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# Noon Club News

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“A very good club”

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## President Sheila Fagliano's comments



Happy New Year! January has come and gone so fast. I'm trying to remember what happened in the blur!

I'm so pleased that we've settled into RLCC and now call it "home" for our club. It's a pleasure to work with LARPD, and I'm very proud of our partnership. Joel has shared with me that we are climbing in weekly attendance for our meetings, so I guess we're doing something right. I'm very excited for our new monthly "evening meeting" for our club. The idea is to encourage people to join our club that would otherwise not be able to attend due to our meetings being at noon. For the next 6 months, we will be meeting once a month in the evening instead of at noon. Between January and June, we will meet the last Wednesday of the month (except for March, we had to switch due to Youth in Government) at Del Valle Winery in the barrel room, 4948 Tesla Rd. Socializing starts at 5:00pm, the meeting will start at 5:30pm, and end at 6:30pm. The club will purchase light hors d'oeuvres for you to snack on, and members can purchase their own glass of wine. There will be a speaker as usual, but no zoom.

I can't believe it's already been 6 months since my presidency started. I've enjoyed every moment (almost ) of it and feel so blessed to have such a wonderful group of people to call my dear friends. Our club does amazing things locally and around the world. I could not be prouder. Thank you all for your commitment to making a difference and for believing in me.

*Sheila Fagliano*

## February Calendar — Marc Roberts

February 7: **Maria Zamora** - *Meeting the Growing Need for Senior Health Care*

February 14: **Marc Roberts** - *Waking up with someone else's kidney*

February 21: **Chris Carter** - *Livermore Valley Arts*

February 22: **Board Meeting** - *164 North L Street in Livermore. 11:30*

February 28: **Michael Bruner** - *His movie filmed in Livermore*

*Marc Roberts*



## Secretary Joel Swanson — January Board Highlights



- President Sheila was out of town, so the meeting was run by President-Elect Marc Roberts. It went "swimmingly."
- Discussions included a recommendation that new member training be upgraded, and that new member mentors were needed. See Alan Burnham's membership Director report.
- Things are looking up for youth services, See Keith Beck's report.
- Jeff Youngsma said that he needed help with Rotarian Foundation of Livermore grant processing.
- Irv Stowers gave a good review of the status of our club projects, both local/district and global. See Irv's report for details.
- Stu Frazier was in attendance, and updated us on Music Scholarships. Norm Bregman (treasurer) stated that there was sufficient funds in the Music Scholarship funds (in club funds and RFL funds) to cover the scholarship grants.
- The next Board of Directors meeting will be on February 22nd, at the Common Point meeting room at 164 North L Street in Livermore. Meetings start at 11:30.

*Joel Swanson*

## Youth Services -

### Keith Beck and Matt Fuzie



This month I think we can say that **Chrisitne Lusty** is excited about help Youth Services get the **Interact Program** started again at Livermore High School. She has a few more step to go before she takes on the position for Interact but, her enthusiasm and desire is truly there.

Aditdonally, the schools in our area have now been contacted for the music scholarship program, Beth Wilson, Tim Barry, and Stu Frasier have done an amazing job at contacting our schools and sending out the applications. Also, hats off to Michael Ferrucci for putting on the concert that help boost the funds to increase the number of scholarships that can be given out this year. What an excellent team. I'm so proud of all of their efforts. Thanks to all.

*Keith Beck*

### Membership — Alan Burnham

After our extended holiday break, the membership committee is ready to get back to work. First, we need to implement our decisions made late last year on a more robust mentorship program, improved new membership orientation, and more membership moments at club meetings. Adding new committee members will lighten the load and make faster progress. Another new task needs to be added—an improved corporate membership brochure that provides a compelling case for companies wishing to engage with the community.

In January, Dave Barnes gave his new member talk, which included pictures of his Corcoran upbringing and musical youth, and David Shefler was inducted as our newest member. David is Sr. Director of Business Development at Silicon Laboratories.



*Alan Burnham*



**David Barnes**



**David Shefler**

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### Community Service — Loretta Kaskey

Catch you next time



*Loretta Kaskey*

## International Service - Irv Stowers & Goud



### **2023-24 Global Grant projects supported by the Rotary Club of Livermore (RCL).**

Rotary Club of Livermore reviewed several Global Grant projects and decided to be international sponsor for three Global Grants with our gDDF contributions. Together, RCL has used 23,700 gDDF to support these projects.

All three Global Grant projects are now fully approved by Rotary International and qualified for matching funds.

A summary of each Global Grant project, total budget and RCL contributions is provided below:

#### **1. Bole School Project in Ghana, West Africa GG#2350086**

This project is sponsored by San Jose Rotary club and supported by several other clubs from our District. The total budget for this project including matching funds is \$98,000. Our club provided 6,700 gDDF (\$12,060).

This project rehabilitates the 12 abandoned toilets, upgrades water storage tanks and pumping system and adds 20 new micro flush bio-digester toilets to provide essential facilities to the Bole Senior High School and nearby elementary school for boys and girls.

#### **2. Upgrading Neonatal ICU in Niloufer Hospital, Hyderabad, India, GG#2456871**

Hyderabad Mavericks Rotary Club, Telangana, India is the host club and supported by several other Rotary clubs in India and U.S. Total budget for this project is \$58,359 including matching funds by TRF. RCL provided 9,000 DDF (\$16,200). This project upgrades the existing Neonatal ICU with additional medical equipment to help in faster and proper diagnosis of critical care cases of pre and post birth in the Niloufer community hospital. The hospital provides free healthcare to women and Children from distressed sections of the populations. It is expected to benefit 1,000 plus high-risk babies every month.

#### **3. Rotary Endoscopic Center for diagnosis and prevention of Head and Neck Cancers, Nandyal, RI District 3160, GG#2458097**

Rotary Club of Livermore is the international sponsor for this Global Grant with total budget of \$36,145 including TRF matching funds with RCL contribution of 8,000 gDDF (\$14,400).

This project enables establishing a diagnostic and operative endoscopic center in collaboration with a local hospital. Diagnostic endoscopy is a better technique to detect various ear, nose & throat (ENT) pathologies as well as anatomical variations. Rural and urban populations around Nandyal and neighboring districts stand to benefit significantly from this project.

## Vocational Services - Jeff Youngsma

*Jeff Youngsma with assistance from Dennis O'Brien*

I have had only a handful of “deer in the headlight” moments in my life. Three of these happened while I served. There was the first day of boot camp (and that started at midnight). The second was when shots were fired at me in anger. The third was my discharge. I really did not have anything lined up and I truly did not know what I was going to do. I had always envisioned myself as a “lifer.”

I was lucky. A mentor from the church I had attended in my youth encouraged me to attempt to use my skills as a corpsman and challenge the entrance exam for Stanford's Paramedic Program. I was accepted and my life truly changed for the better. I ended up in a career that has given me more than I can ever imagine being able to repay. What I was not aware of when I joined Rotary was that our club has a unique program that was revitalized by Rotarian Dennis O'Brien. It took a little work and some maneuvering with RFL, but now it is up and running. This program is called Rotarian Advancing Veteran Education (RAVE) Feb. 1, 2024

The goal of the RAVE Restricted Fund is twofold. First is to support veterans' education after their service to our nation. These military veterans, many married with children at this point in their lives, are balancing part-time work with academic studies and career planning and a family life. Second is to allow for Rotarians to donate to this program through Rotary access portals. The end state is for our veterans to have a successful transition from the stress and rigors of a military life to an established stable career and life as a civilian.

The background of Rotarians Advancing Veteran Education (RAVE) was started in Livermore by John Shirley. John was a Rotarian, former Livermore Mayor, and WWII veteran. RAVE was started as a way of giving back to veterans of the US Military in a way that can kickstart their careers in civilian life.



Many of our military veterans come back to us with disorders that put them at a distinct disadvantage in dealing with civilian life. Empirical evidence has proven that many commit suicide as a result. It is as high as 22 suicides a day nation-wide. Our passion and commitment is that we can do better for our veterans that have risked so much for our freedoms and way of life.

The challenge is that too many veterans come out of their military service with barriers to overcome. The discipline and regiment of military life leaves little room for choice and mistakes. Support services from meals to housing to medical to spiritual services are provided to them. Coming back to civilian life these new veterans must do for themselves, many for the first time in their lives. They must make career choices and commit to those choices and establish where and how they are to live and make a livelihood. The military is not there to make these decisions for them as these veterans have become accustomed to. They are on their own for the first time in their lives. RAVE is here to help with those transitions.

If you wish to donate to this fund, there are a few ways to do this. You can go to the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore ( [www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org](http://www.rotarianfoundationlivermore.org) ) and select the restricted fund (tax deductible- RFL is a 501.c.3 organization). You can contact our club treasurer or the RFL treasure. Or feel free to give Dennis or myself a call and we will do our best to guide you through the process. Needless to say, this program is already beginning to grow, and we are starting to see the fruits of our labor.

Thank you for your time in reading this rather long article.

*Jeff Youngsma*

## Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman



As of January 24th, the Club had over \$79 K in our two bank accounts after paying off dues for Rotary International and the District. We continue to maintain a solid financial position.

- At the end of the second quarter, we are more than 20K ahead of last year.
- The Restricted Club Fund in the Foundation has over 14K. Of that, 10K is dedicated for mini grants.
- The Music Scholarship Fund in the Foundation has approximately 13K.
- A check has been written to cover the \$7,300 related to facility rental for the Crab Feed. Debbie is doing a great job is that all tables are sold and she is in the process of collecting the money for reserved tables.
- All great news as the New Year unfolds. The first evening meeting was a great success. Mike Albertson was our outstanding speaker on Wednesday, Jan. 31. We hope he will become a member soon. I encourage all Rotarians to attend the next evening meeting the end of the month.

*Norm Bregman*





## 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.



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## **The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Report for January 2024 Newsletter**

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

### **1. District TRF Chair Orrin Mahoney visit on January 17, 2024**

Orrin Mahoney visited our club and made a presentation on The Rotary Foundation. The presentation highlights are included below:

Orrin Mahoney presented basics of The Rotary Foundation and how the contributions to TRF benefits the world community in various areas and explained the magic of how the clubs get back more than they contributed.

TRF is a charity and is Rotary's 501c3. All donations are tax deductible.

Rotarians and non-Rotarians worldwide contribute to TRF. We, the club, oversees deciding how this charity funds are spent.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to **enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.**

Rotary helps in 7 Areas of Focus thru three programs namely: **Project Grants, Polio Eradication and Rotary Peace Centers.**

Project Grants include funding for Club projects for Global Grants, District Grants, Scholarships and Vocational Training Teams. Orrin has elaborated on each one of these programs.

We can support The Rotary Foundation by contributing generously to **Annual Fund for support today, PolioPlus to end Polio now and Endowment Fund to secure tomorrow.**

**Annual Fund** is the primary mechanism for local and international projects. One half of all money donated comes back to the District (and the Clubs) in the form of District Designated Funds (DDF). The rest is used to match funding for Global Grant projects.

## TRF Report, continued

Further, when we use the DDF for District Grants projects we get 25% matching whereas when we use the DDF for Global Grants we get 80% matching.

### The More We Give; The More We Get!

There is **NO CHARITY** in the world that gives back **MORE** than you Donate.

Last year TRF contributions reached \$427 millions and funded 1090 Global Grant projects, 470 District Grant projects and 310 Disaster Relief projects.

Rotary supports Clean Water, Education, Promotes Peace, supports mother and child wellbeing and communities facing disasters.

Orrin spoke about Endowment and Bequest society in detail at the wine reception after the meeting.

## **2. TRF Recognitions: Paul Harris Fellow PHF, Paul Harris Society members and multiple PHF**



Trex Donovan (absent) was recognized for reaching **PHF level**.

## TRF Report, continued

The following Rotarians were recognized as **Paul Harris Society** members for contributing \$1000 or more in this Rotary year, with a certificate:

Norm Bregman, Bob Cowan, Alan Frank, Kathy Coyle, Patrick Coyle, Chris Ising (absent), Jack Mills, Mike Morgan (absent), Irving Stowers, Don Sweeney, Mike Thompson, Don Wentz (absent) and Jeff Youngsma.

The following Rotarians were recognized for **multiple PHF**, and appropriate pins were presented:

Brain Mayall (PHF+8), Susan Mayall (PHF+7), James Schmidt (PHF+7), Sblend Sblendorio (PHF+7) (absent), Henry Shey (PHF+1) (absent), and Linda Tinney (PHF+7) (absent).

## 4. Rotary Club Mavericks of Hyderabad Recognition of Rotary Club of Livermore for supporting GG 2456871

During the visit of Goud Memula to India, the Rotary Club Mavericks of Hyderabad held a Rotarian Fellowship luncheon to express their gratitude to our Rotary club for supporting the Global Grant project of upgrading Neonatal ICU at Niloufer hospital.

An appreciation letter to the club and mementos were presented. Further details will be provided at the club meeting in March.



*Goud Memula*