



Our website:

Livermore-rotary.org

go to **DACdb** for club members, officers, and more.

Inside this issue:

President Sheila	1
Calendar	1
Board Minutes	2
Treasurer	3
Membership	4
Community Service	5
TRF Update	6
Intern. Svc. Comm	7
Rotary Found Livrm	8
Major Events	9
Uganda	10
Uganda	11
Find Rotary Help	12

The

Noon Club News

Vol. 2, No. 1

“A very good club”

July 2023

President Sheila Fagliano’s comments

I’d like to say thank you Sblend for not only doing an amazing job as president but for always being so supportive of everything I’ve done this last year. You made me feel that what I did truly mattered.

As I start my year as your club President, I think back of all that this club has done for me over the last 13 years. My life has been enriched by everyone and everything we’ve done as a club. I’ve had the pleasure and honor of working with some of the smartest, most talented, kindest, and funniest people I’ve ever met. All of you set the bar very high for me. I’m a better person for it. *My goal this year, along with what we do to make a difference locally and worldwide, is “Fellowship and Fun” for our weekly club meetings.* Another goal I have is to “spread the wealth” by getting as many members as possible assigned to committee tasks or working together and collaborating in small groups to get things done. Many hands make light work for all! I’m putting the finishing touches on my board, and I have to say I’m so impressed at how everyone is so willing and giving of their time to help me, but I don’t know why I’m surprised. I so look forward to working with all of you and I hope to make you all proud.



Sheila Fagliano

Marc Robert’s calendar

MEETING CALENDAR — July 2023

July 5: President Sheila

July 12: Club Avenues of Service, directors

July 19: Tina Henson, Livermore American Indian Center

July 26: TBA



Secretary Joel Swanson — June Board Highlights

The meeting of the Club Board on June 15th had the following events:

The **budget for Rotary year 2023-2024** was reviewed and approved, though according to our Treasurer, it is a living document, and may be changed as necessary. A change was made in that the music scholarship committee will get 2.5 thousand this coming year, down from 3 thousand, and the Scholarships for the PEdrozzi foundation, Ed Runstrom scholarship, and Leo Croce scholarships will be seeded with \$250 each. The committees should realize that this is seed money, and if they want to give more scholarships, the committees need to do some fund raising themselves.

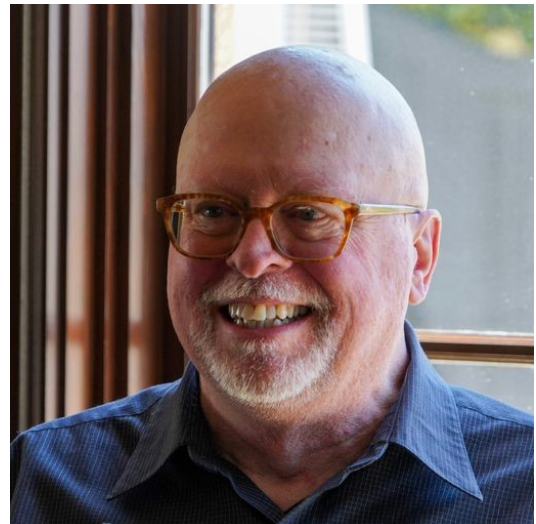
Awardees for Rotarian of the Quarter, Rotarian of the Year, and John Shirley awards were discussed and selected.

As part of the Club Services report, it was noted that " No decision about luncheon site has been made yet, but Las Positas Winery on Wetmore is ready to move forward with us immediately and any other potential sites are months off at best. The other places she (Sonya) has contacted, that could accommodate us, would be in the \$30.00 price range for lunch.

Joel Swanson



Sheila Fagliano
Rotary president 2023-2024



Dennis O'Brien
Rotarian of the Quarter

Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman



As of June 1, 2023, we have a total balance of **\$77,620** (UBB has \$55,325.64, and Chase has \$12,294.36). There are still several outstanding checks that have not been cashed. The **\$25,000 Covid grant** was sent to the school district to support the mental health program within Granada High School as of June 1st.

Major expenses in May included:

facility fee check of \$3,321 for this quarter

Rodeo expenses of \$2,716.46

Interact online action of \$2,200

Ready expenses of \$1,245.84

The Rodeo will have major bills in June to be paid. At this point don't know if we will be over budget on Rodeo expenses versus income, but predict a shortfall because of increased security costs this year without increased income.

The Livermore Foundation has contributed \$10,000 in a restricted fund for minigrants and other needs seen by the President and the Board, and restricted Music Scholarship funds are over \$4,000 now.

We continue to be in very good shape financially.

The Board approved the budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. Please keep in mind that the budget is a living document that can be amended when appropriate by the Board. Still unknown is the topic of where we will hold our meeting next year, but made the decision that we will return to having a hot lunch available for members. Our first exploration will be at Beeb's. This opportunity will allow the Board and Club Members to provide feedback that will allow us to evaluate the cost, quality and value of the food before we make a long-term commitment. We also have a contract with LARPD that will be honored. There will be a mix of meetings with lunch and LARPD. The Board approved a \$5 increase for each meeting for every Rotarian. The lunch fee will be \$25. The intention is to find the right meeting venue to have lunch meals in the long run at a reasonable cost, quality and audio. One new item has been approved and added, the funding of Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) so that we have 100% participation. The annual dues will remain the same as last year, \$475. Adding the new facility fee of \$250 (\$5 a meeting for 50 meetings) and the \$25 for EREY will bring the invoice that you receive in July to \$750. Last year's invoice was \$475. Lunch is an important ingredient in providing Fellowship and Club involvement and that was the main reason for reducing the lunch fee to \$25 as we explore the options available.

This budget is more conservative than last year because the Club didn't raise as much funding as projected. The mini grants from the club are forecasted at \$8,000. Two years ago, it was \$6,000. There is also a significant overlap between the grants being given by our club, the morning club and the Foundation. The amount we ultimately can fund can easily be increased if the club receives additional fundraising during the year. Basically, the annual dues cover costs to RI and the District along with our accountant/CPA and administrative costs. The projects we support come from our fund-raising ability. We didn't meet the goals set for this fiscal year therefore the more conservative approach. The Rodeo Parade funding has been increased by \$3,000 to offset an increase in security. Guest lunches are a new item given it is our intention to find a place where we can have lunch. The budget to go to the International Convention in Singapore was increased by \$1,500 as a function of travel costs in addition to registration and hotel costs.



Norm Bregman

Membership — Alan Burnham

We ended the year strong, with 103 regular members and one honorary member. That said, we normally expect a few to drop out as the new annual fees become due, so recruiting new members is a never-ending activity. There are still a couple of spots on the membership committee if you would like to help us be more effective at recruiting and integrating new members. In last month's newsletter, we featured new member profiles for Christine Lusty and Catharina Ritts. This month's new member profile is for Rania Harfouche Szabo.



Alan Burnham



Rania Harfouche Szabo

I'm very happy to be part of this wonderful Organization, and am grateful for the wonderful welcome my family, and I, received. I have thought about joining the Rotary Club for a few years in order to meet like-minded people and to contribute to my Community. Since my Children have all started attending school, I made the leap to finally become a Rotarian.

I'm originally from Lebanon, but grew up in Montreal, Canada, where I graduated from McGill University with a BSc in biochemistry. I then completed my MSc and PhD there, before moving to Cambridge, MA, where I pursued a postdoctoral fellowship, before becoming an Instructor of Medicine at Harvard-MIT. Most importantly, this is where I met my Husband, Zoltan, also a scientist. After welcoming our first Son in MA, we moved to California for Zoltan's job, and had two more Sons. I became a stay-at-home mom, working sporadically from home. I'm currently working as a biomedical contractor at GDIT, and I am on the editorial board of *Frontiers Pharmacology of Anti-cancer Drugs*, and *Frontiers Special Topics*. I also volunteer as a graphic designer and digital marketer with *One Bread Foundation Inc.*, a non-profit that rehabilitates sexually trafficked Children in the USA.

Thank you so much for having me here, and I look forward to getting to know all of you better!

Alan Burnham



Community Service — Loretta Kaskey

June 10 was the 105th Rodeo Parade!
What a beautiful day it was for a parade. It is an all-hands on deck event for Livermore Rotary. Not to mention a LOT of FUN!!!



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - Update

The Rotary Foundation Committee consists of Goud Memula as Chair, Pat McMenamain, Irving Stowers and Glenn Kubiak. In addition, Mike Thompson and Jay Davis helped us in meeting our goals for the year. I thank you all of them for a successful year.



2022-23 TRF Goals

We exceeded our fund-raising goals for Annual Fund and PolioPlus for the year. However, we fell short of reaching 100% EREY goal.

As of June 23, 2023, Rotarians contributed generously to reach contributions of **\$66,840 vs \$66,000** goal for Annual Fund, and **\$19,942 vs \$18,000** goal for PolioPlus. These contributions are expected to increase by June 30, 2023, as additional contributions are being processed. We achieved 80% EREY vs 100% goal.

All contributions of \$100 and over were matched by **Foundation Recognition Points (FRP)** to motivate Rotarians to donate more and reach PHF recognitions twice as fast.

We matched the contributions with a total of 40,000 FRPs donated by Rotarians Pat McMenamain, Jay Davis, Irving Stowers, Norm Bregman, Alan Burnham, Mike Thompson, and Goud Memula.

Final numbers including our club standing in the district as well as histogram of contributions will be presented in the month of July.

All Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society member recognition certificates and pins will be scheduled and presented end of July or early August.

I thank everyone for the support and looking forward to successful 2023-24 year.

Goud Memula



A big thank you to our musical Rotarian friends who provide us with song and good cheer every meeting. Tim Barry, Stu Fraser, and Michael Ferrucci.

International Services Report

International Services Committee consists of Goud Memula as Chair and Pat Coyle, Paul Thompson, Evonne Hopkins, Keith Beck and Paul McCandless.



International Projects Supported in 2022-2023:

Our Club was very active in supporting several international projects as highlighted below.

Our club raised funds to support **'Save A Girl' sewing center in Tanzania** managed by The Global Uplift Project, a local 501c 3 organization. We provided a total of \$3921 for the project.

Our club was international partner for the **Global Grant "ENT Mobil Facility"** in India that diagnoses hearing of young students and treats with aids or surgery. Rotarians and non-Rotarians supported this project with \$19,500. This project implementation is very successful.

Our club was also international partner for **"Cancer Screening for breast, cervical, and throat/mouth cancers"** project in Pune, India. Again, we raised funds from Rotarians and non-Rotarians to purchase 10,000 DDF from District for \$12,500 and donated \$1000 in cash. This project implementation has begun and progressing very well.

Our club Global Grant DDFs were assigned to Area 4 GG DDF Committee which selected **RACHELS Literacy Project** Solola, Guatemala with **Tri Valley Evening Rotary** as the International Club and **RC of Los Altos/Quetzaltenango** which together completed distribution of RACHELS and laptops and trained teachers. (Provided by Pat Coyle)

Our club continues to support **Nepal** under Paul Thompson's initiative and leadership:

Continued to support **Shanta Bhawan Medical Clinic in Kathmandu** since 1991 and we purchased a refrigerator freezer for the clinic this year.

Another ongoing Nepalese Rotary project has been the **Navakiran Children's Home**. We began helping them after the 2015 devastating earthquake, and currently awaiting cost estimate for the drilling of a deeper well to provide fresh water to the home.

Last year we provided funds for a **hearing project for school children in the Palpa Tansen district** sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kathmandu. Over 3000 children were tested and 10% were treated on site by Ear Health Nepal and about 1% were sent to Kathmandu for surgery.

An opportunity to help **Grace Care Medical Center (GCMC) in Uganda** was identified last year. Clinic needed many things to provide essential care to neighboring communities. Funds were raised to purchase an ultrasound machine which was installed. In cooperation with the Rotary Club of Kololo Kampala and others, efforts are underway to expand the clinic and make it self-sufficient. Many opportunities for us to help GCMC will be explored in next couple of months.

Our Club District Grants 8,283 DDF resulting in \$10,353.75 were used to support Girl's Garage. The details were reported in February Newsletter.

We hosted International Students from UC Berkeley for the weekend. Evonne Hopkins coordinated this even very successfully.

We had a very active 2022-23 year for International Services committee. I thank everyone for their support.

Goud Memula

Rotary Foundation of Livermore

The Foundation will be starting a new year just like our Rotary Club with new officers, new Board members from both Clubs and continuing Board members. Our executive officers will be **Bassant Abdelrahman**, President, **Jeff Youngsma**, President-Elect, **Irving Stowers**, Treasurer and **Sarah Palmer**, Secretary. Welcome aboard New Board members **Goud Memula**, Noon Club and **Mark Hudson** and **Beth McCormick**, Morning Club. Returning members from both Clubs will be **Norm Bregman**, **Carol Gerich**, **Richard Goldstein**, **Brian Mayall**, **Sarah Palmer**, **Philomena Rambo**, **Mary Anne Rozsa**, **Lynn Sepala**, **Sherri Simoni (Morning Club President)**, **Irving Stowers**, **George Wineinger**, **Jeff Youngsma**, and **Sheila Fagliano** (Noon President). A big thank you to our retiring Board members **Kimbrelly Gruidl**, **Roy Porfido** and **Kevin McCallum**. They have all contributed so much and have been an asset to the Board. They will be missed.

It is always a good idea to look at what has been accomplished, and what has not, to give perspective of how the Year evolved so here are some highlights:

Annual President's Report, The Year in Review:

Organization Goals Accomplished:

- Continued to fund Development & Investment Decision that Strengthen our Corpus
- Sent out a Donation Request Letter in November—"Season of Giving"
- Ordered Quickbooks Online Program for treasurer's use as well as future treasurers

Community Giving Goals Accomplished:

- Second Year of Literacy Project for all 3rd graders in LVJUSD
- Organized and staffed the Children's Holiday Party in conjunction with CAPE
- Another successful year for community grants and scholarships:
\$199,243 most ever funded, most applications (43), and most grants awarded (29)

Selected a community Project to honor Marty Plone's legacy—Vineyard 2.0:

- Funded \$50,000 to purchase all appliances for the two laundry facilities, and all furnishings for the two community gathering areas. Released \$22,000 in May to order appliances
- Approved a yearly scholarship for a Livermore student in conjunction with the Pedrozzi Foundation.

Other Accomplishments:

- Continued to manage RFL Investments through our finance committee
- Finished our Strategic Planning and approved Five Goals going into the future
- Joined TVNPA for our meetings and other benefits
- Joined The Livermore Chamber of Commerce to highlight the Foundation
- Applied for Livermore Business License and approved (no cost due to non-profit status)

Not Accomplished:

- Much research done to establish a CRM program with Irv and Jeff, still ongoing, not finalized by Board
- Did not plan a fundraiser to enhance our corpus and for name recognition, good project 2023-2024
- New website not advanced, only research was done
- Produce another Community Report, not formulated
- The last two items, website and Community Report are under consideration by the Communications Committee which needs to be expanded to add more members to be productive and to divide duties.

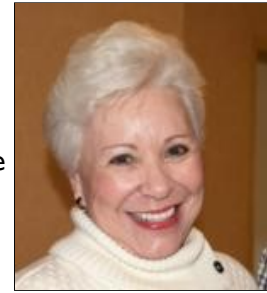
It has been a healthy year of activity and we are looking forward to completing the Vineyard 2.0 project, continuing to make a difference in our Communities, and improve the quality of life of Livermore Valley residents.

Mary Anne Rozsa
President 2022-2023

Major Events — Linda Tinney

Linda is recovering from sciatica, so, as Major Events chair, she suggests viewing the **video** of the **Rodeo Parade** found on our Rotary home page (<https://livermore-rotary.org/>).

Bill Nale did the photography and has posted his many **photos** of the participants on https://www.elivermore.com/photos/rodeo_par23_09.htm



Uganda Report — from Paul Thompson

In June 2022, Eron Nabiku, a caring, compassionate nurse and mother of 3 opened **Grace Care Medical Center** in Kampala, Uganda to offer affordable, high quality medical care to those in her community who may otherwise forgo services. Residents in the Bweya-Central village often struggle to afford the transportation necessary to go into town (downtown Kampala) for life-saving care.



GCMC is now serving residents of 8 neighboring villages currently offering 24/7 urgent care and treatment for illnesses such as malaria, typhoid, diarrhea, flu, hypertension, diabetes, syphilis and other STIs, and urinary tract infections. HIV testing and counseling as well as some other laboratory services are also available. The clinic offers vaccines, minor surgeries that require local anesthesia, and family planning services. In early 2023, the clinic expanded to provide prenatal care, labor and delivery and postpartum care.

**Malaria remains Uganda's leading cause of death although it is preventable and curable when properly diagnosed and treated. Most malaria deaths are in children under age 5, accounting for 77% of deaths in this age group. The disease is responsible for 30 to 50% of outpatient visits and 15 to 20% of hospital admissions. (Data from WHO 2020 report).*

The clinic currently operates with 1 full time doctor, 1 full time nurse, (Eron Nabiku), 1 full time midwife, and 1 part time sonographer.

The goal has always been for the clinic to be financially self sufficient and not dependent on the need for ongoing donations. The clinic is on track to meet this goal within the first year. However, there are still more startup costs and a need for expansion, as they are already outgrowing the approximately 1000 square foot space. Eron's dream is to meet the demands of the community by expanding into a full service hospital.

There is both a need in the community and an opportunity to pursue this vision of expanding the clinic, as the building has more spaces currently occupied by other tenants. When the clinic has the resources to expand, the landlord is willing to make the occupied spaces available. Taking over the remaining space in the building would more than double the current space. This would take the rent from \$200 per month to \$350 per month. There would also be cost associated with building out the space (partitioning rooms, etc.). The current space has 1 examination room, 2 inpatient rooms, a delivery room, a pharmacy dispensing area, a waiting room and a laboratory. The expanded space will be used to add a dedicated ultrasound room, delivery room, and 2 more inpatient rooms with 2 more admission beds each. A dedicated office space is also needed.

With the expanded space and equipment, the goal is for the clinic to broaden offerings to include screening for cervical and other cancers, dental care and major surgeries such as cesarians and laparotomy. This level of growth will necessitate an expansion in staff to include laboratory technician, another clinical officer, a receptionist/cashier, 2 more nurses and another midwife.

The ability to accept medical insurance is another opportunity for growth. (I will be working on this during my visit in August), however, the clinic's mission is to continue to serve those with few resources.

Immediate equipment needs include the following:

CBC blood panel machine-\$4,000 Privacy Curtains -\$425 USD
Refrigerator \$1,500 Generator (should be purchased at the same time as refrigerator not sure on price yet)
Security cameras Uniforms Computer – currently have a desktop that is fine for now. In the future a laptop would be helpful - \$1200 USD

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) 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.
- These are just two needs of many others that someone in our Rotary club could help with.

