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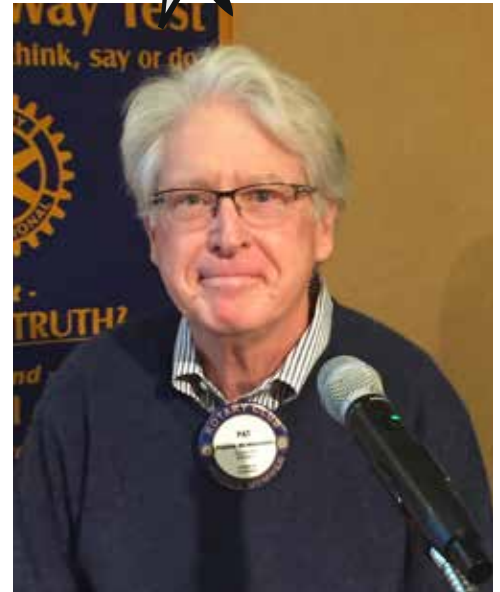
## Catharine Baker State Assembly



Meeting  
Photos by  
Marc Roberts



Bob Jacobs  
*Your Spur Reporter*



Pat McMenamain  
*Thought for the Day*



Where was President Sam today? Apparently he was AWOL. Kathy Coyle, our incoming President, did a great job of running our meeting today in his stead.

No meeting would be complete with Bob Tucknott - Electrical Contractor - and he graced us with his presence today.

Annette Bermudez attended as a guest of Irv Stowers.

Wendy Ellison attended as guest of Alan Frank.

Alan Burnham attended as a guest of Irv Stowers.

Nile Runge introduced his "wonderful, wonderful wife" Jean today - who came to hear Catharine Baker.

John Shirley introduced his daughter Jean Otto.

T.J. Gilmartin introduced his most favorite person in the world: Barbara, his wife, who is also a member of the Inner Wheel.

Peter Poulsen introduced his wife Jacky Poulsen.

Joel Swanson introduced his wife Mary Martha Swanson

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

**TUESDAY**  
11:55 AM-12:30  
Interact  
Livermore High  
Room 412

**TUESDAY**  
7:00 AM  
Livermore Valley Club  
Beeb's  
Livermore

**TUESDAY**  
12:15 PM  
Dublin Club  
Dublin Ranch Golf Club  
5900 Signal Hill Drive

**THURSDAY**  
12:15 PM  
Pleasanton Club  
Haps Original  
Pleasanton

**THURSDAY**  
7:30 PM  
Rotaract Club  
Handles Gastropub  
Pleasanton

**THURSDAY**  
6:00 PM  
Tri-Valley Club  
Castlewood CC  
Pleasanton

**FRIDAY**  
12:10 PM  
Pleasanton North Club  
Handles Gastropub  
Pleasanton

*New Day!*

# The Meeting



Today we honored our military veterans. Our club has a strong history of military service! Our vets include:

Mike Morgan, retired captain, USN

Mike Riehl, sergeant in the Army Security Agency

Paul Brown, captain in the US Army Corps of Engineers

Phil Dean, USAF, first lieutenant in the medical corps

Dennis O'Brien, USAF staff sergeant working on cryptographics

Joel Swanson, US navy submariner

John Shirley, who fought in Italy, France and Germany during WWII

Ron Scott, USCG

Bob Tucknott, Army staff sergeant

Jim Concannon, Korean War

Marty Plone, captain in the USAF. Marty was elected the outstanding officer of the year for his base.

Randy Schlintz, US Army Corps of Engineers

John Sarboraria, Army medical service corps

Jack Mills, US Army

Leo Croce USAF

# The Meeting

Pat McMennamin read a moving wartime letter from his uncle Victor McMennamin, who was a tailgunner during WWII.



Mark Stoker gave us a great report on the 2017 Rotary Spirit Run; there was a 32% increase in 2017 of the number of runners. Mark did an outstanding job of organizing the run, and we had tremendous turnout. It

has become a truly great community event for all ages.

Mike Thompson reminded us that the Mystery Dinner is coming up November 18, and is beginning at Mike's house. Dress is "cocktail casual" but the event, unfortunately, is sold out.



Carol Gerich gave us an introduction to the Holiday Party for deserving children December 3 at the Barn from

12 noon to 6 p.m. There's a need for greeters, setup, cleanup, greeters and food line. We are looking for donations of socks and underwear size 5T.



Fines: Beth Wilson said she wanted to be fined for buying a car other than a Toyota Corolla (she's never before owned anything other than a Corolla). She's the proud new owner of a red Prius - and Beth wants to give \$50 to the club and \$50 to Polio Plus.

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Phil Dean let us know that our club now has a new flag featuring the new Rotary logo. Phil Dean and Kathy Coyle are each going to donate \$25 to the club because of their involvement with this new logo.

Mary Plone introduced our speaker Catharine Baker, assemblywoman from the 16th district. She's a graduate from the University of Chicago where she received her undergraduate degree, and then graduated from Boalt Hall school of law.



T.J. & Barbara Gilmartin's older son is on a roll. This past Saturday his son's architecture firm won the Wall Street Journal Innovator of the Year Award. So T.J. said he would give \$50 dollars more to the Children's fund, and Barbara said she would also match that by also giving \$50.

## New Member Proposal

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Catharine Baker told her that as our Assemblymember she will strive to be:

- Authentic
- Accessible
- Responsive
- Open-Minded
- Humble
- Fair
- Effective
- Hard-Working
- Honest

In her first term, she authored 7 bills signed by the governor. She also worked closely with Marty Plone to close a gap in our law that sometime allowed criminals to avoid paying full restitution for the crimes they commit.

Catharine ran for office because she is concerned about education.

There are four key items she focuses on:

1. Education Opportunity - making sure students have access to adequate education
2. Infrastructure - transportation, water and other infrastructure
3. Pro-Job Policies - is our state welcoming for jobs and employment
4. Good, Accountable Government - are we spending in the right way, are we conducting ourselves the right way

Following are some of her 2017 Legislation Highlights:

AB 1674: She is working hard to abolish the UC policy of lowering academic requirements for out of state students.

AB 1220: She is working to delay teacher tenure consideration by one year

AB 803: Offering incentives to students to graduate from higher education programs within 4 years

SB 494: Enhancing reading programs for children


AB 758: BART and ACE connection. The first BART extension was supposed to be to Livermore, and it has never happened. She's working doggedly to get this done (and it consisted of taking this out of the hands of BART)



AB 1444: Autonomous Shuttles. She's help facilitate the testing of driverless shuttles to make sure they can be used safely. The idea is to provide connections between BART and park-and-ride lots. They will be tested on residential streets (while someone is in them for testing)

She's been working on finding \$20 Million for BART parking She has opposed the twin tunnels

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She's worked on the Los Vaqueros Reservoir and Sites Reservoir. She's working hard to increase the height of the existing dam to allow additional water to be stored in the existing reservoir

AB 434: Accessibility for Government Websites

AB 953: Making sure that victims of domestic violence and human trafficking documents have the addresses removed from court records so people can't find where they live

AB 993: Video Testimony for Child Abuse victims - so that children don't have to testify multiple times about being victimized when cases go to court

AB 1021: IHSS Application Streamlining

AB 1525: Firearm Laws Information.

Catharine believes in the 2nd amendment, and also believes in common sense. At this point when someone goes to buy a firearm, there are disclosures given to them about the laws they must comply with, but these disclosures are out of date, so they are getting bad information. This bill seeks to require these disclosures to be updated.

AJR 15: Protecting National Monuments - seeking not to reduce the size of our existing monuments

SB 386: Banning smoking on Beaches. (The number one trash item on our beaches is cigarette butts)

She's working on expanding and improving Tesla/ Carnegie Land use.

Last year she was proud to sponsor a bill promoting equal pay for equal work.

SB 1: Gas and Car Tax just went up last week by 12 cents, and they are indexed to inflation, so they will go up forever. There are no accountability measures. (She clearly voted against it). She is against automatic increases because that removes accountability.

There is a three dollar toll increase at Bay Area Bridges that will be on the ballot.

There is a parks bond that will be coming up at the next election. She says it will greatly help LARPD and other park districts.

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

Nov 15 - Meeting - Speaker Brad Howard, Rotary International Director,  
"People of Action - Rotarians, Local and Global"

Nov 21 - Board of Directors Meeting

Nov 22 - No Meeting this week. Happy Thanksgiving

Nov 29 - Meeting - Speaker Dr. Julio Friedman, LLNL "Energy ? Issues,  
Tradeoffs, Projections"

**11/29 Holiday Party at Alden Lane 5:30**

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## Club Holiday Party - Nov 29 Alden Lane Nursery

