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# Noon Club Quarterly

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“A very good club”

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## President Marc Robert’s Comments



*Fellow Rotarians – Welcome to the Winter Newsletter, and Happy Holidays!*

We are almost half way through the Rotary year. This fall we accomplished an amazing amount and there’s lots more to come.

We just wrapped up our Rooms of Hope campaign where I got to grow a beard and all of you got to provide resources to allow a critically ill child to have their room remade to provide a bit of hope during a very rough time. Our Rotary Club was one of the top fund raisers for the entire campaign. Congratulations!

This fall, we launched our campaign to endow the John Shirley scholarship – given to a high school senior graduating from a Livermore high school who plans on pursuing a career in the veterinary field, which exemplifies Dr. Shirley’s motto of service above self, or a field that demonstrates service above self . Your generosity will allow us to complete our fund raising by the end of December – an amazing accomplishment that will pay dividends to the community for many years to come.

On the horizon for this winter, we will launch a project to finish the freight room in the historic train station, so that it can be used as a meeting room for non-profits and community groups. The permits and agreements with the City are almost complete and I look forward to starting construction. This project will be a great mix of hands-on work (with some professional help), and donations, and will be another project that will leave a lasting contribution to the community. Your generosity will allow us to complete our fund raising by the end of December – an amazing accomplishment that will pay dividends to the community for many years to come. Lots more information to come on the train station project later this winter.

Don’t miss our December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting featuring the **Livermore High School Choir** and great food from Strizzi’s. Remember we will be dark for the two weeks 12/25 and 1/1/25.

I am proud to be part of this club and I appreciate all that you do. We are truly making a difference, right here in Livermore and across the world. I look forward to doing more great things (and having a good time doing it) in the year ahead.

*Marc Roberts*

## Secretary Joel Swanson — Recent Board Highlights



### Club Secretary Report:

Greeters at each meeting need to greet people coming in, and ensure club members check their name off on the attendance list. Guests need to print their names, and who their Rotarian host is.

With changes in video coverage next year, we need club members to start volunteering to video record meetings.

Next potluck lunch will probably be mid February.

### Summary of Board Meeting Notes

- **Quorum Achieved** for all Board meetings Sept - Nov
  - **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for August, September, and October meetings approved with unanimous votes.
  - **Other approvals:** Board approved new Rotarian Foundation of Livermore Bylaws. Approved President's signing all documents needed to proceed with Train Station project. Approved the club's making up for any shortfall of \$5000 goal for Rooms of Hope Beard Growing Contest fundraiser.
  - **Zoom coverage of meetings will be ending at the end of the year.**
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### Key Topics

#### President's Report

- **John Shirley Scholarship:**
    - Fundraising goals: \$100,000 within two years.
    - CHEF matching donations: Fund adds \$.50 for every dollar donated up to \$20,000.
    - Short stories and video about John Shirley shared at October meeting.
  - **Project Updates:**
    - Train Station Freight Room project is in progress; lease and insurance finalization underway.
  - **Potential naming rights for fundraising discussed.**
  - **Small Community Projects:**
    - Sheila proposed a trial home cleanup project.
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#### Treasurer's Report

- **Finances:**
  - Club accounts are robust – see Treasurer's report.
  - Budget adjustments were made for grants. There are upcoming Crab Feed payment method changes.

## Major Events

- **Crab Feed:**
    - Scheduled for March 22, 2025, with earlier planning underway.
    - New payment system in place, with training provided.
    - **Mini-Golf Fundraiser:** Potential May event.
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## Membership

- Several new members being onboarded.
  - Suggestions to reduce dues for couples considered for future discussion.
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## Youth Service

- **Music Scholarships:** New fundraising plans being developed.
- **Youth in Government:** Scheduled for March 12, 2025, including vocational trades.
- **Interact Club:** Increased engagement planned, including rescheduled visit and RYLA advertising.

## Rotary Foundation (TRF)

- Goals for 2024-25 set, with 23% achieved so far.
- Focus on increasing donations via member outreach and online platforms.
- Ongoing exploration of global grant opportunities:
  - Potential projects include water sanitation and wheelchair initiatives in Nepal and India.

## Public Image

- Facebook shut down our Facebook account; LinkedIn page active.

## International Service

- \$27,000 available for global grants.
  - Global Grant proposals for clean water, disease prevention, and other areas being developed.
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## Action Items

1. **Scholarships:** Collect stories for John Shirley Scholarship video.
2. **TRF:** Educate members about donation processes; consider increasing annual donations plans.
3. **Projects:**
  - Decide on the type of Global Grant project(s).
  - Pilot small community service projects.

**4 Membership:**

- o Induct new members.
- o Address delinquent dues.

**5 Public Image:** Restore social media pages and explore better outreach strategies.

**6 Events:** Finalize Crab Feed and mini-golf fundraiser plans.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Next Board Meeting:** December 12, 2024.

## Calendar — President-Elect Pat McMenam



### MEETING CALENDAR — December—February 2024-2025

Dec 11: **Mark Roberts & Sheila Fagliano** — Club assembly

Dec 18: **LHS Choir** — Brenda Lodge

Dec 25: **Dark**

Jan 1: **Dark**

Jan 8: **Victoria Tishman** — Update on Axis Community Health



## Treasurer's Report — Ron Bregman



As of Dec. 1st, the Club had over \$45 K in our two banks. The CD we have is now worth 51K.

The Club was approved to receive a **District grant for the Railroad Depot project** using DDF funds and sent us a check for just shy of 17K last week.

My goal for this quarter is to have all dues collected before the end of Dec. We pay District and International dues the early part of Jan. The Finance Committee met in the first week of December. The agenda focused on one issue, creating different levels of major donors and the criteria of benefits they will receive. During the meeting a healthy conversation ensued. The Committee developed three levels of donors: silver, gold and platinum that will be brought to the Board for approval. Stay tuned for more information to come.

The Crab Feed Committee met to discuss the cost of attending based on the price of Crab. As best as we can tell at this point is that it will be higher and may be more 10% higher. Consensus was that there will be an early price reduction (early bird price) to fill the tables, and a higher price after Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets will go on sale in early Jan. The event will be on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. My advice is to sign up using Paybee as soon as possible. Paybee is a



*Norm Bregman*

## Membership — Don Sweeney

The Membership Committee is actively working toward its goal of adding **ten new Red Badge Rotary members** by the end of the Rotary calendar year. So far, we have welcomed four new members, bringing the Rotary Club of Livermore's current membership to approximately 95 members.



The committee highlights that the most effective way to recruit new members is through existing members inviting guests to our weekly meetings – *especially the monthly evening meetings*. To encourage this participation, we've introduced a few incentives:

- Members who sponsor new recruits will be recognized during Rotary meetings and presented with a bottle of wine when their sponsored member is awarded their Red Badge.
- Additionally, they will have the honor of presenting the Red Badge to their new member.
- As a welcoming gesture, new members will also receive an embroidered Rotary polo shirt.

*Don Sweeney*

## Club Service — Will Bateson

Club Service has been humming along this fall, with rotarians doing a great job filling the various weekly slots, notably **greeter, thought for the day, spur reporter and publisher, videographer, AV, and photographer**.

As 2024 comes to a close, so does the Zoom option for our meetings. The board decided to end Zoom for a variety of reasons, notably that it takes a fair amount of work and is used regularly by only a small handful of rotarians. This decision, however, is not etched in stone as permanent – IF lots of rotarians miss having meetings on Zoom, the board will consider starting it up again. Please reach out to President Marc or myself with any input.

We are always looking for rotarians to fill the various jobs at our weekly meetings. Joel Swanson does an excellent job of sending out a spreadsheet of slots for upcoming meetings. I encourage all rotarians, and especially red badgers, to fill the various slots. Greeter is a perfect job for red badgers to meet all of our wonderful rotarians. Thought for the Day can be anything from a short quote to an appropriate song (Tim Barry!). Just needs to be kept to 2 minutes or less and reflect rotary's views, i.e. not religious or political.

There are a few jobs, that are currently handled by only 1 or 2 rotarians. We need to add to the small pool of rotarians taking on the tasks of **meeting photographer and videographer**. Nile does a great job with the latter but it would be great to have a backup/rotarian for him to mentor in this role.



*Will Bateson*

## Community Service — Loretta Kaskey



Members of the Rotary Club of Livermore supported the major fundraiser for the **Rotary Club of Livermore Valley -- The Chili Cook Off** at Carnegie Park on October 25<sup>th</sup>. We set up, sold tickets, served chili and of course helped clean everything up after the event. The weather this year was not as hot as last year, but the chili was just as good. I was serving chili for Oya of Pleasanton and was positioned near the Rotary Band Shell. The local band, LunaFish, kept the vibe and crowd grooving.



Winding down 2024, our club will also participate in another **“Sleep in Heavenly Peace” bed build** on Dec. 7.

Wishing all the happiest of holidays and a prosperous New Year!

*Loretta Kaskey*



## Public Image Director — Kelly Bowers



### The Magic of Rotary: Be a Public Image Ambassador for Our Club!

*Fellow Rotarians,*

This year's theme, **The Magic of Rotary**, invites us to celebrate the transformative power of service, fellowship, and community impact. Each of us plays a vital role in showcasing that magic to the world. Public image is not just about logos and social media posts; it's about how we tell the **story of Rotary** and inspire others to join us in making a difference.

Rotary's public image is what people outside of Rotary think of when they hear our name. But name recognition is just the start. Our public image is shaped by the actions of our members, the activities we engage in, the impact we have, and more. A strong public image promotes trust and encourages people to engage with us. We can help build our public image by sharing stories that show us as people of action and inspire others to get involved. By increasing the public's understanding of Rotary, we're strengthening our ability to make an impact in communities around the world.

### Why should our club care about Rotary's public image?

Our club can benefit in many ways from a stronger public image of Rotary. Raising awareness and understanding of Rotary helps attract prospective members, instills a sense of pride among members, encourages community members to donate their time and money, and helps your club stand out from other volunteer opportunities.

### What can we do to boost our Club's public image?

As members of the Rotary Club of Livermore, we all have the power to be Public Image Ambassadors. This means finding ways—big or small—to represent our Club's values and contributions to the community. Whether you're sharing Rotary's message during a conversation, wearing your Rotary pins, hat or vest at events, or helping amplify our stories online, you're building, boosting and contributing to our public image.

Social media has been a fantastic tool for sharing the magic of Rotary. However, we've recently faced an unexpected challenge. Meta has suspended many Rotary-related Facebook pages, including ours. While this is frustrating, we are actively working to resolve the issue in partnership with Rotary International. Appeals have been filed, validation documents have been submitted, and we're confident that our page will be restored soon.

### How Retirees can help amplify Rotary's public image

All members can help contribute to Rotary's positive image in our community. Retirees bring a wealth of experience, networks, and flexibility that make them uniquely positioned to enhance Rotary's public image. Here are some ways retirees can make an impact:

#### 1. **Leverage Your Networks**

Use your longstanding community connections to spread the word about Rotary. Whether it's through alumni groups, civic organizations, or former colleagues, retirees can be powerful advocates for our Club's mission and projects.



## 2. Contribute to Storytelling

With your deep knowledge of Rotary's history and impact, help us document and share our story. This might mean writing short pieces about past successes to post on our website, sharing personal testimonials, and/or submitting Letters to the Editor to our Club newsletter or the local newspaper to spotlight our engagement in our community.

## 3. Host Rotary Conversations

Invite friends or former colleagues to coffee chats, community gatherings, or Rotary meetings. Your personal invitation could introduce new people to our cause and spark interest in membership.

## 4. Be Active in Public Events

Attend and volunteer at Rotary events where you can engage with the public, represent the Club, and answer questions about our mission. Your presence and enthusiasm go a long way in building goodwill.

## 5. Serve as Mentors

Support newer members by mentoring them on how to represent Rotary effectively. Your expertise can help guide the next generation of leaders in their public image efforts.

## 6. Engage with Social Media

Even if social media isn't your go-to tool, a simple like, share, or comment on a post can increase visibility. Encourage your friends and family to do the same!

## How you can help during the Facebook suspension

While we work to restore our Facebook page, there's still plenty you can do to promote Rotary:

- Share your own Rotary stories on other social platforms like Instagram, [LinkedIn](#), or Twitter using hashtags like [#RotaryClubOfLivermore](#) and [#MagicOfRotary](#).
- Talk about Rotary's impact in your everyday conversations with friends, neighbors, community members.
- Find creative ways to spread the word about our projects and successes, whether online or offline.

Together, we can ensure that Rotary's magic reaches even more hearts and minds. Let's shine a spotlight on the incredible work we're doing and invite others to join us in creating positive change. Thank you for your commitment to Rotary's ideals and for being ambassadors of service and goodwill. Let's continue to make this year truly magical!

Yours in Rotary Service,  
Kelly Bowers  
Public Image Chair  
Rotary Club of Livermore

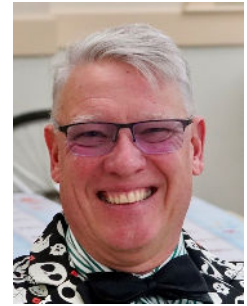
*Kelly Bowers*



# Vocational Services — Jeff Youngsma



## Vocations Updates



In this quarter, we have reached out to the LVUSD and started the **Youth In Government** process again. Representatives of the City, the School District, and Rotary have already started the preliminary plans and logistics of this event. To hear the excitement from these organizations is both overwhelming and humbling. *So much* so that we will now be hosting both schools for this event. The focus will be on high school juniors (3rd year students). The reasoning being that this is the time where occupations and careers start moving to the forefront of the students' life journey.

What is even more exciting is that there will also be emphasis on the vocational trades and technical skills as well as the academic. This is something that our Clubs Vocational Committee has been wanting to see and assist in developing. When asked how our Rotary Club could help, these agencies jumped at the chance.

“What we need is drivers!” (This is a bit of a process because you have to be cleared by the LVUSD to do so.) If you want more information, contact **Paul McCandless** our Club Trainer to get some details. Obviously, we will also host the students at our meeting as we have done in the past.

Excuse me as I pontificate a bit. It is a singular honor that we professionals, scientists, administrators, military, trades, and retirees can help encouraging the youth who will be responsible for the future. It is organizations such as ours that we can still pave a path for these students regardless of the vocation they choose. Getting to expose these students to all of the possibilities that await them is certainly a service above self. This is a great example of good people triumphing over “evil” by “doing” something. It personally makes me proud to be a part of it.

*Jeff Youngsma*



## Youth Services — Stu Frazier



Youth Services has several updates to report. Here are the latest:

### **Interact** –

The Livermore Interact club sent 5 members to the Fall Leadership Conference on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Foothill College in Los Altos. There they participated in workshops on leadership, service, team building and more. The club co-presidents will attend a future Rotary meeting to provide an overview of this activity.

In addition, Michelle Kleman and I will have meeting in December with the Area 3 Director of District 5170 along with the Livermore High co-presidents to discuss future projects and activities.

### **READY** –

The READY program has expanded this year to include over 20 students at Junction Ave Middle School, enrolled and coordinated by our outstanding teacher liaison, Lori Valenzuela. These students receive subject-specific tutoring and longer-term mentoring from the Club's READY mentors each week, depending on their specific challenges and needs. Lori has also identified 4-6 additional students who participate in a "drop-in-as-needed" basis when they need occasional help in a specific subject area. While this increase has been a bit challenging to accommodate, the dedicated mentors and students have settled into small affinity groups to work effectively on specific subjects and assignments together, led by our mentors. To more effectively bridge the frequently encountered language gaps, Maggie Tufts, Pedrozzi Young Scholar Program Manager, and Itzayana Reyna, a Pedrozzi Young Scholar at LHS and former Junction Ave student, have joined our team to help tutor the students and to provide translation between English and Spanish when needed. We are seeing some amazing academic progress in our READY students again this year!

Finally, the READY students participated in a fascinating field trip to the Exploratorium in late October and are visiting the California Academy of Sciences on December 7. Many of our students had never visited San Francisco or any type of museum or science center, so these field trips have been incredibly enriching and mind-expanding for our students. READY mentors this year have included Debbie Peck, Carol Lince, Linda Tinney, Bill Nebo, Dennis O'Brien, Bob Cowan, Alan Burnham, Paul McCandless, Maggie Tufts (Pedrozzi Foundation), Itzayana Reyna (Pedrozzi Foundation), Lori Valenzuela (Junction Ave School) and Glenn Kubiak. A heartfelt thanks to this dedicated team!

### **RYLA** –

The RYLA camp is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup> at the Mission Springs Conference Center in Scotts Valley. During our meeting with the Area 3 director we will be discussing the number of attendees they plan to have attend.

For those not familiar with RYLA or Rotary Youth Leadership Award, it is an activity where:

During their week at camp, interactors participate in:

- Leadership curriculum that has been created specifically for RYLA 5170 with the needs of our campers in mind by our leadership directors.
- Camper-Led Workshops where they're able to immediately apply their skills including: Entertainment, RYLA Studios, RYLA Events, Band & Chorus, Speech & Debate, Service Nighttime & Community Building Activities like Yoga, Family time with games, Workshop presentations and more.

And much more! We look forward to sending students to the camp next year!

**Student of the Month** –

Since our last newsletter we have had 3 Student of the Month presentations with a total of 5 students awarded this honor. There will be many more in the coming months!

**Music Scholarship** –

Michael Ferrucci and Jim Douglas have stepped up to be co-leaders for the Music Scholarship program. We are in the process of reforming the program into a Vocational Scholarship that will be based on a student's financial need, talent and desire to continue in the music field after graduation.

Michael Ferrucci and Jim Douglas are currently concentrating on fundraising by bringing professional musical talent to Livermore venues. Their first event, the concert at JMC Cellars featuring Richard Smith on October 25<sup>th</sup>, was very successful at adding to the funds available for the scholarship program. There is another concert tentatively scheduled for March/April with world renowned guitarist Muriel Anderson.

The committee is currently composed of Michael, Jim, David Rounds, Keith Beck, Linda Tinney and me. If anyone else would like to be on the committee, please let Michael or Jim know.

**Youth Protection Officer** —

From Glenn Kubiak: The transition in leadership of the Club's Youth Protection Program has continued to go smoothly, with two additional Club members this quarter completing the background investigation and interview process required by Rotary to assume their new responsibilities in the Club's Youth Services programs. These are Stuart Frazier, serving as the Club's Youth Services Director, and Michelle Kleman, serving as the Club's liaison to the Interact Club at Livermore High School. Thank you, Stuart and Michelle!

I want to thank everyone mentioned in this report for all their dedication and assistance getting these programs up and running!

*Stu Frazier*

**Special Projects**

The **2025 Crab feed** is quickly approaching us. It will be held on Saturday March 22nd at the Robert Livermore Community Center. Doors will open at 5pm.

**Early bird ticket** pricing will be **85.00 per person** during the month of January and **90.00 per person** after that. This event sells out fast so *get your tickets early*. More information to be announced at our regular meetings.



*JR Romero*

# Club of Livermore Rotary Club of Livermore Valley



# Rotarian Foundation of Livermore

## SEASON OF GIVING

### Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment and let you know about your Foundation and what the Circle of Giving can do for the community.

The **Circle of Giving** allows the RFL to distribute unrestricted monies to causes, programs, and to assist the clubs with unintended obligations. These go into purchase of gift cards for the financially unfortunate/working poor. Supporting the Children's Holiday Party (there are a lot of hidden costs there such as insurance, rentals, etc.). We can use funds to support the Youth in Government as well. Most importantly, assist other 501(c)(3) charities that specialize in these causes on a larger scale.

As a cherished contributor to the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore, your generosity has played a pivotal role in advancing our mission to empower local youth, foster community service, and enhance the quality of life for Livermore residents.

The dedication of our all-volunteer team, combined with the support from individuals and organizations like yours, has allowed us to allocate approximately \$200,000 annually in local grants. Over the past two decades, we have proudly distributed over \$1.5 million in grants, making a lasting impact on our community.

Supporting us is a strategic and impactful way to contribute to our community's well-being. You can contribute in two convenient ways:

#### Online Donation:

Visit our website's Donate page at [rotarianfoundationlivermore.org/donate](http://rotarianfoundationlivermore.org/donate) to securely make a donation via PayPal using your credit card.

#### Check by Mail:

Send a check payable to "The Rotarian Foundation of Livermore" to the following address: PO Box 2181, Livermore, 94551-2181. Please indicate "Season of Giving" on the memo line.

Your past contributions have empowered us to collaborate with local agencies, making a positive impact on the lives of students, foster youth, individuals with disabilities, cancer patients, older adults with dementia, and other worthy causes. Your contribution is also tax deductible!

families in need, and those facing trauma or loss. To explore the range of projects we've supported, please visit our website and view the complete list of Rotarian Foundation of Livermore grants for 2024: [2024 RFL Grant Awards](#).

As we express our deep appreciation to each Rotarian and local supporter who contributes to our outreach, we look forward to your continued support. Your generosity ensures that we can strive to enhance the health and well-being of all our Livermore Valley residents.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission.

*Jeff Youngsma*



## The Rotary Foundation (TRF) - Update



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) update includes review of our club accomplishments supporting The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (TRF) with our District Governor, Jill Duerig, in October, and recognition of Rotarians who supported.

This page will also cover recognition of new Major Donors, Paul Harris Fellow members, and PolioPlus Society members.

Our 2024-25 TRF goals and actuals are reviewed ending with request for 2024 year-end contributions to TRF. This update also provides few links to useful information such as TRF Individual and Club recognitions and how to donate to TRF.

### Our Club Accomplishments supporting The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (TRF)

Our club achieved 100% EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) goal and 90% of members were Paul Harris Fellows or higher.

Our club has 26 Major Donors contributing \$10,000 and above and 35 Paul Harris Society members contributing \$1000 or more annually, Rotary year.

Our club has 35 Rotarians contributing to PolioPlus to support End Polio initiative.

Among all the clubs in District 5170, our club is number #12 in membership. However, we stand out as #3 in the contributions to each of the categories of Annual Fund, PolioPlus and Total funds including Endowment.

We all should be proud of our achievement and express sincere gratitude and thank you to all the Rotarians for their commitment to support TRF.

**The following Major Donors, Paul Harris Society members and PolioPlus contributors were recognized and those present were pictured below.**

**Major Donors:** Keith Beck, Norm Bregman, Alan Burnham, Robert Cowan, Kathy and Patrick Coyle, Jay Davis, TJ Gilmartin, Barbara Hickman, Kathlene and Clark Streeter, Patrick McMenamin, Lingagoud Memula, Dale Miller, Jack Mills, Michael Morgan, Bill Nebo, Marc Robert, Lynn Seppala, Irving Stowers, Joel Swanson, Michael and Anita Thompson, Paul and Pauline Thompson, Don Wentz, Jacqueline William-Courtright and Jeffrey Youngsma

**PHS members:** Wendy Ellison-Rosenkilde, Sheila Fagliano, Alan Frank, Matthew Fuzie, Christian Ising, Glenn Kubiak, Paul McCandless, Sblend Sblendorio, James Schmidt, Davis Shefler, Don Sweeney and Linda Tinney.

**PolioPlus Donors:** Keith Beck, Alan Burnham, Christian Chukwuma, Edwin Coats Jr., Patrick Coyle, Sheila Fagliano, Michael Ferrucci, Lynn Freeman, Stuart Frazier, Carol Gerich, Gordon Jones, Loretta Kaskey, Monya Lane, Brian and Susan Mayall, Paul McCandless, Patrick McMenamin, Lingagoud Memula, Jack Mills, Patricia Munro, Mary Anne Rozsa, Sblend Sblendorio, James Schmidt, Lynn Seppala, Davis Shefler, Irving Stowers, Joel Swanson, Don Sweeney, Paul Szymyd, Michael Thompson, Paul Thompson, Don Wentz, Beth Wilson, Kathy Young and Jeffrey Youngsma.

Major Donors and Paul Harris Society members who were present at the meeting



PolioPlus Donors present at the meeting



Our club was recognized by our District for supporting of PolioPlus to End Polio by a certificate presented to our club by the District Governor.



### Recognition of New Major Donor Level I

Our club has two new Major donors. Dale Miller was honored to become TRF Major Donor Level I with contributions of over \$10,000 to TRF. Second Major Donor wishes to remain as anonymous.



### TRF recognitions in September meeting.

The following Rotarians were recognized for Paul Harris Fellow, multiple PHF, Paul Harris Society members and PolioPlus Society members, appropriate certificates, and pins were presented.



**PHF and multiple PHF members:**

Patrice Munro– PHF, Gordon Jones – PHF, Christian Ising – PHF + 5,  
Mary Anne Rozsa - PHF+5, and Don Sweeny – PHF+3.

**PHS members:**

Dale Miller – PHS and Jacquelin William-Cortright – PHS

**PolioPlus Society members:**

Kathy and Patrick Coyle, Brian Mayall and Kathy Young.

Those present at the club meeting are pictured below.



### Visiting Rotarian from Hyderabad, India

We had a visiting Rotarian, Geeta Magesh from Hyderabad India. She is a clinical psychologist passionate to help young people with mental issues. She received many recognitions including a gold medal from the state of Telangana. She will be helping the Rotary club in India preparing a Global Grant to help young students in school.



Visiting Rotarian Geeta Magesh from Hyderabad, India

### Summary of 2024-25 TRF Goals and Actuals

Our 2024-25 TRF goals are \$72,000 for Annual Fund and \$22,000 for PolioPlus. We are almost at 50% of the Rotary year ending June 20, 2025.

So far, we raised \$19,500 for Annual Fund which is 27%. We need to raise \$18k to \$20k by end of December 2024 to stay on track to meet the goal. For PolioPlus we raised \$17,500 which is about 80%. We are well on our way to meet or exceed the goal.

Please take advantage of Tax deduction in 2024 by donating to TRF Annual Fund in next two weeks. You may donate online or by checks as follows:

1. Please log into [myrotary.org](https://myrotary.org) and click Donate button. You may make one time donation or recurring to any of the categories identified. If you do not have a log in, please register to establish a log in.
2. By check made payable to "The Rotary Foundation" with a note on memo to indicate category of Annual Fund or PolioPlus etc.

You may mail the check directly to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collection Center Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60693. Be sure to indicate your Rotarian number on the check or add a note. Or hand it to one of TRF committee members. Alternatively, you may also mail the check to our Club address: RCL, Po Box 694, Livermore, Ca 94550.

The Rotary Foundation recognizes Individual donors, and the Clubs, in various ways to express gratitude for their commitments. These are fully described in the link below.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/donate/recognition>

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International (TRF) Supports and Funds Rotary Programs throughout the world.

The following links provide additional information on The Rotary Foundation and how it accomplishes the programs.

<http://www.rotary.org/en/why-rotary-best-steward-your-money>

<http://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>

I hope you will find the above information informative and will motivate you to support the cause of helping humanity around the world.

Goud Memula, Chair for TRF Committee

*Goud Memula*



# The Rotary Foundation



## A. Individual recognitions

### The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Sustaining Member

\$100 or more per year to RF

### Benefactor

\$1000 or more included in Estate Plan for Endowment Fund as a beneficiary

### Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)

\$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. Contributions of \$100 or more are matched with Foundation Recognition Points to reach PHF Recognition with \$500 contribution.

### Multiple Paul Harris Fellow (PHF +1, ...PHF+8)

When you give additional gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.

### Paul Harris Society member (PHS)

When you elect to contribute \$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.

### Bequest Society

When you make a commitment for future gifts of \$10,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation, you'll be invited to join the Bequest Society.

Different levels of Bequest Society special recognitions include \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000 and above

### Major Donor

When your cumulative donations reach \$10,000. There are four levels of Major Donors recognition: Level 1 for \$10,000+, Level 2 for \$25,000+ and Level 3 for \$50,000+ and Level 4 for \$100,000+

### Arch Klumph Society

When your cumulative donations reach \$250,000. There are six levels of Arch Klumph Society Recognitions for \$250,000+, \$500,000+, \$1M+, \$2.5M+, \$5M+ and \$10M+

### Legacy Society

When you promise a gift of \$1 million or more to the Endowment

*Goud Memula*

## B. Club recognition

### 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

For clubs in which all dues-paying members are Paul Harris Fellows. This is a one-time recognition.

### 100% Paul Harris Society Club

For clubs in which every dues-paying member contributes a minimum of \$1,000 to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or global grants within a Rotary year

### 100% Foundation Giving Club

For clubs that achieve an average of \$100 in per capita giving and 100 percent participation, with every dues-paying member contributing at least \$25 to any or all of the following during the Rotary year: Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, approved global grants, or [Endowment Fund](#).

### Rotary's Promise Club

Every dues-paying member supports The Rotary Foundation's Endowment with a minimum commitment of \$1,000 or more in an estate plan or via an outright gift of \$1,000 or more.

### Every Rotarian, Every Year Club

For clubs that achieve a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita during the Rotary year, and every dues-paying member must personally contribute at least \$25 to the Annual Fund during the year.



## International Service Projects



Irv Stowers



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The Railroad Depot freight room restoration project in Livermore, has been approved as a District Grant (DG) and will be funded by \$16,912.50 from DDF funds. There may also be an additional grant forthcoming from Fremont Bank.

A specific Global Grant (GG) has yet to be chosen for FY24-25. However, a meeting of several International Service Committee members was held on November 14, 2024 to discuss which TRF Type of project might be most desired by club members and in which country it would be most beneficial. The Rotary Foundation allows for funding of GG projects in 7 areas:

- Peace-building and conflict prevention
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development
- Supporting the environment

As to which country the Global Grant (GG) should be funded, there was a unanimous recommendation to support a country in which the RCL has previously participated. The recommended partnering countries were:

- India
- Chili
- Nepal
- Guatemala

A total of 8 GG projects were discussed at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- School Rehabilitation (rebuilding) Project in a rural municipality in Bagmati Province, Kathmandu, Nepal #TBD
- Water for the Western Highlands of Guatemala #2350854
- Community Economic Development by improving the income potential of the community - Indonesia #2457086
- Psychometric Assessment: Conduct a comprehensive psychometric evaluation to assess depression, anxiety, suicidal tendencies and other related disorders - India #TBD
- Mobil Emergency Clinic in Ukraine #2350882
- Medical Equipment for Coaniquem Burned Children's Hospital - Chili #TBD
- AgriGrowth Hub: Establish an AgroEquipment Bank to loan/rent farmers equipment - India #TBD
- Right Horizons: Provide vocational equipment to equip 50 intellectually challenged women with employment skills - India #TBD

The consensus of the International Service Committee is to support one of the following projects:

**School Rehabilitation Project in rural Bagmati Province - Nepal** - needs TRF proposal.

**Water for the Western Highlands - Guatemala**

**AgriGrowth Hub: Establish an AgroEquipment Bank to loan/rent farmers equipment - India**- needs TRF proposal.

**Medical Equipment for Coaniquem Burned Children's Hospital - Chili** - needs TRF proposal.

*Irv Stowers*

*Goud Memula*

## News from Nepal

My thanks to all of you who contributed to help the victims in the remote village Jajarkot in western Nepal which was almost totally destroyed by an earthquake. We did provide some immediate assistance a few months ago. Our latest endeavour is to help in the construction of a new school. The main construction is to be funded by the Japanese Embassy, while our part will be to provide funding for the furnishing of the toilets. The project is being managed by the Volunteer Corps of Nepal and we have been asked by the Kathmandu Mid Town Rotary Club to assist. We have collected \$10,000 so far. The total cost of our part of the project is \$16,000.

The Kathmandu Club is in the process of writing a Global Grant in conjunction with our club for another TRF Global Grant project in the district

suburb of Kathmandu, which suffered terrible damage caused by recent flooding, which also affected many other areas of Nepal. The management of this project is initiated by the Volunteer Corps of Nepal. Our club will be using other forms of contributions such as DDF's to support the global grant. More about that later.

There is so much need in every corner of the world, and I would like to think that our club, not just me, can develop an attachment to the people of Nepal, since we have been supporting them for more than thirty years through our Nepalese Children's Fund.

If anyone is interested in visiting Nepal to trek or climb or just to have a cultural visit, please contact me. I would love to help.

Paul Thompson

*Paul, Son of Thomp*



## Letters to the editor (I)

### Tim Barry —

Many thanks to the **A/V crew** who do such a great job of putting the weekly slides (or "Viewgraphs" as some Lab nerds call them 😊) together for the meetings with skill and humor. They really move the meetings along and help President Marc know which end is up in running our meetings! Thank you, Dennis, Paul, Don and Joel, for your excellent, dedicated work!

**A techy need** — Rotary videos, going back many years stored on YouTube, should be available to Rotarians. I have about 400 videos dating back to 2012 including Rodeo parades, demotions, many talks, and more.

Can you figure out how to make a list of YouTube Rotary videos that fits about 30 per page, is sendable and printable? We would sure like to hear from you.

Nile Runge

**Backup requested** — As videographer I am expected to be at every meeting. Yeah, right. Someone to fill in, when this videographer can't be there, is needed and necessary. I'll train you (things I have learned) and we can practice. Taking the meeting video is mildly challenging and interesting.

Nile Runge

### Loretta Kaskey —

Got a question: **"Why did you join Rotary"?**

I am sure there are lots of great answers to this question, like, *"Rotary does so much good for the community and I'd like to be part of that"* or *"Networking or fellowship with business and community leaders is really worthwhile"*. I admit I like those responses, and I know my reason is a subtle blend of both. Truthfully, I feel in love with the story that in the 1950s when the Radiation Laboratory moved in at the community outskirts, there was some tensions between the town folk and the lab folk. The story goes that Rotary was a place for business and the science folks to merge and build community. I promised myself if I ever got a job at the Lab, I would join Rotary. And that is what I did in 2018.

So again I ask: "Why did you join Rotary"?

### Letter FROM the editor —

A huge thank you to the contributors to this Quarterly. You wrote with thoughtfulness, everyone sent their article BEFORE the deadline, and no prodding was needed. You have made this an important informative document that shows our members details on what our active club is doing in so many ways. Thank you!



# Letters to the editor (2)

## 'Tis the Season to be Thankful!

In May 2022, we retired and moved to Livermore. The first person to welcome us to the neighborhood was Dennis O'Brien. Little did we know how his cheerful greeting would change our lives. Since then, Dennis and Adele have become close friends. But wait, there's more!

Dennis introduced us to Rotary, and we soon became members, bringing us more friends, whose kindness, generosity and good humor have blessed us in so many ways. What's more, Rotary has given us many opportunities to serve and give back, and that has enriched our lives as well.

Looking back, it's amazing what a difference one warm welcome can make. Looking forward, let's not hesitate to reach out to others, those we know and those we've yet to know. Who knows where that might lead?

With love and gratitude, David Barnes

**LIVERMORE**  
CITY OF LIVERMORE

Civic Center Meeting Hall  
Ribbon Cutting

&


Dr. John Shirley  
City Council Chamber  
Dedication

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Saturday, July 13, 2019  
11:30 a.m.

1016 South Livermore Avenue  
Livermore, CA

City of Livermore  
Civic Center Meeting Hall  
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Program

*Welcome and Introductions by Mayor John Marchand*

*Remarks by Congressman Eric Swalwell*

*Comments by Marc Roberts, City Manager*

*Cynthia Patton, Poet Laureate*

*Invitation to Cut the Ribbon*

*Immediately following the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony,  
please gather in the foyer for the dedication of the  
Dr. John Shirley City Council Chamber*

City of Livermore  
Dr. John Shirley City Council Chamber  
Dedication Ceremony



Program

*Council Chamber Dedication*

*Presentation of the Colors:*  
*VFW Post 7265 Color Guard*

*Pledge of Allegiance*

*Welcome by Mayor John Marchand*

*Presentations:*  
*Commander Mike Gilmore, VFW Post 7265*  
*Offices of Senator Glazer & Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan*

*Guest Speakers:*  
*Steve Shirley, Son of Dr. John Shirley*  
*Jean Otto, Daughter of Dr. John Shirley*

*Presentation of Proclamation by Mayor John Marchand*

*Adjournment of the Dedication Ceremony*

*Retirement of the Colors:*  
*VFW Post Color Guard*

*Following the program, guests are invited  
to enjoy light refreshments by Checkers Catering*

## The Bandstand Story

*(The story of the bandstand, as told by Steve Neef)*

The bandstand idea came from Downtown Inc's project wish list. They needed a music venue for the farmers' market. The project began in early 2012 with the approval from both Rotary clubs to pursue a bandstand project in Carnegie Park. The bandstand project was planned by both Rotary clubs (noon and morning). The RFL foundation became the project backstop, or sponsor, after we obtained city approval. Steve Neef and Dennis Gambs, coordinated project reviews/approval, material donations, construction by contractors, and rotarian volunteers. Of course, Steve was the projector signer. (I wanted to make sure that I didn't have to look at an ugly structure from my office)

Dennis Gambs, Rotarian in the morning club, was the idea man who came to me because of my ability to draw. As we designed the bandstand the concept of size kept growing to accommodate larger bands. Finally, the decision was made to freeze the building at 20 feet since lumber comes in that length and increase the stage to 28 feet. The height of the stage was determined by what is a good sitting height, so people can sit on the edge of the concrete stage.

The project took about five years to complete. Because the Carnegie building is an historic landmark, the city of Livermore had to undertake a CEQA process (California Environmental Quality Act) which required the preparation of a master plan of Carnegie park. Add to that the design review and collaboration with over 10 community organizations including City Commissions, and the City Council.

Dennis had looked at dozens of bandstands and I interviewed many of the builders to get their input. We

put everything he learned into designing this bandstand. We wanted an old-fashioned style to go with the Carnegie building without trying to create false history. We originally thought of an all-wood structure but the city wanted it to be maintenance free so we went to steel columns. JR Romero painted the steel with automotive paint which will last forever. The brick was added around the edge to tie into the Carnegie building.

Most of the work was done by volunteer Rotarian labor with the exception of steel fabrication, some professional framing, and the laying of brick. Barnett construction did the concrete work at a greatly discounted price. The thing that I am most proud of was my ability to figure out what we were capable of doing each day and schedule work parties to accomplish that day's tasks, and then know when we had needed professional help.

As part of the project we also upgraded the electrical service to the Carnegie building. This was actually the biggest expense, but now the air conditioning in the building can run without the computers shutting down.

David Bedford and Kathy Coyle worked to raise the money to pay for it and I understand that the club made a profit and in the end we had an extra \$25,000. In the beginning there was some hesitancy by the Rotarian Foundation to sponsor the project and pay for it. RFL never needed to front any money for the project through donations ahead of contractor payments.

(Millie stepped in and told the Foundation that they work for the club, not the other way around, and they were going to pay for it. I understand David Bedford was also very local.) In any case RFL now has policy that make projects like the bandstand easier to sponsor.

My band only played on the bandstand once, but it was a lot of fun.

*Steve Neef*

## The Auction D' Elegance

By Mike Thompson

My brother Paul and I were at the San Francisco Airport, with our mother, in the departure lounge, waiting for her to board her plane to England. I was picking up a cup of tea for her when the Loma Prieta Earthquake struck. Our Mum's reaction was "where's my tea?" amid the dust and ceiling tiles falling from 60ft above us. For obvious reasons her plane did not take off that day.

Coming in as Rotary president, in 1989, my plan was to have an Auction D' Elegance in the spring to begin building the corpus of our Rotarian Foundation of Livermore. This plan was changed by Loma Prieta. Ray Gilmore joined me for lunch a few days after the quake and agreed to chair our Auction event, for earthquake relief. Ray organized an incredible event.

Just 30 days later, on a Thursday evening before Thanksgiving 1987, at the Holiday Inn in Livermore, we raised \$31,000. Amrit Duneja, the general manager of the Holiday Inn donated the room and the food, and our members provided auction items. Past presidents all dressed up as elves and were our servers. (Imagine Al Lewis and John Shirley -- it was quite the site). Other elves included Marty Plone, Randy Schlientz, John Saboraria, Barry Schrader, Don Nolte, Dale Turner, Bob Edwards, and Mel Nelson. A fun evening was enjoyed by all. Think about how amazing it was to put together an event, like that, in just 30 days. We had amazing members then, and we still do, which makes Rotary such a wonderful organization.

We continued raising earthquake donations from within our club, and outside the club, for a grand total of \$67,000 (+/-). We gave \$25,000 to The Red Cross, and the rest to the Watsonville Rotary Club.

*Footnote: Future Auction D' Elegance events, over the following 10-12 years, raised \$45,000 up to \$85,000 each year. Our Foundation was up and running.*