCandless and he will provide more information and/or put you or them in touch with someone who has hosted before.

Testimonies from former hosts will be posted next month.

Paul McCandless

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The Rotary Foundation of Livermore (RFoL) Awards— Mary Ann Rozsa

The Foundation has been extremely busy for the last two months with reviewing 43 grant applications. The Grant Committee used a Rubric scoring system to facilitate the grading of all the applications. It was very intense because all the applicants had very worthy projects. The final total for the grants amounted to **\$199,243**. We did have extra support on three school projects from the **Livermore Valley Education Foundation** for \$9,250.



The Grant Award Ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, April 25** commencing at 8:00AM at **Las Positas College** and all are invited to attend to hear directly from all the recipients describing their endeavors and projects. This is where we make a difference in our Livermore Valley Community supporting charitable organizations, schools, Rotary projects, and other financial support that benefit the diverse residents of the Livermore Valley,

The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore (**RFoL**) joined the **Livermore Chamber of Commerce** where we hope to receive more recognition as a leader in the **Non-Profits for the Valley**. At each meeting members are allowed to give an update/report on what their organization or business promotes, and if a raffle gift is provided, which the RFL intends to do for the recognition. We also have been researching several CRM (**Community Relationship Management**) programs to assist us in staying in touch with our base and to make our accounting system easier, transparent and more fluid. Our **Fund Development Committee** has been very diligent in interviewing several different companies.

We just finished our **Literacy Program** for all the **third grade classes** in Livermore, approximately **1,000** students. The local **Towne Center Books** supported this great program by giving a 30% discount on the purchase. This was a great savings--*you need a Village to make a difference*. Members of both Clubs participated in distributing the books to all the third graders, and what a joy it was seeing the excitement of all the kids.

Currently, we are reviewing the budget for next year's team so that there is a seamless transition. The new budget will be presented at the May meeting. There will also be several Board members either terming out or leaving the Board due to other commitments, so we're looking for new members interested in making a difference.

Mary Anne Rozsa



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Update

Our Club earned 21,735 DDF (District Designated Funds) which represents approximately 50% of our ANNUAL FUND contributions three year prior to the program year. We chose to divide the allocated DDF equally between District Grants and Global Grants. This will translate in to 1.25 times one half of 21,735 dollars = \$13,584 for District Grant projects and 1.8 times one half of 21735 dollars = \$19,562 for Global Grant Projects. In summary, our club earned a total of \$33,146 for doing District and Global Grant projects in 2023-24. We have an opportunity to identify and participate in worthwhile projects locally and globally.



Update of 2022-23 Goals for TRF as of 4/21/23 are as follows:

Annual Fund: Raised \$55,016 reaching 83.4% of the goal amount \$66,000.

PolioPlus: Raised \$14,271 reaching 79.3% of the goal amount \$18,000.

100% EREY Every Rotarian Every Year: As of 4/21/23, 59 Rotarians contributed and 6 Rotarians pledged to contribute this year 2022-23 which represents 65 out 100 Rotarians, a 65% of the goal.

TRF committee members are contacting individually to reach 100% EREY goal.

ROTARY YEAR ends June 30,2023 and we need the support from all who did not donate this Rotary year 2022-23 to reach all TRF goals. Please donate generously.

You may donate online using link: "myrotary.org/donate." Donations can be a onetime or recurring. OR You may write a check payable to The Rotary Foundation and mail to our Club P. O. Box 694, Livermore, Ca 94551, or you may hand it to any TRF Committee member or Treasurer.

A minimum of \$100 donation will earn matching Foundation Recognition Points to reach PHF recognition quicker. A \$1000 donation or more will earn PHS member recognition.

Please contact Goud Memula to know your current recognition level.

Thank you.
Goud Memula

Goud Memula

Major Events — Linda Tinney



Well, the numbers are in!!!

**The crab feed earned \$33,200 net for the Club.
WooHoo!!!**

We had a complete sellout with **340 seats** sold.
Our total sales figure was \$56,030, including \$26,470 in pre-event sales and \$29,560 in event sales.

The live and silent auctions alone raised \$22,790 with drinks & crab contributing \$3,810 and raffle tickets adding \$2,960.

The \$2,408 collected as tips for the Interact kids was paid directly to them and not incorporated into the above financials.

The \$1,000 paid to the Inner Wheel and the Boy Scouts in tips for the Interact kids is included in the expenses.

The success of our annual crab feed can be measured in dollars and cents. But this event also serves to bring people together and build community. It is a chance to meet new people, catch up with old friends and enjoy a night of good food and fun, all while raising money for our service projects to the community. **Way to go, Rotary !!!!**

With grateful thanks to Bob, Don, Sonya, Debbie, Joel, Sheila, Kathlene, Carole, Norm, Gordon, Mike T, Glenn, Bill N, Paul Banke, the set-up team and all the volunteers who helped to make this year's crab feed the best ever.

Linda Tinney
Major Events Director

Linda Tinney