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## President Sheila Fagliano’s comments

Hello Fellow Rotarians! I have almost 4 meetings under my belt. Times flies when you’re having fun! I’d like to thank each of you for being so patient and understanding while I’m figuring out this Rotary President thing. There are aspects of this job that you don’t really understand until you’re up at the podium. It was so much easier to sit in the audience and watch! I’m blessed to have such a supportive and kind group of people to work with.



As you have seen in the last few weeks, I’ve reinstated some old traditions. I realize many members feel that using the electronic ways of the world is much more efficient and, in some cases, more productive. But I feel you can still use some of the old with new to accomplish the very same goal and build fellowship, which is what Rotary is all about.

We will be back at RLCC for the next few weeks. I appreciate all of you being open to trying different venues. It’s the only way we can truly determine if “it” checks off all the boxes you need to qualify as a possible new home for next year. There are a few more options in the hopper that we will present to you as soon as they become available.

As you all know our meetings are on a tight schedule. We need to stay on schedule to allow our guest speakers the time and respect they deserve for their presentation, we owe that to them. Last week I ran over, I owe an apology to all of you and our speaker. I ask all of you to please understand; if you come to me with a last-minute request, I may need to say no, and your item will need to wait until the following week. Also, when you’re making an announcement, thought, or comment, please be respectful of the time allotted for you. If your time is 2 minutes or 5 minutes, please stick to that. I “will” make my way to you if you start going over the allotted time.

We had our first board meeting. We had some productive discussions. The committees’ chairs are gearing up and are excited to get started. Thank you to the red badgers that attended our board meeting in order to check off another item in getting your blue badge. Moving forward we will start sharing our minutes from the board meeting with the membership. This will help keep everyone “in the know”.

*Sheila Fagliano*

## Marc Robert’s calendar

August 2: Pamela Jacobson, Walter Pratte — **Girls Soccer Worldwide**

August 9: Evelyn Andrews — **Veterans First**

August 16: Rosa Fierro, Lisa Lee, and Meredith Sarboraria — **Women’s Wine Collective of Livermore Valley**

August 23: Robert Freeman, **The Global Uplift Project**

August 24: **Club board meeting**  
11:30, 164 N Livermore Avenue.

August 30: Kathy Young - **Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance**  
**New member social**



### Secretary Joel Swanson — July Board Highlights

From the Secretary, here's an overview of the Board of Directors' meeting on July 20th.

President Sheila is trying to get Red Badgers more engaged with club service and activities. We discussed taking the President's club donations back to being split three ways: The Rotary Foundation, the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, and the Club's fund, maybe with an extra \$50 for a particular project (e.g., music or STEM). It was noted that the donations to gain president's club status could be sequential. Historically, being in the President's club makes you immune to further fines.



Three Red-Badgers attended, as a fulfilment of the requirement for their blue badges. Good work, Christine, Trex, and Don! Alan Burnham noted that we'd lost 9 members at the end of last Rotary year. Please keep a weather eye for potential new members.

Irv covered his work with international projects - see his notes later in the newsletter. Goud reviewed goals for our club's support of Rotary International (via the Rotary Foundation). See his notes later in the newsletter.

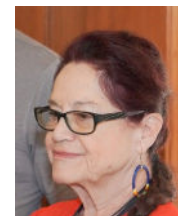
Due to a scheduling conflict at our meeting place, the next Board meeting will be on August 24th at 11:30, and the address is 164 N Livermore Avenue.

*Joel Swanson*

### Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman

Norm is out of town. No treasurer's report this month.

*Norm Bregman*



## Membership — Alan Burnham

After the dust settled this month, we lost nine members for a variety of reasons, with the most prominent being moving out of town. Given that we brought in eight members last year, we are slightly smaller going forward, which begs the question of how to attract more new members. The August RI magazine shows that the two top reasons people become and stay Rotarians are Community service and friendship. Those reasons grow with age and become quite dominant in older members. Professional connections are a close third for young people but drop for obvious reasons as people age. So invite a friend or acquaintance to one of our business meetings, our new member **social event on August 30**, or both.



Members who have agreed to be on our membership committee are **Keileigh Bennett, Don Sweeney, Catharina Ritts, Norm Bregman, Sonya Sheffield, and Irv Stowers**. Keileigh will be leading efforts to attract more members from LLNL, which formerly had many but now only two. LLNL-Sandia retirees outnumber current members by 10 to 1. The format may be a satellite club, which is a way of getting a new club started, or a collective remote meeting that is linked more closely to our club. We'll also be discussing mentors, fee structures, blue badges, and other aspects of getting people involved. **If you have ideas or want to be a mentor, let me know.**

That brings me to converting red badgers to blue badgers. One of the requirements is attending a District event. Here is an easy one:

*Alan Burnham*

***This message was sent on behalf of District Governor Hung Wei to all Rotarians in the District.***

All Rotarians are invited to join a **ZOOM ONLY** District Fellowship-Leadership Meeting from the comfort of your home/office! Here is the Agenda and ZOOM registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrceyorT4pEtO0Cs46NfyMVRh8et5Px0tj>

**Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2023**

**Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm**

**Venue: ZOOM only; you are welcome to enjoy dinner or a glass of wine while ZOOMing :)**

**Agenda:**

5:30pm - Welcome and National Anthem/Pledge of Allegiance

5:40pm - Opening Performance

5:45pm - District Governor update

5:50pm - Rotary Stories

6:00pm - Assistant Governors update

6:20pm - District Club Service, International Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, Youth Service Committees update

6:45pm - District Membership update

6:50pm - District Public Image/Visioning update

6:55pm - TRF (The Rotary Foundation) update

7:00pm - Faces of Hope Video and update

7:05pm - 2023-2024 District Wheelchair Project update

7:10pm - PDGs (Past District Governor), DGE (District Governor-Elect), and DGN (District Governor-Nominee) comments

Community Service — Loretta Kaskey



SAVE THE DATE: 18 August 2023 (2 – 6 PM)



Event: Marylin Avenue  
Welcome Back to School BBQ

Volunteers needed:

- Pre-event Costco Run Buyers
- Day of Set-up Crew
- Day of BBQing Chefs
- Day of Servers
- Day of Clean-up Crew

## Golf event at Dublin Ranch, October 12th

With the Morning Club and friends we are holding our annual golf event at Dublin Ranch, October 12th, Thursday, at noon. The cup for winner is open to all with a golf handicap. Other handicaps are the player's responsibility, but all levels are encouraged to come out. For those that can we go to dinner afterwards in Livermore.

## The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - Update

The Rotary Foundation Committee consists of **Goud Memula as Chair, Pat McMenamin, Irving Stowers, Glenn Kubiak, and Don Sweeney**. We welcome Don Sweeney as new member to the committee.



### A. Recognition of Major Donor Level 2

**Jay and Mary Davis** were honored for reaching The Rotary Foundation Recognition Major Donor level 2 with donation of over \$25,000. A Paul Harris Society Member certificate for contributing over \$1000 in 2022-23 year, and Crystal and pins were presented for Major Donor Level 2. We thank you for their generous donation.



### B. Final 2022-23 TRF fundraising results and Achievements

We had a great YEAR 2022-23 raising record Annual Fund and PolioPlus funds. Final numbers are \$68,840 vs \$66,000 goal for Annual Fund and \$20,971 vs \$18,000 goal for PolioPlus. To put this proper perspective, among the 64 clubs in District 5170, our club is:

- #12 in size, number of members,
- #3 in Annual Fund amount raised,
- #2 in PolioPlus amount raised,
- #2 in Total Funds including endowment, and
- #4 in AF Per Capita Giving at 717

We all should be proud of these accomplishments. We have many very generous donors in our club.

We have 3 Triple Crown Donors, one among the top six clubs with 3 or more Triple Crown Donors.

### C. 2023-24 TRF Goals

We have set our TRF Goals for 2023-24 as follows:

Annual Fund : \$72,000

PolioPlus : \$22,000

With the help of all Rotarians and all the members of the Board we are confident of reaching or exceeding these goals.

### D. A detailed plan for fundraising along with histogram of donor profile and comparison of Annual Fund, PolioPlus and District Designated Funds earned from Annual Fund in the past five Rotary years will be presented in August.

*Goud Memula*

## International Services Report

### RCL Board Meeting - July 20, 2023

In the Spring of 2023 our Rotary Club was awarded 21,725 DDF Credits to be used to fund Global Grants or District Grants. This is roughly one half of the dollars that our club members donated to The Rotary Foundation during FY2020-2021. The other half of the funds donated during FY2020-2021 are placed in the TRF World Fund and can be requested as 80% matching funds for any Global Grant in which the club wishes to participate.



Sheila Fagliano, following historical precedence and recommendations from Goud Memula (TRF Chair) and Irv Stowers (International Services Director) divided the **21,725 DDF** credits into two portions: **10,867** DDF Credits for a District Grants and **10,868** Global Grants.

The 10,868 DDF Global Grant Credits are worth \$19,562 in real money. Since all Global Grants must be at least \$30,000 in size we will need to either 1) partner with another club and merge our credits with that other club or 2) buy additional DDF Credits from the District to reach or exceed the \$30,000 minimum requirement for a global grant.

The next issue is even more nebulous as we need to select both a Global Grant Project and a District Grant Project.

The Area 4 Global Grant Coordinator (David Gilpin) held his first meeting on July 17 to discuss the possibility of Area 4 Clubs forming a joint partnership to fund a large single project in Central America.

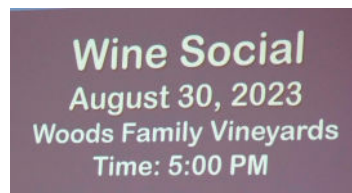
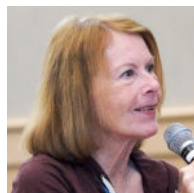
The Global Grant District Coordinator (John Flaniken) will be holding his first meeting in August at which time all District Rotary Clubs will have an opportunity to submit ideas for projects and discuss possible joint ventures.

These Area 4 and District 5170 coordinators appear to only work on Global Grants, so the RCoL may need to form its own committee to select a District Grant project.

I'm planning to form an **International Service working group** (along with working with our TRF Committee) to help select projects. Committee members currently consist of **Evonne Hopkins** (Berkeley International House Graduate Student Weekend), **Paul Thompson** (Orphanage in Nepal), **Paul McCandless, Bill Nebo, & Jeff Youngsma**.

Irving Stowers  
RCL - International Service Director

*Irving Stowers*



## Youth Services Trish Munro & Matt Fuzie

As this year's co-chairs of Youth Services, we—**Matt Fuzie and Trish Munro**—are still orienting ourselves for the coming year. We invite you to come along for the ride!

In the past several years, COVID has made many youth programs difficult to enact, so our ultimate goal is to reinvigorate those programs with new and continuing leadership from the club—*that's all of you!*—while building youth participation in the different programs. With that in mind, here's a list of current youth programs with brief descriptions:



**Outstanding Student of the Month:** Every month, the noon club recognizes a student who has demonstrated excellence in their approach to academics and improving the school community. While identifying students takes some effort, it is rewarding to see the incredible students we have in our schools.

**Interact and the Interact Auction:** Livermore Rotary currently sponsors one Interact Club at Livermore High. Interact clubs build leadership and commitment to local and international community for teens. As part of their work, teens collect materials for their yearly auction. There is an opportunity to promote Interact at LHS and, perhaps, begin an Interact Club at Granada.

**Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening):** Each year teens can build leadership skills through attending Camp RYLA. Rotary members recruit applicants and determine who is qualified to attend this camp. Students who participate learn skills that help build community now and in the future, benefiting all of us.

**Music Scholarships:** The music scholarships are, as the name states, scholarships for music students. In addition to choosing the students, it is important to raise enough money to make sure these scholarships are meaningful. This is one of our most successful programs and, because of that, could use more participation to ensure it remains healthy.

There are also two programs that have fallen away and we intend to recruit volunteers to help lead them and to recruit youth to participate. These are:

**Speech Contest:** Prior to COVID, this was an opportunity for students to develop an ability to write effectively on a topic they then present to the club. The skills students develop—from making a cogent argument to presenting it clearly to a group—are incredibly useful. While this program has dwindled, it can and should be reinvigorated.

**Rotaract Club:** Rotaract Clubs are the bridge between Interact and Rotary. At one time, there was a Rotaract Club at Las Positas College. We have the opportunity to understand the challenges of bringing Rotaract to Las Positas and take the opportunity to begin again.

*Our youth are the future.* We have a responsibility to support them as they become adults in the world we will leave them. How will you help? Contact Matt or Trish to volunteer for one of these many youth programs.

## Kathmandu and Uganda Report — from Paul Thompson



Navakiran Children's Home in **Kathmandu** has a need to provide more water for the home. They have sent the Rotary Club of Kathmandu Mid-Town and myself a proposal for the project. The Kathmandu club is supporting it and is looking to us to help. The proposed cost of the project is \$30,000. I will need some help in determining if a Global Grant's a possibility.

Grace care Medical Center in **Kampala, Uganda** is looking to expand. The Kololo Rotary Club of Kampala has been very useful in setting up the clinic in a business and professional way and I think will continue to be a great support. The clinic is a primary care facility concentrating on women's health and also treating many of the prevalent diseases in Africa, **malaria** being just one example. They are expanding their space to enable them to be able to respond a growing number of patients. There is a lot of need, I have put together a target list and the total is \$20,425.

Members of the club can donate through the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore and in the memo section put in either **Uganda or Nepal** and the donation will be placed in the appropriate account.



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## Vocational Service Jeff Youngsma



We have been on vacation, so no report at this time. Please check in on my ideas in the next newsletter.



## How we Rotarians can share our talents.

Instructions: **If you are in need of the talent of another club Rotarian**, send an email of your need to the newsletter editor ([nirunge@gmail.com](mailto:nirunge@gmail.com)) expressing your need and including your name and contact information. (If you don't want your contact information in the newsletter, members can find that under your name on our website in DACdb, Our Club.) Look for your query in the next newsletter. Then look for responses to your question.

Background: Recently I have two needs that I'm sure there's a member in our club that knows how to help with those needs.

- In one case I would like to add two factor authentication on my computer. I'm frustrated with how to do that.
- The other, I'm searching for someone good at graphics that could assist in adding color, decoration, and interest to the newsletter. Christine Lusty has already volunteered to help, and her help has been just that.
- From Irv Stowers:

*Irv Stowers is slowly learning how to program dynamic web pages using the PHP and MySQL computer languages.*

*I'm using a software package called MAMP Pro (which is an acronym for MacOS, Apache, MySQL, and PHP). MAMP simulates a 'web server' on my Apple MacOS computer.*

*It is also possible to run the software called 'Word Press' on top of MAMP to allow it to do much of the tedious programming necessary when only using HTML & PHP.*

*I'm looking for PHP and Word Press programmers in our club or the morning Livermore Valley Club to form a working group to build web based programs to help our Rotary Club. If all of the acronyms in the paragraphs above simply sound and look like **gobbledygook** to you, then you are not a web page designer and I apologize for taking your time.*

