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“A very good club”

October 2023

President Sheila Fagliano’s comments

Happy fall fellow Rotarians! The weather is starting to change and it’s getting darker a little earlier each night. I love our summers, but with fall comes the holidays and we’re looking forward to those, right!



September was a very productive month. We’ve had some great speakers and we were blessed with seeing some of our wonderful members that have not been in a while. We’re hoping we will see you on a regular basis!

We had another wonderful “Wine down Wednesday” at Garre winery thanks to Sonya and her team. The wine and snacks were delicious, but the fellowship and fun were the cherry on top! It was so nice to see so many of you attend. We plan on having one more for 2023 and will start them up again sometime after the first of the year.

Our board members are hard at work with their committees focusing on ways to improve our club and the good we do. One of our focuses is to draw younger members to our club. We’re going to try holding our meeting in the evening on the last Wednesday of the month. We’re thinking 5:30-6:30. Sonya is checking with Garre to see if they would allow us to use their facility. If we can have it at Garre, we can purchase a glass of wine, and have those wonderful snacks to enjoy during the program. We’ll wait and see what we find out about the venue. I’ll keep you posted.

In closing, I want to say thank you for all the support and encouragement I’ve received from so many of you. It means the world to me. Thank you for believing in me.

Sheila Fagliano

October Calendar — Marc Roberts

October 4: **Minigrants awards at RLCC**

October 11: **District Governor Hung Wei at RLCC Club Board Meeting**

October 18: **Paul Spence — Livermore General Plan Update at The Club, 2000 Arroyo Road, (formerly The Tennis Club)**

October 25: **Dave Rakestraw — Physics with smartphones (at The Club)**



Secretary Joel Swanson — July Board Highlights

At the Board of Directors meeting on September 26th, there was a lot of discussion about our club's future potential meeting places, and how lunch prices could be less than what they were for Las Positas Winery or Beeb's. Stand by for some alternate locations and different menus.

The board approved two new Friends of Rotary, and also discussed and approved changes to the process for getting a blue badge.

Major Events Chair JR Romero reminded the board that Crab Feed planning meetings will be starting up next month.

Our Rotary Foundation director, Goud Memula, reviewed changes to District 5170, area 4, clubs' memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the district's global grant program. The Board voted to approve the new MOU, which will give the clubs more flexibility in choosing global grants to support.

Joel Swanson



Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman

As of September 1, the Club had over \$95 K in our two banks. We maintain a solid financial position. There are still 5 Club members that have not paid dues. I've had some help trying to reach these individuals but I've been unsuccessful via email and phone in getting a response. I hope by the end of the month to have this situation clarified.

Large expenses in August were TOGO lunches at over \$1,100, Mini-Grants of \$500, Reimbursement related to Crab Feed Auction of \$2,100, plaques around \$900, Tri-Valley membership of \$330, Rave for \$1,500, BEBE lunches in July of \$2,701, LARPD facility fee of \$3,341 (quarterly payment).

The Finance Committee met in the second week in September. The discussion resulted in several action items for the Board to consider for adoption. The recommendation that the Friend of Rotary Fee be increased to \$100 was approved. This fee has not changed in over a decade. The last action item was a request from your Treasurer to approve the expenditure of \$6,900 for mini grants that the Grants Committee recommends funding for.

The Board also discussed the President's Club. After a healthy discussion, action on this item was tabled and will be brought up next month after seeking feedback from Club Members.

Norm Bregman



Membership — Alan Burnham

The Membership Committee is continuing to examine and streamline the policies and forms used for membership. Last month the Board approved a modified procedure and application that should be able to get new members engaged more efficiently. This month the Membership Committee addressed the Blue Badge requirements, which was a mixture of a policy and a form. The committee proposed, and the Board approved with minor modification, the separation of the two aspects and a modification of the activities needed to earn a blue badge. Some activities were switched from required to optional and vice versa, and some outdated activities were deleted. The new Blue Badge form follows on the next two pages. Also needing attention in future meetings are the application forms for corporate membership and for being a Friend of the club.



Meanwhile, we inducted a **new member, Kathy Young**, this month. More information about her follows. In addition, **Christine Lusty and Carole Lince** received their blue badges. Also, friend applications from **Steven Drouin and Courtney Michels**, an individual membership application from **Jim Douglas**, and a corporate membership from the **Livermore Police Department** were approved.



Christine Lusty Carole Lince



Kathy Young

Alan Burnham



Membership, continued

Rotary Club of Livermore

Revision Number: 6

Revision Date: 26 Sep 2024

Date of Policy Creation and Board Approval: 28 March 2021

16. Blue Badge Requirements/Qualifications

Red Badge to Blue Badge Qualification Process

- * The objective of the Red Badge Program is to welcome new members into the club and to assist them in learning about Rotary. It introduces the benefits and obligations of membership and helps them learn how the club functions. It hopefully reflects the welcoming spirit of this program.
- * The new member (red badger) is required to complete at least 15 activities. Eleven specific activities are required. The remaining 4 can be selected from a list of 12 additional/optional activities.
- * If it is very difficult or even impossible for a new member to complete one of the required activities, the new member is allowed to ask the Chair of the Membership Committee to skip the difficult activity and substitute it with one from the list of additional activities.
- * Upon completion of all of the required and additional activities, the completed and signed form is turned in to the Membership Chair, and a blue Rotary name badge is presented as soon as practical.
- * It is expected that the Blue Badge Qualification Process will be completed within a year.



Walt Thinfin

Current Red badgers seeking their blue badge



Trex Donovan



Monya Lane



Roland Ellingsen



Ronnie Forbes

Blue Badge Requirements Form

ROTARY CLUB OF LIVERMORE

Blue Badge Requirements/Qualifications

Name: _____

Sponsor: _____

Mentor: _____

Phone:

Work _____

Home _____

Cell _____

E-mail: _____

You are required to complete at least 15 of the following list of activities, including all 11 of the RE-QUIRED activities, within 12 months of receiving your red badge.

If it is not possible for you to complete, or you strongly object to, one of the “Required” activities, you may ask the Chair of the Membership Committee to replace the task with one from the list of “Additional Activities.”

Please mark the completion of the requirement with the date you completed it. When finished with this assignment, we are confident that you will have expanded your vision about the opportunities for Rotary service and you will be presented with your permanent blue badge.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

	Required Activity	Date Completed
1	Register and log into your Rotary International account (my.rotary.org) within 30 days of induction and review the resources available there. Contact The Rotary Foundation Chair if you have a problem logging in.	
2	Visit the Livermore Rotary DACdb website (dacdb.com/index.html) and verify your personal information. Contact the Club Secretary if you have a problem logging in.	
3	Give a 5-minute introductory / vocational talk at a club meeting (call the Membership	

Blue Badge requirements, continued

4	Join at least one club committee. (Your mentor or the Membership Chair can assist you with your selection.)	
5	Call or meet with the Rotary International Foundation Committee Chair regarding the club's international activities and participation / contribution to the Rotary International	
6	Complete Youth Protection Awareness Training course by using the instructions and link sent to you by the club YPA Officer.	
7	Bring a Guest to a club meeting.	
8	Attend a Club Board of Directors Meeting.	
9	Attend a Rotarian Foundation of Livermore Board of Directors meeting.	
10	Serve on the Crab Feed, Rodeo Parade, or Marilyn School event teams.	
11	Serve as Spur Reporter.	

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES – COMPLETE AT LEAST 4 OF THE FOLLOWING

	Required Additional Activity	Date Completed
1	Attend a meeting of another club.	
2	Introduce a visiting Rotarian.	
3	Introduce a Guest.	
4	Give a Thought for the Day.	
5	Serve as Club Greeter.	
7	Attend an Interact meeting.*	
8	Attend a Club Social event.	
9	Sit at 4 different tables at the Wednesday meetings.	
10	Visit a Club Rotarian at their place of business.	
11	Read <i>The ABCs of Rotary</i> (Available from RI or Membership Chair).	
12	Attend a District or International event – e.g., Celebration, Assembly, Cabinet Meeting.	

Signed:

(Member's signature)

*Interact and Youth Exchange student contact are permitted optional activities provided that the REQUIRED Youth Protection Awareness course has already been successfully completed.

Questions??? Contact your Mentor, Sponsor or the Membership Chair. We hope you have enjoyed your Rotary experience in the Red to Blue Badge Program.

Community Service — Loretta Kaskey

Thank you for volunteering at the
Marylin Ave. STEAM Academy
“Back to School BBQ” on August 18.



We feed over
550 kids, family,
and faculty
members too!



On August 30th we put on our 5th *Kickoff Your Career Workshop* for the veteran-students at Las Positas College. This workshop advises and supports veterans in successfully writing resumes to get that job interview and interviewing to get that job offer.

Dennis O’Brien was joined by a panel of hiring managers, including our own Gordon Jones and Tim Barry, and Deb Tacker and Beth McCormick from the Morning Club.

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.

Vocational Services - Jeff Youngsma



Vision Statement

To provide individuals avenues to realize their full potential.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to encourage individuals to aspire to high ethical standards in their occupation; Recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations; and Contribute their vocational talents to the problems and needs of society.

Strategies:

Strengthen the emphasis on vocation and classification.

Tactic(s):

- * Working with the local community college and the local veterans' organizations in promoting vocation opportunities.
- * Supporting education through local educators.
- * Vocational Scholarships.

Identify means of emphasizing vocation in club activities.

Tactic(s):

- * Outreach through youth services
- * Outreach through Youth in Government
- * Continuing with "Student of the Month"
- * Members speaking to the membership on their unique occupations.
- * Support Vocational Scholarships.

Create a stronger emphasis on business networking with integrity in Rotary, at the club, and at district level.

Tactic(s):

- * Continue networking with local non-profits and the Chamber of Commerce.
- * Provide Rotary District with updates and discoveries/best practice/lessons learned as requested.
- * Support local fundraising events to support veterans and vocations.

Focus more attention on business networking with integrity as a means of attracting and mentoring the new generation.

Tactic(s):

- * Continue Youth in Government support.
- * Support with the Local Community College

Emphasize the connection between the Four Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct (formerly called: Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions) and their importance to the values of Rotary.

Tactic(s):

- * 4-way test and occupation/business practice have a symbiotic relationship.
- * 4-way test and Avenues of Service go hand in hand with occupations/vocations.

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.

