



# THE SPUR

Aug. 1, 2018

The ROTARY CLUB of LIVERMORE



## Dragon Skate Camp



Meeting Photos by Marc Roberts



Bob Jacobs  
*Your Spur Reporter*



Will Bateson  
*Thought for the Day*

We all live in a ROTARY Submarine! Betcha didn't know that. But we all found that out from our opening song.

Will Bateson shared a college experience with us (one of his own?) about four college kids who failed to study for a test - so they cooked up a story about getting a flat tire and having to push their car home all night - so they got a three day extension for taking the test. When they finally showed up to take it, the dean administering



### Rotary Make-up Opportunities in the Tri-Valley

TUESDAY	TUESDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11:55 AM-12:30	7:00 AM	12:15 PM	12:15 PM	7:30 PM	6:00 PM	12:10 PM
Interact	Livermore Valley Club	Dublin Club	Pleasanton Club	Rotaract Club	Tri-Valley Club	Pleasanton North Club
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the text all went into four different rooms, and there were only two questions on the test: 1) What is your name, and 2) which tire went flat?

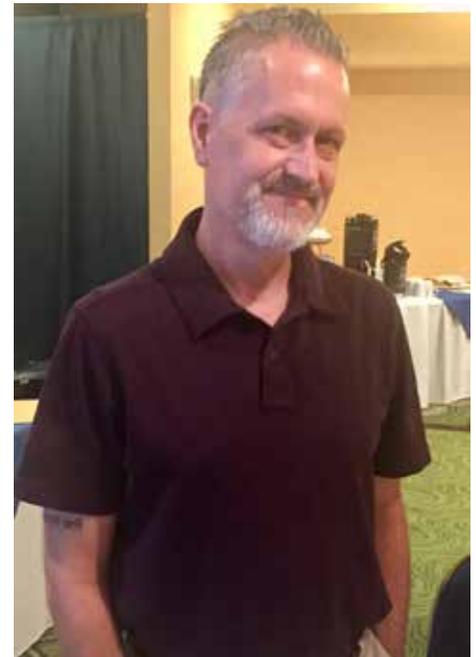
Steve Neef made sure we all remained patriots by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Photographer today was Marc Roberts; Spur Reporter was Bob Jacobs; Videographer was Nile Runge; Taveling Mic was Sheila Fagliano; Audio/Visual was Alan Frank. Thanks to all who made our meeting possible today!



Guests of Rotarians: Kimbrey Gruidl, guest of Jennifer Thaete and Alexandra Idea was a guest of Patricia Lord.

Guests of the Club were Kathy Young and Edward Young (related to our speakers today)



Visiting Rotarian? None other than Bob Tucknott!

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and Jean Otto, who was introduced by John Shirley.



Thanks to Beth Wilson, who donated \$50 to the music scholarship fund.



When Jacquie Williams Courtright first joined Rotary, Jasper Steele was the President. He was so much fun that Jacquie kept coming back just so she could see what he was going to do next! When she finished her term as President, Jasper's family presented her with Jasper's Past President button. Today, she returned the favor by returning that button to past president Sam Steele.

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Mary Anne Rosza let us know that it's almost time again for mini-grants. The first deadline is September 5. Applications are available online (on the club website) as well as at the meeting.



Dennis O'Brien told us about the East Bay Stand Down, where veterans are brought together for a meal on Saturday September 15. He has a dozen volunteers and needs another half-dozen for cleanup. Cleanup will be from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. that evening.



Sunday, September 16 from noon to 4 p.m. will be the Tri-Valley Nonprofit Alliance "Stronger Together Festival" at the Shea Plaza at the Bankhead Theater. If you come, wear your Rotary hat as a show of support. There will be 50-60 nonprofit booths, and Rotary will be showcasing the things we do. Those interested in helping should contact Pat or Kathy Coyle.

August 25 will be another District membership workshop in Cupertino. It's a great Red Badge opportunity because it's a District event.

A vertical rectangular graphic for Bent Creek Wines. The top half is black with the words "Bent Creek" in a white cursive font. Below that, the word "WINES" is written in a small, white, sans-serif font. The bottom half of the graphic is a dark red color with a white wavy line separating it from the black section. Below the wavy line, the name "CAROL HOWELL" is written in white, followed by "MANAGING PARTNER". Below that is the address: "5455 GREENVILLE ROAD LIVERMORE, CA 94550", the phone number "(925) 337-3045", and the fax number "(925) 449-4134 (FAX)". At the bottom, the email address "CAROLHOWELL@BENTCREEKWINERY.COM" and the website "WWW.BENTCREEKWINERY.COM" are listed in white.

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The Rick King Tribute dinner at Blackhawk is almost sold out - so don't wait to get your tickets. There is a link for tickets on the District's web site.



Paul Thompson suggested Mike Morgan make a donation to the Nepalese Children's Fund - and so Mike agreed to contribute \$100.



Lynn Seppela bought a new red car - so he also pledged \$100 to the Nepalese Children's Fund.



Leo Croce has written a book about his experiences as a bomber pilot during WWII. He's about to do a fundraiser using his book at Leo Croce school. Leo will be our club program speaker on August 29.

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An advertisement for Visiting Angels Senior Homecare. It features a photograph of a young woman in a white polo shirt with the Visiting Angels logo, smiling next to an elderly woman in a light blue turtleneck and white cardigan, also smiling. The background is a bright, green outdoor setting. Text on the left reads "America's Choice in Homecare!". Text on the right reads "WE CARE EVERY DAY IN EVERY WAY". The Visiting Angels logo is in the bottom right, with the tagline "SENIOR HOMECARE BY ANGELS". At the bottom, the phone number "925-443-1000" and email "angelcare1000@gmail.com" are listed.

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Carolyn Siegfried introduced James & Thomas Young, two typical teenage boys, from the Dragon Skate Camp.

James and Thomas took a passion they had for skateboarding and turned it into an opportunity for “youth helping youth.” They invite special needs kids to come over to the skating park and learn how to skate. But now it has turned more into a “friend-making camp” for these special needs kids.

The inspiration came from the Taylor Family Foundation (where their parents made them volunteer at a “Day in the Park”). So these two young men have a history in helping disadvantaged or special needs youth.

The name “Dragon Skate Camp” came

from James, who loves skateboarding and wanted to figure out a way to make a living from skating. He came up with the name and logo “Dragon Skate.” Once these boys identified a need for special needs youth they

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chose the “Dragon Skate” name for the camp.

They have a great program going - and they showed us a video of some of the youth learning how to skate at the city skate park.

They have had 24 different instructors. The age range for the campers have been between 5-17. Instructors have been as young as 7 or 8 years old, and as old as mid-twenties. They typically have 10-16 campers in each camp. Their costs generally run about \$500 per camp (mostly for insurance!).

Their mother was involved with ENN (“Exceptional Needs Network”) which gave them access to youth who might be interested in attending the camp. They have found their instructors mostly through word of mouth - by recruiting their own friends. The minimum qualification for serving as an

instructor was an ability to “stand on a skateboard.”

The camp is free to campers. The instructors get a warm “thank you” and a gift at the end of the course - so instruction is done on a volunteer basis.

They do have some expenses, and their first funding came through an internet “Go Fund Me” campaign. The Taylor Family Foundation thereafter helped with funding, and a local skate shop has helped with equipment since many of the campers don’t have their own equipment.

Teenagers are not generally known for dependability or follow-through. So sometimes the instructors have decided at the last moment they would rather do something else other than instruct (like sleeping in!) so instructor

reliability has been a key challenge.

These camp directors have enough demand that their camp schedule is completely filled - but sometimes the campers don’t show up. This makes for challenging logistics, because the instruction is usually done “one on one.”

Most of their camping slots are filled up within a day after registration opens.

Ellen was one girl who showed up for a lesson with no skating experience. But she was so thrilled with her experience and she stayed with it so long that now she’s skilled and she’s decided she wants to someday become a camp instructor.

These campers really enjoy these camps. What a great service activity by two of our local youth!

(Bill Nebo let us know that his 38 year old son was a great skating enthusiast and was instrumental in persuading the city to install the skate park.)

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Aug 8 - Meeting - Speaker Ken Perine, Rotarian Foundation of Livermore  
Aug 15 Meeting Speaker Malcolm King - Drone Photography for  
Archaeology  
Aug 21 Board of Directors meets at Oddfellows Lodge at Noon  
Aug 22 - Meeting - Speaker Bryan Mayall "Who put the PLUS int Polio Plus?"

**August 16 - Back to School Ice Cream Social - Marylin Ave School**

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The following code of conduct has been adopted for the use of Rotarians:

As a Rotarian, I will

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- 2) Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
- 3) Use my professional skills through Rotary to: mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
- 4) Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians