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“A very good club”

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President Sheila Fagliano’s comments



The date of our Crab Feed is coming! On the evening of Saturday, March 9 at the Community Center. It is our biggest fun raising and fund raising event of the year. Make your reservation now with Debbie Peck, 925-315-6830, \$80 per person. Tables for 8, \$640, are available.

We need many auction items (cabins, weekends, golf overnights, dinners for 8, yard help, art work, and . . .) They are wonderful choices for the winners and your gifts fill our coffers. This is our major way to raise funds to support Rotary’s many programs for our community. Contact Diana Geyer with your gifts.

Our skilled photographers will be there to make a memory of you and your friends, large bowls of cracked crab will provide all you can eat, service will be provided by our interact club youths. Music and dancing will fill the hall, music provided by JR’s Stagecoach Band.

January Calendar — Marc Roberts



- January 3: Club Assembly - Location Decision*
- January 10: Mini Grants awards*
- January 17: Board Meeting*
- January 17: Orin Mahoney - TRF District Chair presentation*
- January 24: Lara Webber - Conductor Livermore Amador Symphony*
- January 31: Brad Roberts - Global Security*

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Secretary Joel Swanson — December 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.

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

No report this time, but we're in good shape.



Norm Bregman



Membership — Alan Burnham

At our Club assembly, I asserted that the membership committee is the most important of all, because if we don't have members, nothing else can happen. Of course, that is a very simplistic view, because all members have a roll in recruiting new members, but the membership committee is important for making sure all the members get properly enlisted and integrated into the club.



Members that have signed up for the Membership Committee next year include Don Sweeney, Roland Ellingsen, Jim Schmidt, Sonya Sheffield, Trudi Barnes, and Catharina Ritts. If you would like to join, please let Marc, Sheila, or me know. The

Community Service — Loretta Kaskey

No news to report as we begin the new year.



Youth Services -

Keith Beck and Matt Fuzie



Things are quiet right now in our corner. Nothing new to report.

Vocational Services - Jeff Youngsma



VOCATIONS UPDATES:

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

2023 had produced several opportunities and a chance to establish programs and provide outreach from our Rotary club. First and foremost, I want to thank **Paul McCandless** and **Joel Swanson** for stepping up to be part of this program. Their life experience, demeanor, and dedication to this endeavor is of true benefit. I am looking forward to the three of us working together to help grow this program. Their insight will be exceptionally valuable, and I am looking forward to being part of this “think tank.”

Several successes in the program have happened and are coming to fruition. First is our **“Youth in Government.”** Paul took care of all the details as the Rotary representative for this program. This is where numerous high school students will spend the day with various members of our city government and be exposed to how the government provides services to citizens. This assembly will be hosted by our Club on March 27, 2024. Mark it on your calendars.

May 8, 2024, is when our Club will honor our **“Outstanding Educators”** here in Livermore. Again we will be hosting this event and give both appreciation and recognition for their services in teaching our youth to be the adults of tomorrow.

Our largest accomplishment so far this year has been the re-activation of **Rotarians Advancing Veteran Education (RAVE)**. A huge thank you to **Dennis O’Brien** for resurrecting this program and championing this endeavor. I will have more on this in the next month’s article. What I will state is that you can donate to this cause now through the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore website. Since the website is still under construction, you can just use the general fund donation and make the “memo” space to say “For RAVE.”

So as we continue our outreach to the vocations, I/we have wanted to again make the offer that if you have any ideas (big or small) **please let us know**. This is where we can really help make a difference in both lives and be of service.

Jeff Youngsma
Vocations Committee Chairperson.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Report for January 2024 Newsletter

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

A. 2023-24 mid-year Update on TRF Goals and accomplishments

We now completed 6 months of Rotary year. We need to review what we were able to accomplish and make plans to accomplish the goals we set for 2023-24.

Our goals for 2023-24 are listed below along with status.

1. 100% EREY, Every Rotarian Every Year for the Club

Rotary initiative of EREY is for Every Rotarian to contribute a minimum of \$25 Every Year to The Rotary Foundation. We met this goal this year by including \$25 in the club membership dues.

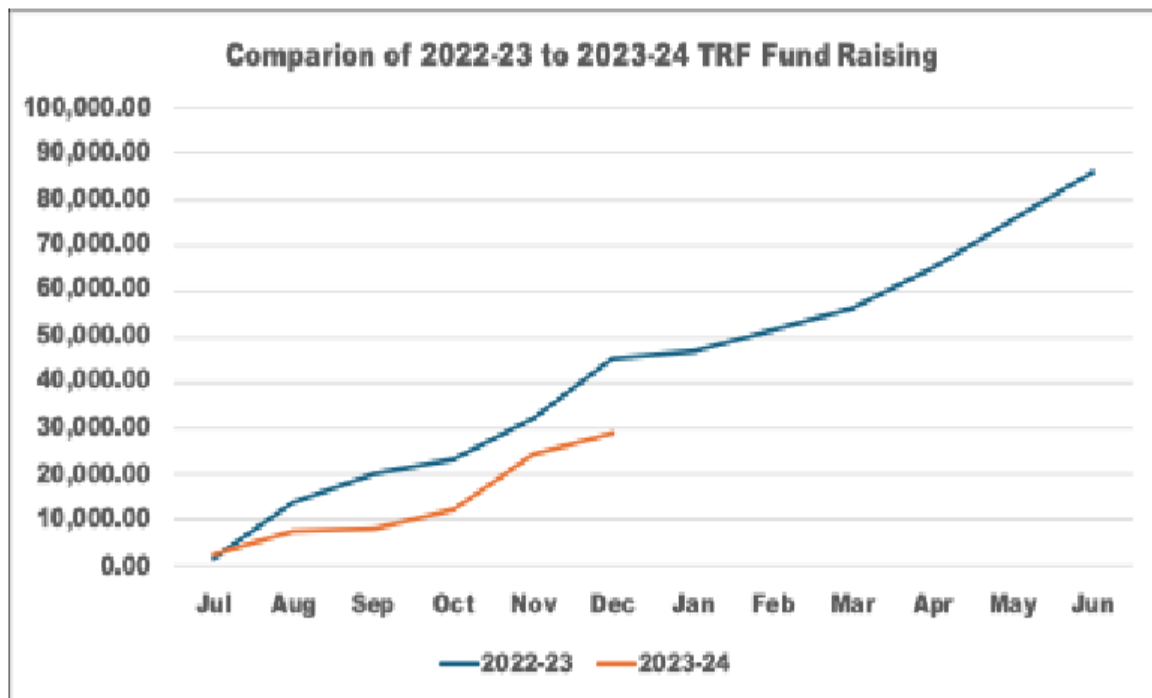
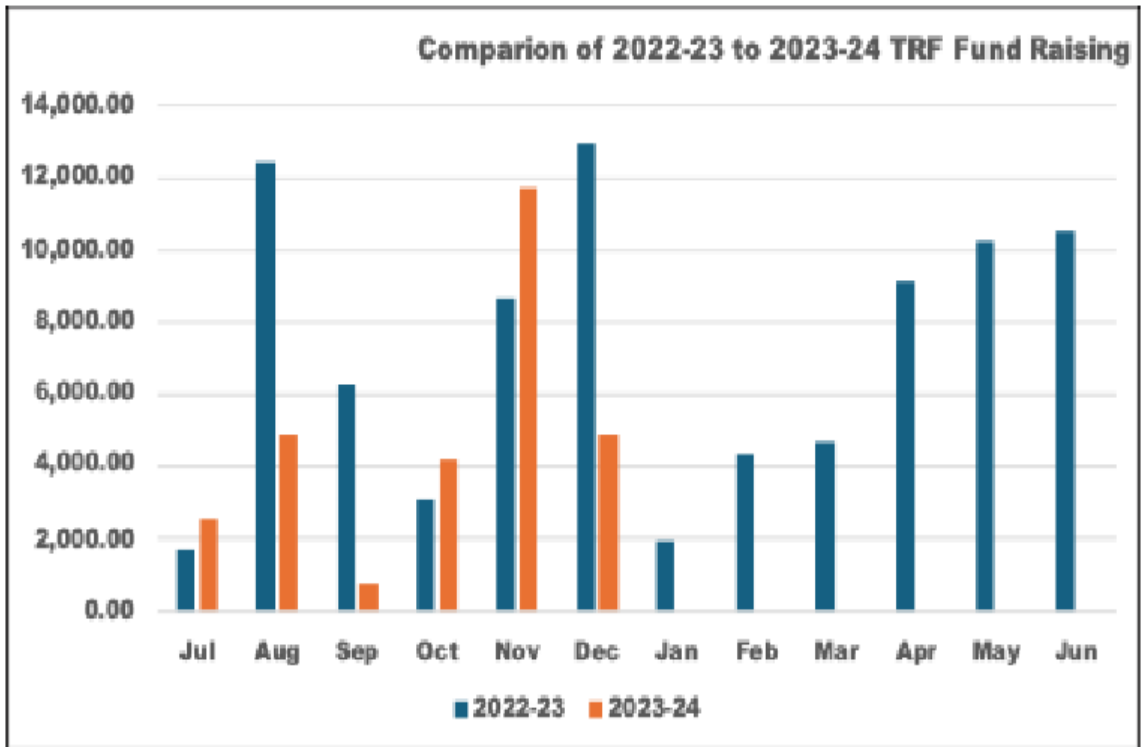
2. 100% PHF, Paul Harris Fellows Club

Paul Harris Fellow Recognition (PHF) is awarded to Rotarian when contributions to TRF reaches \$1000. Our club is matching donations of \$100 or more with Foundation Recognition Points to earn PHF recognition with \$500. Our club at present has 80% of Rotarians who are PHF or multiple PHF status. 100% PHF is an achievable goal in next 6 months.

3. TRF Annual Fund goal \$72,000 and PolioPlus Goal of \$22,000

Our club contributions reached \$24,190 for Annual Fund and \$7,795 for PolioPlus. In addition, we contributed \$600 to other 7 Areas of Focus and \$7,750 for Endowment.

The graphs below illustrate that our fundraising in first six months is lagging the last year actuals.



We have some catching up to do meet our goals.

4. Increased number of Paul Harris Society members, Major Donors and Bequest Society members

Paul Harris Society (PHS) members are those who contribute \$1000 or more in one Rotary Year. So far we have 14 PHS members compared to 32 PHS members in last full year.

We had three new Major Donors Level 1 and no new Bequest Society members.

B. Continuing effort to meet 2023-24 TRF Goals

TRF committee will continue to reach out to the members to encourage contributions. Our club is blessed with many committed donors who have consistently supported TRF.

Our District TRF Chair Orrin Mahoney will be visiting our club to make a presentation on TRF. It will be followed by a wine social with him at Ruby Hill winery starting at 2:30pm to 5:00pm.

We will hear from him more about supporting RI 7 Areas of Focus, Endowment and Bequest Society member.

Please note that all Annual Fund donations made before January 31st count towards DDF allocation for coming year. So please contribute generously in the month of January if you can.

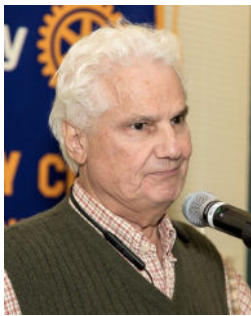
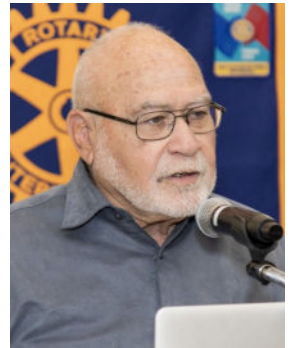
We will be recognizing all PHF, PHS members at club meeting on January 17 with Orrin Mahoney for the contributions made including the pledges for the remainder of the year. Please be sure to inform Goud Memula of all recent donations and pledges.

Contributions may be made online one time or recurring at **myrotary.org/en/donate**

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

Thank you.

Goud Memula



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.

The talk on astronomy and telescopes was beautifully organized and presented. I'd like to send a copy of his talk to a friend who is a star gazer with excellent equipment. How do I select the talk, copy it, and send to my friend electronically? (I've tried and been unsuccessful.)



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