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“A very good club”

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## President Marc Robert’s Comments



Fellow Rotarians – Welcome to the Spring Newsletter! The Rotary year is flying by, and we have been busy.

Our project to finish the **freight room** in the historic train station has finally launched! This project will create a space that can be used as a meeting room for non-profits and community groups. We have been working for the last 18 months to get all of the agreements and permits for the project. At the beginning of the calendar year, we received our right of entry from the City which will allow us to control the property to complete the work.

We are partnering with KPA Group Engineers and Architects who have agreed to be the architect and general contractor for the project. They were the architect for the original Depot restoration and relocation project and have agreed to complete our project pro-bono. This winter the architect completed the building plans and we have now received approval of our building permit.

To fund the project, the Club applied our District Designated Funds (DDF) of almost \$17,000. Additionally, Fremont Bank notified us that we received a \$20,000 grant for the project. Together these grants will fund the bulk of the project costs.

We are partnering with the **Livermore Heritage Guild**, and our own **Alan Frank** has been coordinating the overall project. 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. **I look forward to starting construction shortly.** Lots more information to come as we start construction and need volunteers.

We’ve had some great programs this winter from **Jon Schofield’s** presentation on neuroengineering to **David Shefler’s** harrowing story about how his mother survived the holocaust. There are more great programs coming up – everything from heatmaps to winemaking to aerial photography!

Spring is our busy time with our **Crab Feed**, the Rotary Rodeo Parade and more. In a few weeks we will be hosting students during our International House Scholars Weekend. There is nothing more Rotarian than making connections with folks from around the world. A special thanks to everyone who has volunteered for one (or more) of our fundraisers, projects, or programs.

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

*Marc Roberts*

## Secretary Joel Swanson — Recent Board Highlights



### Rotary Club of Livermore Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Summary: December, January, and February meetings:

#### December

#### 1. President's Report - Marc Roberts:

- **John Shirley Scholarship:** The fund is nearing full endowment with over \$6,800 in the CHEF portal and more than \$25,000 in RFL.
- **Train Station Freight Room:** Insurance secured and final review by the city in progress. A potential grant from Fremont Bank is being considered.

#### 2. Discussion Items:

- **Rooms of Hope Beard Contest:** Current donations stand at \$5,916. Marc will attend the contest event later that evening.
- **Videographers:** Need for training and backup videographers for event coverage. Joel Swanson and Don Sweeney will help with training plans.

#### 3. Reports from Directors:

- **Membership (Don Sweeney):** Discussed reinstating new member orientation and offering discounts on dues for couples.
- **Rotary Foundation (Goud Memula):** 15 Paul Harris Society members so far. Emphasis on Bequest Society memberships and recognition for major donors.
- **Secretary (Joel Swanson):** Preparing for the upcoming secretarial transition.
- **Treasurer (Norm Bregman):** Reviewed finances; \$83,000 balance. Approved \$5,700 for club grants.
- **Immediate Past President (Sheila Fagliano):** Focus on music scholarships and planning wine socials.
- **Youth Service (Stu Frazier):** Music scholarship application process and planning for RYLA and Interact events.

#### January

#### 1. Roll Call & Guests:

- New guest Yvonne Hopkins discussed the future of the International House weekend and suggested possible shifts to timing due to low participation.

#### 2. President's Report - Marc Roberts:

- **Train Station Freight Room:** Right of Entry issued, working on building permits with the architect.
- **RFL Update:** Reminder of the upcoming deadline for RFL grant applications (March 1).

**3. Discussion Items:**

- **Videographers:** The need for additional equipment and training continues. A suggestion was made to consider hiring a videographer from Las Positas College.
- **Archiving SPUR Reports:** A proposal for funding a high-volume scanner to digitize 10,000 printed pages of SPUR reports passed unanimously.

**4. Reports from Directors:**

- **Club Service (Will Bateson):** Discussion of encouraging more involvement from Red Badgers.
- **International Service (Irv Stowers):** Updates on a new mental health project in India focused on supporting schoolchildren.
- **Treasurer (Norm Bregman):** Approved spending \$5,700 for club grants and reviewed finances.
- **Youth Service (Stu Frazier):** Music scholarship awards and RYLA preparations. Donations were pledged for an Interact member's trip to Calgary.

**February:****1. Roll Call & Guests:**

- Jay Davis spoke about changing the format of speaker programs to a more interactive seminar style, which was supported by the board for future experimentation.

**2. President's Report - Marc Roberts:**

- **Train Station Freight Room:** Building plans submitted and Fremont Bank grant application submitted.
- **RFL Update:** Marc reminded the board of the March 1 grant submission deadline and discussed the increasing trend of donations.
- **Videographers:** Ongoing discussions about equipment, backups, and improving the process for uploading event videos to the website.

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- **Membership Strategy:** Board discussed how to focus on attracting more active, "doer" members.

**4. Reports from Directors:**

- **Membership (Don Sweeney):** New member orientation plans and the current membership goal of 10 new members.
- **Rotary Foundation (Goud Memula):** Discussed EREY and Bequest Society, and the club's progress with donations and recognition.
- **Treasurer (Norm Bregman):** Approved raising the speaker fund to \$10,000 for the year to support anticipated donations to nonprofits.
- **Youth Service (Stu Frazier):** Music scholarships are underway, and RYLA registration is opening soon. Support pledged for an Interact director's trip.

## Calendar — President-Elect Pat McMenamin



### MEETING CALENDAR — March—2025

March 5: **Top Con** — Jeff Watts, CEO and Mike Gomes, sustainability officer

March 12: **Lynn Freeman** — Experiences in the Peace Corp

March 19: **Jeff Youngsma** — Youth in Government

March 26: **Don Sweeney (speaker liaison)**— Shrish Premkrishna and Tharak Sriram - Heat mapping Livermore



Jeff Watts Pat McMenamin Mike Gomes

## Treasurer's Report — Norm Bregman



As of Feb. 1st, the Club had over \$50K in our two banks. The CD we have is now worth 51K. This includes all Crab Feed table proceeds from the sold out Crab Feed.

I expect we will have an additional \$22K in liabilities from the Crab Feed event, most of that is the cost of Crab and reimbursements related to the Crab Feed. My projection is the Club will end the fiscal year with more than 90K from the Banks and CD.

Marc has officially been asked and has submitted a 20K grant for Railroad Depot project to Fremont Bank. His efforts have been rewarded as Fremont Bank has approved of this request.

Our Club currently has 94 members, and Goud has recently sent a check to TRF for every member's contribution of \$25 that he received at the February Board Meeting.

Levels of sponsorship: The Board approved four levels of sponsorship: silver, ruby, gold and platinum. To be a Platinum major sponsor requires a 10K level of giving is required. We currently have 2 organizations that have met the criteria (LARP and Topcon). The Board approved offering corporate membership Rotary website advertisement, 4 premium tickets to attend the Rodeo, 4 seats at the Rodeo Parade that we reserve, a table at the Crab Feed, and recognition by having a sign at the table feed table, as well as a banner at all events and any posters and handouts that we distribute. The Gold major sponsorship level is 5k. There are 2 gold members (Fremont Bank and the Ramakrishna family). Benefits include Rodeo and Crab Feed advertisement, corporate level status in Rotary Club, can direct where the funds go, and 4 premium seats at the Rodeo Parade as well as being on our website. Ruby major sponsorship is 2.5K (Wente, Trex Donovan, Bob Cowan). Benefits are corporate sponsorship, 2 seats at the Crab Feed, 2 seats at the Rotary Parade as well as being on our website. The silver major Sponsorship status is 1K (Barbara Lymberis, Mike Thompson). Rot

My current project is creating a budget template for Alan Frank and Pat McMEnamin. My plan is to work with both to share our combined knowledge and share this information with the Finance Committee before Alan and Pat have it presented to the Board for approval.

The Board approved that the budget for President's Club discretionary fund be increased by \$4,000. The President has used these funds to support grants (\$500) to non-profit organizations that present at our club meetings. The resources for approving this request are available.

An update on the funds in the restricted account of the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore held for the Club as of February 1: President's RAVE Club \$7,000 \$6,632; Ready \$615; Rodeo Parade \$100; Music Scholarships \$10,476; Club grants \$6777; Rave \$7,500. Club grants will decrease by another \$3,367 with the next round of Club Grants this year. The goal at the end of the year is to have \$10,000 in the restricted club grants to fund \$10,000 from the Foundation and \$10,000 from the Club. This is an excellent restricted fund to receive a tax credit. Give until it feels good!



*Norm Bregman*

## Membership—Don Sweeney



The Membership Committee has expanded to nine members, with strong representation from the Rotary Board, and continues to meet monthly. Our primary focus remains achieving our goal of ten new members this Rotary year. We are pleased to report that we have already welcomed six:

- Torie Gibson, sponsored by Kelly Bowers
- Barbara LyMBERIS, sponsored by Sonya Sheffield
- Gabriel Wright, sponsored by Sonya Sheffield
- Paul Spence, sponsored by Marc Roberts
- Bob Carling, sponsored by Paul Spence
- Mary Sweeney, sponsored by Sonya Sheffield

We attribute our success to engaging recruitment events, including our popular monthly evening gatherings at a local winery, bimonthly wine socials, and monthly potluck meetings. Further enhancing our appeal, the Board has approved a reduced annual membership fee of \$1,000 for couples.

To ensure the successful integration of our new members, Carolyn Siegfried will conduct a Red Badge training session at the Livermore Library this month. For context, we currently have twelve Red Badge members within the club.

*Don Sweeney*

## The Rotary Foundation (TRF) committee Update

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) update includes 1) Update of TRF Goals and actuals thru March 7,2025 and appeal, 2) TRF recognitions and 3) India Trip report of participation in Rotary activities and other charitable activities.

### 2024-25 TRF Goals and Actuals thru Mar 7, 2025, and Appeal

We raised \$34,490 (48%) of \$72,000 goal for Annual Fund and raised \$21,340 (97%) of \$22,000 goal for PolioPlus. We also raised \$16,900 for Endowment. Clearly, we have lot of catching up to raise over \$37,000 in next four months. We have an opportunity to become 100% PHF club, which is an achievable goal. In the coming weeks, more information will be provided to each Rotarian identifying ways they can help in achieving our goals for the year

### **The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Recognitions.**

Rotarians were recognized in December 18,2024 and March 5,2025 club meetings in the categories: of Major Donors, Paul Harris Society members, PHF and Multiple PHF and PolioPlus Society Members. In the interest of brevity, recipients from two presentations will be listed together with group photo of the Rotarians present at two club meetings.

**Major Donor Level I:** Susan and Brian Mayall were recognized as Major Donor Level I.



### **Paul Harris Society Members:**

Brian and Susan Mayall, Paul McCandless, Patrick McMenam, Dale Miller, Don Sweeney, Michael Thompson, Don Wentz, Jacqueline William-Cartright, Jeff Youngsma, Alan Frank, Linda Tinney, William Bateson, Kathy and Patrick Coyle, Michael Morgan, Marc Roberts, Joel Swanson, Glenn Kubiak and David Shefler.



### **Paul Harris Fellow and Multiple PHF**



Patrice Munro (PHF), Lynn Freeman (PHF+1), David Shefler (PHF+1), Carolyn Siegfried (PHF+6), Glenn Kubiak (PHF+7), Susan Mayall (PHF+8), Paul McCandless (PHF+5), Don Sweeny (PHF+3), Alan Frank (PHF+3), Sblend Sblendorio (PHF+8), William Bateson (PHF+1)

### **PolioPlus Society Members**



Keith Beck, Alan Burnham, Kathy and Patrick Coyle, Sblend Sblendorio, Lynn Seppala, Joel and Mary Martha Swanson, Paul Thompson, Beth Wilson, Kathy Young, Norm Bregman, Linda Stanford, Donald Sweeney, Lynn Freeman, Monya Lane, Debbie Peck, Marc Roberts, William Bateson and Stewart Frazier.

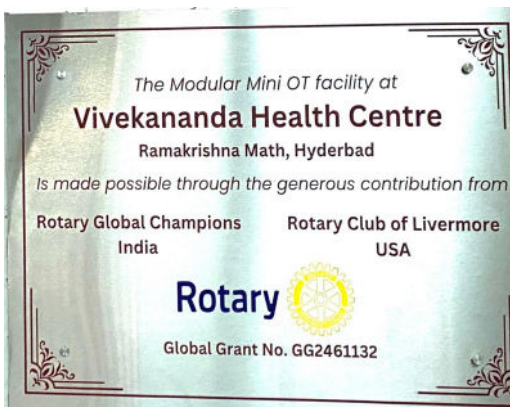
### **My India Trip Report**

During my trip to India, I participated in Rotary activities as well as our Family Charitable Trust activities. These are summarized below with a few photos.

Inauguration of Modular Mini Operating Theater project under GG 2461132 at Vivekananda Health Center.

Our club was invited to participate in the inauguration of Mini Operating Theater on January 19, 2025. I participated in the inauguration on behalf of our club.





**Total cost of this project was \$32,210 of which the host club, Global Champions, contributed \$14,240 and our club contributed \$12,150 and Los Gatos Rotary club contributed \$5,850. Few pictures above show Mini Operating Theater and post op room.**

I participated in the inauguration of a drinking water plant at Aksharavanam, a school primarily for orphans and low-income family children. Tri Valley Rotary Club contributed \$7000 for this water plant. I coordinated this project with the school and the Rotary Club.

3. I was invited by Global Champions Rotary Club in Hyderabad to visit Institute of Genetics and Hospitals to see firsthand the operations and meet the medical staff. This institute is dedicated to performing testing and analyze to detect genetic disorders. This institute needs an Advanced Molecular Diagnostic equipment has Sanger Sequencer. They are generating a Glo3bal Grant for this project. I met with Rotarians from Mavericks Rotary club in Hyderabad and discussed the Global Grant 2573626 for Mental wellness of students in high school and junior colleges
4. Other Charitable activities done thru our family Charitable Trust in the village.
  - a) Held an Eye Camp for seniors and provided eyeglasses to 90 people. Ten people were referred to Lions Club Eye hospital for surgeries.

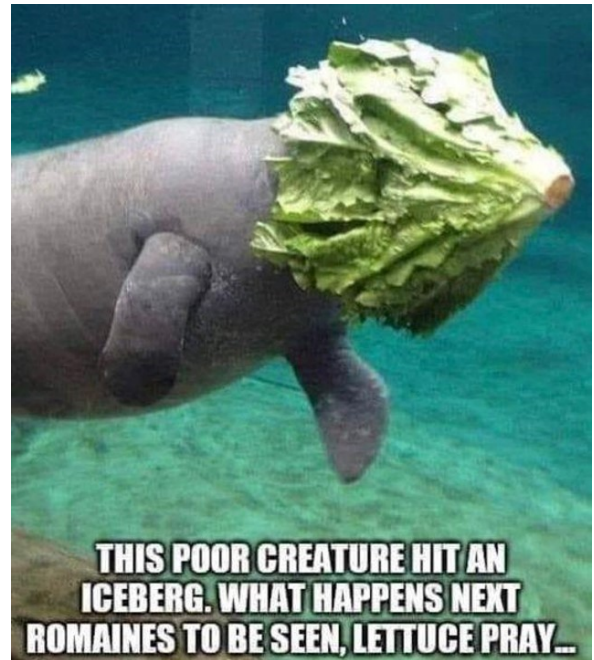


- b) Provided trophies pies and cash prizes to winning teams in county wide competition of a local sport called Kabaddi in the village
- c) Invited to attend Republic Day celebrations at a Girls High school and sponsored all the prizes for sports competition.

## **Goud Memula Chair for TRF Committee**

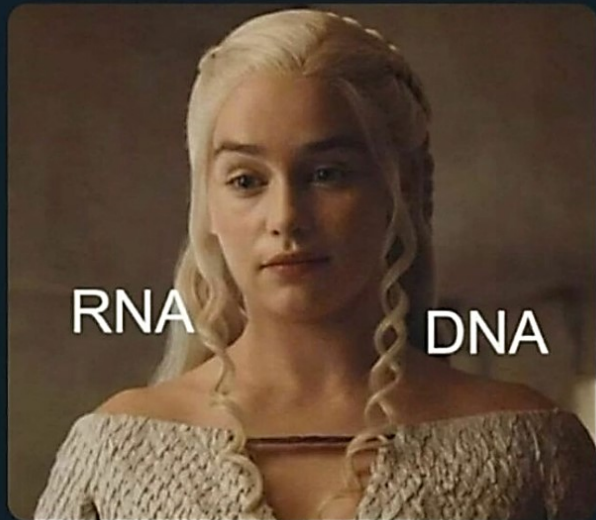
*Goud Memula*

This is what happens when your Grandpa is a homicide detective and left to babysit 😄👶👶



Professor: "Can you show DNA and RNA visually?"

Me:





Rotary Club of Livermore  
*presents the*  
**69<sup>th</sup> Annual**



Robert Livermore Community Center

4444 East Ave, Livermore

### Rotary Crab Feed: A Feast for a Cause!

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of delicious food, community spirit, and charitable giving at the Annual Livermore Rotary Crab Feed! This cherished annual event brings people together to enjoy a feast of freshly caught, succulent crab, expertly prepared accompaniments, and mouthwatering desserts. The festive atmosphere, complete with music, auctions and socializing, creates a night to remember while supporting meaningful causes.

Why You Should Attend:

1. **Delicious Feast:** Treat your taste buds to all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad, and more, served in a lively and welcoming setting.
2. **Support Your Community:** Proceeds from the event go directly to Rotary's local and international projects, including scholarships, community improvements, disaster relief, and more.
3. **Meet New People:** Join a diverse mix of community members, business leaders, and friends for an evening of fun and camaraderie.
4. **Make a Difference:** Every ticket sold helps Rotary carry out its mission of "Service Above Self," benefiting those in need and fostering positive change.
5. **Auctions & Fun:** Participate in exciting auctions with fantastic prizes, all while supporting a good cause.

Whether you're a seafood lover, a community supporter, or simply looking for a great night out, the Rotary Crab Feed is an event you won't want to miss.

## Youth Services — Stu Frazier



Youth Services has several updates:

**Interact** – Michelle Kleman and I met with the Livermore High Interact club in February. The outcome was positive with some focus areas established for volunteer opportunities. The areas include: Youth – Ex. Muffins with Buns at the Livermore Community Center on April 12<sup>th</sup>; Nature - Sycamore Grove Open Space Volunteer Days; Science - Volunteering at Quest functions. Others are in the works.

In addition, along with the Dublin and Pleasanton Rotary clubs, we are helping to sponsor our Interact District 5170 Area 3 Director (Siqi Li) to attend the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, CN.

**Ready** – The READY program is going quite well with over 20 students attending each week. The team of volunteers include: 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.

The latest field trip was a visit to the Winchester Mystery House in San Jose. A great time was had by all!

**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. We have identified 2 members of the LHS Interact club who will be attending the RYLA camp in June 2025. For those not familiar with RYLA or Rotary Youth Leadership Award, it is an activity where: during their week at camp, campers 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

**Student of the Month** – Since our last newsletter we have had 3 Student of the Month presentations with a total of 5 deserving students awarded this honor. Look for more in the quarter to come!

**Music Scholarship** – Requests for applications have gone out and we are starting to see them come in. Interviews and performances before the committee will be occurring in March.

Michael Ferrucci and Jim Douglas are still concentrating on fundraising and hoping to bring more professional musical talent to Livermore venues.

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

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

*Stu Frazier*

## International Service — Irv Stowers



The primary purpose of International Service is to develop worthwhile service projects. This includes selecting a Global Grant Project and a District Grant Project to be supported with Club generated District Distributed Funds (DDF) or other DDF acquired through cash contributions.

The District Grant project, which is currently under way, is entitled **Freight Room Restoration of 133 year-old historic Railroad Depot** here in Livermore. This project has been approved and will be funded by \$16,912 from DDF funds. There may also be an additional grant funds forthcoming from Fremont Bank.

The RCL currently has 15,000 DDF credits which are worth \$27,000 and there are 2 Global Grant projects under consideration for funding.

**1) Proposal to Purchase a Sanger Sequencer Machine.** *A Sanger Sequencer is a bench top instrument that reads the sequences DNA.*

This proposal is for establishing Advanced Molecular Diagnostics Center at the *Institute of Genetics and Hospital for Genetic Diseases (IGHG)*, at Osmania University in Hyderabad, India.

The Institute has been providing comprehensive care and support to more than 400 thousand individuals, for over 4 decades. The primary objective is to reduce the mortality due to genetic disorders and this is achieved through multidisciplinary research and diagnostic services, including clinical, cytological, biochemical, and molecular evaluations. The specialized services provided by the institute has significantly improved reproductive and child health services while reducing the burden of genetic diseases.

**2) PEP UP Project for Mental Wellness of School and College Students in Age Group of 13-19 Years.**

This project is being addressed by the RC of Hyderabad Mavericks, Telangana, India. GG 2573626.

PEP UP is an acronym standing for:

**P - Promote Awareness** - Increase awareness of mental health issues.

**E - Encourage Healthy Habits** - Foster habits that support a healthy mind and body, such as physical activity, balanced nutrition, adequate sleep, and stress management techniques.

**P - Preventive Care** - Implement strategies to identify early signs of mental health challenges and provide early interventions before problems escalate.

**U - Uplift Social Connections** - Build strong, supportive relationships through referrals and community engagement, build a sense of belonging, and reduce social isolation.

**P - Promote Resilience** - Strengthen coping skills and emotional resilience by encouraging positive thinking, problem-solving, and adaptability to face life's challenges.

This project aims at promotion, prevention and early intervention with the population that is the most susceptible to mental health conditions.

This project is somewhat like Ambassadors of Compassion in our District. The grant application has been reviewed by District 5170 Grants Committee and is being revised accordingly.

One of the Global Grant projects we sponsored last year along with the RC of Los Gatos has been completed. This project provided modular Mini Operating theater to Charitable Vivekananda Health Center in Hyderabad, India. This project was inaugurated in January 2025 and attended by Goud Memula representing our club. Further details are provided under TRF, The Rotary Foundation section.

*Irv Stowers*

## Old and VERY OLD SPUR Newsletters

If you're one of the older members of our Rotary Club of Livermore you may remember John Sarboraria. He was club president 1969-1970 and it appears that he was enamored particularly the SPUR Newsletter starting in 1969 for the in those days the SPUR was to club members - that's only \$0.06.



by RCL publications, particularly He saved every SPUR Newsletter next 30 years. And remember, printed on paper and mailed when it could be mailed for

About 5 years ago, when the RCL storage shed was being cleared out and all of the clubs 'stuff' was being moved to a rental storage locker on Front Street. The 30 years of SPUR Newsletters were being considered for disposal. I volunteered to hold them for safe keeping. At the last RCL Board meeting the club agreed to pay one-half the cost of a fancy book scanner. I've started scanning these old black & white newsletters into searchable pdf files.

Someday, I hope to have all 1,500 SPUR newsletters on a website somewhere.

On the next three pages is a scan of the Spur from July 16, 1969. I will continue to do other scans and someday make them available to all on some website.

Irv Stowers

THE SPUR  
Livermore Rotary Club  
July 9, 1969

PICTURES \*\* EDITORIALS  
Art Henry, Editor This Issue

EDITORIAL

A Livermore Rotarian happened to be attending an affair at Veterans Park recently, a picnic to be followed by a Boy Scout Court of Honor. When he arrived at the park he found a few people starting to spread out their picnics on the few tables outside the barbecue enclosure, apparently none of them ever having been there before.

The Rotarian pointed out the enclosed area, opened the gates, and stood by bursting with pride as several families entered the barbecue area for their first time and exclaimed at how wonderful it was. He couldn't resist pointing out his share in building the area, the grouting job on the barbecue pit and the 50 feet of fence he nailed up. After the picnic the enclosure made a perfect location for the Court of Honor.

The importance of this incident is the demonstration yet again of the importance of the club's community service projects. These things we do through the years are not simply built and forgotten. They are really used, by real people, and probably would not have been built if our club hadn't built them. We all think we know this, but we don't really understand it until we see our projects in use. When is the next work day at the hospital park?

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THE ENCHILADAS WERE GREAT,  
CHICKEN CURRY COMES NEXT

The first of two meetings at St. Bartholomew's Church went very well Wednesday, even if ex-Southern Californian Jim Briens doesn't know the difference between Mexican enchiladas and Italian cannelloni. Come to think of it, if he really thought those were good enchiladas, what kinds has he been eating all these years. It was great cannelloni.

Cooks Saint Stroud and Betty Jaeger earned a well-deserved round of applause, and there's plenty of good reason to look forward to next Wednesday in addition to the importance of keeping up a good attendance record.

Remember, one more week at St. Bart's before we eat "back at The Ranch".

IMPORTANT DECISIONS

Will the Board really consider whether we should address our president as Jack. They ought to have more important things to do than that.

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

John Scontriano  
Classification: Drive-in Restaurants

NOT ALL THE VICTIMS WILL BE  
THAT ATTRACTIVE, BUT LEARN ANYWAY

Cheryl Moniz of Pacific Telephone put on an interesting and very valuable program describing mouth to mouth resuscitation, the method now recommended by the Red Cross.

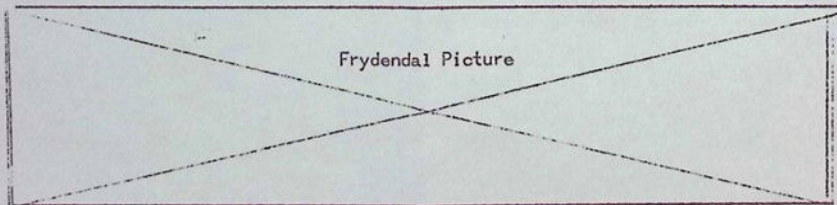
Incidentally, the phone company's safety motto is something we all should follow in our businesses (mine does) and in our homes: "No job is so important and no service so urgent that we cannot take time to perform our work safely".

NEWS NOTES:

The singing Wednesday was the best in ages. Maybe Haakon is more successful as a choir leader, or maybe we tried harder in church.

Billy Bennett's Flying Circus Aug. 10 has added an exciting barbecue to the program, the night before, and an exciting speaker in Max Conrad, the "flying grandfather".

Bob Frydendal Jr., a native who came back from Hayward, sure sells lots of kinds of insurance -- he managed to get them all in.



A new feature of The Spur is inaugurated this week--pictures. This picture shows Bob Frydendal Sr. pouring gas into his gas truck at one end and racing around to the other end to keep turning the crank so the engine will keep going. If the reproduction of the picture isn't as good as you might expect, it's because Bob was moving too fast and we don't have our process quite perfected yet.



July 9 Bus trip	THEATER, DINNER PARTY	Berkeley Community Theater
Aug. 10 - Sun., 6:30 a.m. All members	CENTENNIAL AIRSHOW - PANCAKE BREAKFAST	Livermore Airport
Aug. 18 - 7:30 p.m.	CLUB ASSEMBLY	Library Meeting Room
Sept. 7 - Sun., 11:30 a.m. For the whole family, food and refreshments provided by the club	VETERANS' PARK PICNIC	Veterans' Park
Oct. 1 - Wed. noon	DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN MOORE'S OFFICIAL VISIT	
Oct. 1 - Wed., 6:30 p.m. Followed by dinner at 8:30 p.m. All committee chairmen and interested members.	DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ASSEMBLY	Livermore Ranch
Oct. 8	MENDENHALL MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION	
Nov. 15 - Sat., 6:30 p.m. Rotarians and guests	FALL BARBECUE	Rod and Gun Club
Dec. 17 - Wed., 7:00 p.m. For kids of all ages.	CHRISTMAS PARTY	Recreation Center
Jan. 14 - Thursday, 7:30 p.m. All members	CLUB ASSEMBLY	Library Meeting Room
Jan. 25-26 - Sun. and Mon.	RENO WEEKEND	
Feb. 14 - Sat., 6:30 p.m. Rotarians and guests, past members and Pleasanton Rotarians, District Governor	TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY PARTY	Castlewood Country Club
March 28 - Sat., 6:30 p.m. Rotarians and guests	CRAB FEED	Fairgrounds Cafeteria
April 10-11-12 - Fri. - Sun.	DISTRICT CONFERENCE	Hoberg's
April 22 - Wed. noon	LADY'S DAY	
May 2-3 - Sat. and Sun	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S WEEKEND	
May 31 to June 4 - Sun. - Thurs.	INTERNATIONAL ROTARY CONVENTION	Atlanta, Georgia
June 27 - Sat., 6:30 p.m.	DEMOTION PARTY	Castlewood Country Club



# LIVERMORE ROTARY CLUB

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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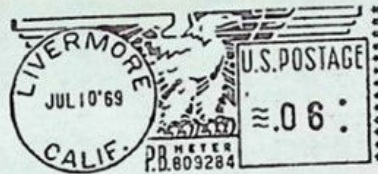
## CLUBS FOR CONVENIENT MAKEUP

- MON. Hayward -- White Hall  
 Danville -- Danville Hotel  
 Milpitas -- Kozy Kitchen
- TUES. Tracy -- Tracy Inn  
 Walnut Creek -- Red Rooster  
 Castro Valley -- Village Bowl  
 Newark -- Colonial Kitchen
- WED. East Oakland -- Edgewater West  
 South Hayward -- Holiday House  
 San Leandro -- Onstad's  
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## How did the railroad depot get there?

### Nile Runge

The railroad depot was built in 1892, 133 years ago. In those early days of Livermore there were two sets of railroad tracks that went through town, and the depot was built on one of them. In the 1970's Livermore wanted to expand and one of the tracks was in the way. So, the tracks were removed but leaving the depot orphaned and alone. In the following years the depot had a variety of tenants and none of them worked out well. So, the question was what to do with this old, old depot. The depot was charming, historical, and loved. Jeff Kaskey presented a plan to move it to the location of the bus depot so it could serve as a transportation hub and be the ACE train station.



The old depot was in sorry repair and needed to be restored. I became interested in what it would look like during its two-year restoration. I figured it could be watched and recorded from a nearby tree across the driveway using a time-lapse camera. I bought and attached it to a high branch on that tree, I set it to record each day of the weekly work schedule, recorded an 8 hour work period. Every other Saturday I brought my ladder to climb the tree and downloaded the memory card replacing it with a substitute card. At home I downloaded the data to my computer and made a video. Two years later the restoration was completed and I removed the camera.

With the recording finished I put all the weekly recordings together in a single one-hour video file. The file recorded the daily reconstruction of the building, including installation of a new roof, stripping the old paint and repainting, and replacing the old windows. Each day the activities of the workers scampering at high replay speed was very exciting to watch. (Later I learned that the speed of the replay could be slowed way down so the activity of the workers at work was slower and fascinating to view.) The video told the whole story.

*The video is available to see on YouTube at **depot Livermore restoration**. Check it out!*

## My memory of Jasper Steele

Bill Nebo

When, in 1990, Jasper Steele was president of our club, I was deeply involved in parish work as the Senior Pastor of Livermore's First Presbyterian Church. So the calendar reserved for my Rotary work was always squeezed into the cracks left in my parish schedule. A good deal of my enjoyment of Rotary meetings and Rotary work in those days was the gracious, happy and relational personality of club president, Jasper Steele. Because of the great regard and appreciation I had for Jasper's leading of our club, I found myself always saying yes to anything he asked me to do.

I say this because one day Jasper asked me something totally off the wall. I had arranged a speaker for a week after the day that I sat down to a Wednesday lunch, awaiting the club's half hour of business before announcements. But while I was eating, Jasper came to my table, sat down and in his friendly, happy way said, "Bill, we have a little problem. It seems that for some reason we thought that the man had that you invited to speak on Martin Luther Day was supposed to speak today. Now, we realize that he is actually speaking next week." I said, "Oh, no Jasper, I forgot he is indeed coming next week, not today" So Jasper said, "Ok, Bill, so we were wondering if you could instead get up and say a few words about why we are having this speaker for this week coming up". So, I said ok and asked how long should I speak, expecting the usual 3-5 minutes.

Instead, after a long pause Jasper said. "Well, how about 30 minutes"

I was stunned, and for a moment speechless. And before I could speak, Jasper said, "I know I'm asking a lot, Bill, but if you could just do whatever you can to help this, I would really appreciate it. Say whatever you can and it will be ok." A voice in my brain kept saying "No, No, No". But the plea came from the depths of Jasper Steele and because of all he put into the club and community that I was all so aware of my mouth said instead, "OK." So I frantically scribbled notes through the rest of lunch and announcements and did what Jasper asked.

There is power of persuasion in kindness, generosity, sincerity and affection. And in that moment of silence while Jasper awaited my reply I realized that Jasper had that power and it compelled me to agree to what my rational mind said was a crazy request. I am so grateful to have been in this club when he was president.

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He has been waiting for this moment his whole life

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