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“A very good club”

December 2023

President Sheila Fagliano’s comments



Happy Holidays! I just ate the last of my Halloween candy and just enjoyed the last “turkey surprise” day 5 from Thanksgiving. I guess I better go buy some candy canes already!

November was a busy month for everyone. We all enjoyed seeing some faces that have not been to a meeting for a while and hoping they can start coming more often. We had another month of amazing programs. I learned so much and saw some possible partnerships and even a new member or two from those presenters.

We have decided as a group to call the Robert Livermore Community Center our new home thanks to their generous sponsorship. I’m looking forward to settling in. We will still be able to use the larger room when needed so we have flexibility.

We have projects in the hopper both locally and beyond that we are supporting and some we will be actively participating in. I’ll let those directors share with you in their reports.

Starting in January, on the last Wednesday of the month, we will be having an evening meeting instead of a noon meeting. The meeting will be at Del Valle Winery, 4948 Tesla Rd. We will be in the barrel room which can hold up to 200 people so space will not be an issue. The meetings will be live, no zoom, from 5:30-6:30. We are trying this to hopefully encourage people to join that cannot attend

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November Calendar — Marc Roberts

December 6: **Kim Curtis - Goodness Village**

December 13: **Brandon Cardwell, Livermore Innovation and Economic Development**

December 18: **Board Meeting**

December 20: **Livermore Weekly Club Meeting**

December 27: **DARK**



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Secretary Joel Swanson — November Board Highlights



The board discussed and approved having an evening meeting once a month. The location will be Del Valle Winery, at 4849 Tesla Road. The first of these evening meetings will be January 24th. During these meetings, there will be no Zoom connectivity. Come in person if you can!

We discussed ways of ensuring that new members stayed in the club. It was agreed that we needed mentors, and that newly graduated blue badgers would be selected as mentors for new club members.

The next Board meeting will be on December 18th (a Monday) at the Common Point meeting room, at 164 North L Street in Livermore. Meeting time is from 11:30 to 12:45.

Joel Swanson

Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman



As of November 1, the Club had over \$89 K in our two banks accounts. We continue to maintain a solid financial position. Last year, as of November, 1 the Club had 80K. The Restricted Club Fund in the Foundation has almost 13K. Of that, 10K is dedicated for mini grants. The music Scholarship Fund in the Rotarian Foundation has approximately 8K. On December 11th the Club will decide how lunch will be handled from January to June 30th. Options will also be presented covering lunch from July 1st to June 30th of next year. This decision will determine how the budget will be structured since the facility fee will not be part of this process.

Norm Bregman

Sheila's comments, continued

We had new members that had to decline membership due to that reason. We will try this for about 6 months to give Del Valle Winery and ourselves a chance to work out the kinks and see how we all like it. Sonya was able to negotiate the facility at no charge, the club will purchase light hors d'oeuvres, and members purchase their own glass of wine.

Lastly, I wanted to give a big shout out to Jacquie Williams-Courtright for hosting our Christmas Social at the amazing Alden Lane Nursery. Everything was beautiful; you could not ask for a better backdrop for a Christmas party than her store. Thank you, Mike, Anita, Sonya, and Christie, for making it all come together. Thank you, Irv, for capturing all the fun moments and thank you to all the members that brought wine and delicious food for us to enjoy! What a fun and well attended event. A good time was had by all. We hope to make that an annual thing!

Membership — Alan Burnham

We inducted our first corporate members (Livermore Police Dept), inducted two new members (**Trudi and Dave Barnes**), and awarded a blue badge to **Trex Donovan**. One member was changed to honorary, so we now have 89 active members, one corporate member, and two honorary members, which means we are still shrinking.



The membership committee focused this month on how to integrate new members more effectively into the club. We proposed three enhancements:

1. Robust Mentor program
2. Improved orientation
3. More Membership Moments at club meetings

We recommended to the Board that all recent Blue Badge conversion members should mentor at least one new member. Not only does this provide a constant stream of new mentors, but newly converted members might also have good insights into the process and how to improve it. We need a second tier of experienced mentors to step in if a new member has not completed their conversion within the desired one-year period. The Board accepted this proposal. Irv Stowers will assemble a mentor guidebook from existing documents at RI and other clubs.

Our current orientation method is not timely enough to provide new members with the broader and longer context of Rotary, and sometimes it delves into too much detail to be absorbed effectively at one meeting. We recommend that this event become a social event once or twice a year to supplement a more robust mentoring program and that it put our history in context once there is a foundation of understanding to build upon.

We also recommend having more frequent membership moments at weekly meetings that would help encourage and assist all club members to recruit new members, including tips on who to ask. Volunteers are welcome.

Alan Burnham



Captains Boberg, Reynolds, Cochran and Chief Young

←
Trudi & Dave Barnes
Trex Donovan
→



District Service— Irv Stowers and Goud Memula

Our club currently has:

\$13,584 for a **District Grant** (DG) Project

\$19,562 for **Global Grant** (GG) Project(s)

\$32,771 from an uncompleted GG project from FY2022-2023 and

\$3,899 from a small cancelled DDF project

These funds are allowing us to fund a **District Grant** and **3 Global Grants**.

Keep in mind that all of these grants are paid for through your prior contributions to **The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**.



Photo of typical Communications Board in a Children's Park. For communication from or to autistic children or between children who don't speak the same languages, the icons on the board allow a kind of sign-language communication to be performed. At least seven of these Communication Boards will be erected in LARPD parks in conjunction with the LARPD organization and LARPD Foundation.

DISTRICT GRANT

Sheila Fagliano, Marc Roberts, Goud Memula and Irv Stowers have elected to fund the following District Grant:

Communication Boards for Livermore Parks – led by Marc Roberts & Matthew Fuzie.

This District Grant proposal has been **approved** by District 5170 and a check should be coming to Norm Bregman to deposit into our bank account.

GLOBAL GRANT

We propose using our Global Grant funds for:

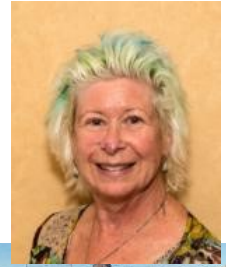
Bole Elementary School & Kurabaso Primary School in Ghana, West Africa GG #2350086

Endoscope for Head and Neck Cancer Detection, in Nandyal, India, GG #2458097

Upgrade Neonatal ICU at the Niloufer Hospital in Hyderabad, India, GG #2456871

Requests to assist in funding these three projects have been signed and mailed to District 5170 for approval.

Community Service — Loretta Kaskey



On November 11, our club completed a pop-up service event at JMC Cellars (6800 Greenville Road). We helped Jessica Carroll prepare for the grand opening of JMC Cellars. This was a beautification project in which we filled planters with soil, soil amendments and plenty of veggies, herbs, and edible flowers. Outdoor furniture was painted a brilliant blue.

It was a great effort by all and, of course, some good wine was raised to toast the accomplishment.



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Report for December 2023 Newsletter

The Rotary Foundation Committee consists of Goud Memula as Chair, Pat McMenam, Irving Stowers, Glenn Kubiak, and Don Sweeney.

Recognitions of The Rotary Foundation Major Donor Level 1

TJ and Barbara Gilmartin, Joel and Mary Martha Swanson and Jeffrey Youngsma and Lori Taylor were honored for reaching The Rotary Foundation Recognition Major Donor level I with contributions of over \$10,000 and each were presented with Crystal and Pins in appreciations. Congratulations to all of them for reaching an important milestone.



Honoring of TJ and Barbara Gilmartin

TJ, Joel and Jeffrey each contributed consistently every year to Annual Fund and PolioPlus and have been Paul Harris Society members several years contributing over \$1000. We thank them for their generous contributions.



Honoring of Joel and Mary Martha Swanson



Honoring of Jeff Youngsma (Lori Taylor was absent)

2. Survey to measure members understanding of TRF Information

A survey was conducted during November 15, 2023 club meeting to measure how well Rotarians understand basic information about The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Rotarians present at the meeting were asked to answer 10 multiple choice questions. 29 Rotarians completed the survey, and the results are as follows:

- a) 53% of the questions were answered correctly
- b) 32% of the questions were answered incorrectly and
- c) 15% of the questions were not answered

Correct answers to all the questions are provided below as statements of information.

1. All the Rotarians are urged to set up a log in for my.rotary.org using the same email as in the Rotarian profile. This site provides useful information about Rotary International, District and Club. Also donor history can be found under My Account.
2. The Rotary Foundation of RI (TRF), Rotarian Foundation of Livermore and District 5170 Foundation are 501c3 charitable organizations and the donations are tax deductible. Rotary Club of Livermore is NOT a 501c3 charitable organization.
3. Contributions to Annual Fund, PolioPlus and other Areas of Focus can be made by check or online to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), NOT other 501c3s listed above.
4. Paul Harris Recognition (PHF) is earned when total donations to TRF reaches \$1000 over a period. However, with club matching donations of \$100 or more with Foundation Recognition Points (FRP), it will take only \$500 donation to earn PHF Recognition.
5. Paul Harris Society Member recognition is earned when a donation of \$1000 or more is made to in one year. It is an yearly recognition.
6. A contribution of \$10,000 or more to TRF is required over a period to be recognized as TRF Major Donor Level I.
7. Triple Crown Recognition requires Rotarian to be a Major Donor, Paul Harris Society member and Bequest Society member.
8. Donations to The Rotary Foundation can be in the form of Cash, Check, Credit Card, Qualified Charitable Donations from IRA or from Donor Advised funds. TRF chair can assist in making donations to TRF.
9. Donations to TRF can be made online at my.rotary.org onetime or recurring to Annual Fund share, PolioPlus, any of six Areas of Focus or Endowment.

10. Individual TRF Recognition level can be found by log in to my.rotary.org, contacting club TRF chair or contacting Rotary Support Center.

I Hope the above basic information is beneficial to you. Additional information can be found at my.rotary.org.

3. Update of TRF Fundraising as of December 3, 2023

We raised \$18755 for Annual Fund which 26% of \$72,000 goal and raised \$5305 for PolioPlus which is 24% of \$22,000 goal.

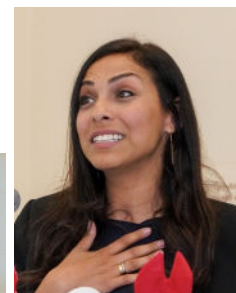
We are approaching end of 6 months of Rotary year and lagging the fund-raising goals. Please contribute generously and take advantage of tax deduction of your donations.

We are continuing to match all donations of over \$100 with Foundation Recognition Points to enable Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) recognition with contribution of \$500 instead of \$1000.

Your donations to TRF are tax deductible and supports 7 Areas of Focus, Annual Fund, PolioPlus and Endowment.

Contributions may be made online one time or recurring at myrotary.org/en/donate, or by Check payable to "The Rotary Foundation of RI" and give to TRF committee or Treasurer.

Please contact Goud Memula at 510-468-6546 if you have any questions on your donation history or recognition level.



Thank you. Goud Memula

Youth Services -

Keith Beck and Matt Fuzie



We are very concerned about Livermore High School not having an Interact Club at this time. Bill Nebo is trying to make contact with the teacher in charge of campus clubs to see what we might be able to do to get the Interact Club revived. Without an Interact club this impacts our ability to select students for the RYLA Leadership camp and student support for our Crab Feed.

So for now that is our focus. Also we are excited to have the music fund raiser for the Music Scholarship Fund. That will be so helpful for us to support the young, talented music student's in our community.

So, there is lots going on in Youth Services and such amazing support from Rotarians in our club. Thanks to all for that support.

Keith Beck Matt Fuzie



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.



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