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The

Noon Club News

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“A very good club”

April 2024

President Sheila Fagliano's comments



Hello Fellow Rotarians! April was another busy month of fun and excitement! Our crab feed was a smashing success thanks to every one of you. Several of our members went above and beyond to help make this event a success and I truly appreciate all the hard work.

The Youth in government day (YGD) was a great experience for the students and I'm proud of the partnership with have with our city. The students shared their experiences of the day and here's hoping some of them pursue a career in serving our community. Next year we will be including LARPD in our YGD as in years past.

Changing things up a bit have been a win-win for our club. Our once-a-month evening meetings are getting great turn outs and in speaking to the membership, they're a hit! I'm looking forward to our Wine Socials at Garre Winery starting April 10th, the 2nd Tuesday of the month. As the days get longer, the evening socials are so enjoyable and a great way to get together, to visit and enjoying a glass of wine.

We're gearing up for our annual literacy program distributing books to all the 3rd grade students in Livermore. This year we have 1,000 3rd grade students to distribute books to. If you've never handed out books, please sign up. It is such a wonderful experience, and the students are so grateful for the books. It's truly heart-warming.

I feel so proud of our club and all that we accomplish in our endeavors to help build a better community locally and around the world. A big Thank You to every one of you for all you do to help make our club one of the best around.

April Calendar — Marc Roberts



April 3: **Las Positas President - Dyrell Foster**

April 10: **Music Scholarships at Bothwell**

April 17: **Dating White Sands Footprints - Susan Zimmerman**

April 24: **Rotarian Foundation Annual Grants**
(at Del Valle Winery, 5:30 pm)

April 25: **Board Meeting - 164 N L St., 11:30**

Marc Roberts

Secretary Joel Swanson — March Board Highlights



The meeting commenced March 31 with roll call of present members and guests.

The Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance announced a screening of "Uncharitable" at the Bankhead on May 15th.

We voted on and approved the following:

- Acceptance of last month's minutes
 - Changes to the funding allotted for Music Scholarships
 - Changes to the funding allotted for club Grants (a.k.a. "mini" grants)
 - Norm provided a financial update, noting surplus funds, grants, and a discussion on budget allocations.
 - Sheila highlighted a surplus in club/mini grants.
 - Norm reported record-breaking proceeds from the Crab Feed and plans for changing banks.
 - Alan discussed strategies for transitioning members from red to blue badges and improving new member orientation.
 - Loretta detailed plans for Community Service Day.
 - JR outlined preparations for the upcoming parade.
 - Keith reported progress in youth service initiatives, and
 - Jeff discussed Vocational Service activities.
 - Goud provided updates on The Rotary Foundation's achievements and international service projects.
 - Irv addressed concerns regarding undefined restricted accounts.
 - Kelly emphasized guidelines for the club's public image on social media.
- The next meeting was scheduled for April 25th.

Joel Swanson

Youth Services -

Keith Beck and Matt Fuzie



No report this month.

Keith Beck

Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman



3rd Quarter April Newsletter Treasurer Report 2024

1. As of April 25th , the Club had over \$115 K in our two banks. We maintain an excellent financial position.
2. The Board approved \$2,000 increase in Music Scholarships to \$10,050.
3. The Board approved mini-grants request for April 2024. The committee's request came in under the yearly budget!
- 4.. Crab Feed income has surpassed \$65,000. My understanding is that this is the highest income achieved. Incredible teamwork to achieve this new level.
5. Expenses still missing but I believe it will be under \$31,000 when all is said and done.
6. We continue to seek a new bank. Gordon Jones has accepted responsibility for contacting all banks in our area, so we get the best deal.

Norm Bregman

Membership - Alan Burnham



In the past two months, the membership committee has focused on how to make it easier for new members to become fully integrated into the club. One of the products of this discussion is a new on-line spreadsheet for entering and tracking activities for converting a red badge to a blue (to be posted soon). It is hard for others to track how new members are coming along, and some new members in the past have lost their sheets through the process. The hard-copy route is still available, but the long range goal is to have more on-line resources. Another on-line resource to be produced is a video giving step-by-step instructions for setting up the club's database (*DACbd* or *successor*) and *my.rotary.org*.

Concerning our club health, we've continued to decline in membership, with attrition exceeding new members by 20 over the past four years (2018-2020 average of 112 to the current 92). We had a brief recovery in May 2023, but it was followed by multiple people not renewing their membership in July 2023. In the current Rotary year (July 2023-June 2024), we've inducted six new members (including Michelle Kleman on April 10) but recently lost Ron Koopman due to death. Two of the measures we've instituted to make the club more accessible is a reduction of membership fees for next year due to our new agreement with LARPD and holding our meetings on the last Wednesday of the month at dinnertime. That said, with the average age of our club in the low seventies, we have a continuing need to recruit younger members.

Youth in Government Day



Community Service — Loretta Kaskey



Community Service Day is an event to celebrate volunteerism in our community. Volunteers can participate in a blood drive or they can choose to donate a half-day to work on a variety of worthwhile projects throughout the community. Volunteer registration will open closer to the event date.

Loretta Kaskey

Vocational Services - Jeff Youngsma

On April 27, 2024, The RCoL was able to host the “**Youth in Government Day**” (YIG) event again. From the feedback that I have received, this event was very successful. We hosted approximately 30 students from both Livermore high schools and included both Seniors and Juniors. Our Club did a wonderful job of intermixing with the students to provide answers, ask questions, and share stories. Our goal this year (as with most years) is to not only expose students to the workings of government in all its facets, but to also let the students learn the “why,” “how,” and “what” that Rotary does both locally and internationally. Our hope was that we were able to impart to these students that together we all strive to make our community and the world a better and sustainable place.

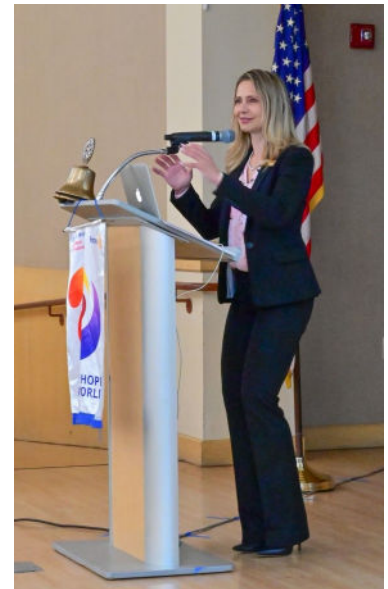
This event would not have been possible without the exceptionally hard and dedicated work of BOD **Paul McCandless** and **President-Elect Marc Roberts**. Their unwavering commitment to this event is what made it successful. Thank you to you both!



Jeff Youngsma

There are three types of people in this world: Those who make things happen, those who just watch what happens, and those that wonder what just happened. Which one are you?

Benjamin Franklin



What do you think?

Did you hear that?

What's on your mind?

**No, no,
no, no . . .**

I have an idea

Letters to the editor

This is new.

As we write newsletters every month it is clear that some of us want to say something back. Things like “I disagree” or “why don’t we . . . “ or “I just want to say thanks” or “I want . . . “ or “I think . . . ”.

So, **we will add a page for feedback** from our fellow Rotarians called “Letters to the editor” or something like that. Feedback is encouraged. If there are many responses we can add another page. *But having to speak about our club in print is needed*, and is about time. Let us all hear from you. We have had wonderful contributions from many of our members and we need to have the opportunity to be heard.

Can we change the title from “Letters to the editor” to something that fits us better? Letters to the editor is a good start, but what about calling it “. . .” (You fill in your idea).

(Send me your opinions on what to call this page: nirunge@gmail.com. Deadline is May 2 (second day of the month).



International Service — Irv Stowers

See you next time



Irv Stowers

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Building picnic tables at Hageman seven years ago



Ahh!

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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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