



THE SPUR

The ROTARY CLUB of LIVERMORE



Partners for Change



Meeting
Photos by
Beth Wilson



Paul Banke
Your Spur Reporter



Phil Dean
Thought for the Day

Back from the long ride in the Desert, Don Presidente Wentz, Called the meeting to order at 12:30 on the dot.

Tom Vargas led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Johnny Orenberg and the songsters led us in a customized version of the old Coke-a-Cola ad; I Would Like to Teach the World to Sing!!

Thought for the Day: Quoting Mark Twain, Phil Dean reflects that:

"Life is short, Break the Rules! Forgive quickly, Kiss Slowly. Love Truly. Laugh uncontrollably, and never regret anything that makes you SMILE!

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did..."

Phil also told us about the latest Interact Club, The Silicon Valley Club, chartered by District 5170. This is 'community club' made up of 51 members from cities throughout the Bay Area.

Rotary Make-up Opportunities in the Tri-Valley

MONDAY	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
Livermore High Room 412	Beeb's Livermore	Dublin Ranch Golf Club 5900 Signal Hill Drive	Haps Original Pleasanton	Handles Gastropub Pleasanton	Castlewood CC Pleasanton	Handles Gastropub Pleasanton

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Mike Morgan introduced Ross Phillips, hopefully a new member soon!



Bill Nebo introduced Jackie Poulsen, wife of Club member Peter, and Lynn Seppala introduced his wife Joan. Kathy Coyle introduced generations (literally) of John Marions', and Katie Brazil, a new member to be (!) who attended her second meeting!



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New Member Induction

Jay Davis and President Don did the honors of officially inducting the Club's newest members; John Marion and Jessica Carrol. John and Jessica operate the Big White House winery located at 6800 Greenville Rd., Livermore, CA.

New Member Proposal

This is the second publication of a new member proposal for Dean Simpson. Dean is a Mortgage Lender and lives in Livermore. He has been sponsored for membership by Jennifer Thaete. If anyone has an objection to this proposal, please contact Ken Perine immediately.

New Member Proposal

This is the first publication of a new member proposal for Katie Brazil. Katie is an Insurance Agent and lives in Tracy. She has been sponsored for membership by Don Wentz. If anyone has an objection to this proposal, please contact Ken Perine immediately.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries
 Jaslynn Liotard led the program for recognizing members Birthdays and Anniversaries for both the months of March and April!

March Birthdays: Kathy Coyle, Evonne Hopkins, Ron Koopman, Ken Mikulasek, Mike Morgan, Marc Roberts, Sblend Sblendorio, Jim Schmidt, Barbara Varnell, Angelika Voss-Quinn, Bruce Wiggs, Jacquie Williams-Courtright.

March Anniversaries: Phil and Muriel Dean, Michael and Pam Ferrucci, Sblend and Beth Sblendorio.

April Birthdays: Vern Green, Tom Heineman, Rory Janes, Susan Mayall, Lance Pierovich, Donna Pontau, Randy Schlientz, Milly Seibel.

April Anniversaries: Kelly and Robert Bowers, Bob and Karen Cowan, Chuck and Khabira Hartwig, Goud and Kala Memula, Clark and Kathy Streeter, Bruce and Sue Wiggs, Lee and Fay Younker.

A rousing 'Happy Birthday Rotarians' and cup cakes to all the celebrants!

Roses and voices raised to all the sweethearts!

Announcements

Senior Work Day (President Don) April 29th meet at the Rotary Bandstand at 8:30 am. Weed wackers welcome!



Sunflower Hill (Lynn Monica) helps needed to assemble Greenhouse; June 16-17

Rodeo Parade (Paul Szmyd) Members encouraged to recruit entries. Business, Church or Social groups all encouraged to participate. More horses good too! Contact Paul for entry forms or they can be found on the Club website.



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Rotary Fun Night (President Don) tonight at Concannon Vineyard.



Golf Outing. (Mike Thompson) Rescheduling...



District Assembly. Contact Sam Steele who is coordinating




Bill Nebo introduced the program by commenting that in his working life as a pastor in Livermore he often witnessed the results of an individual or family sliding into deep poverty...



Combinations of catastrophic financial setbacks, bad decisions, health decline, emotional issues, etc. led to situations bordering on or leading to homelessness....

“Helping people get back on their feet and sustain a discipline that prevents reoccurrence of these problems requires something besides infusions of money.

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Last year I learned of a program that seems to me to be an approach to this slide into deep poverty that can actually work... The program is called Partners for Change. Our speaker today is the Director of this program, Shana Peete.”

Shana has a BS in International Business from Cal State Fresno, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee College of Law. She practiced law in Tennessee and Hawaii for eight years, even serving as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu.

She has managed a child development center in an economically depressed area, served as Program Coordinator for Read Aloud America, and managed a 30 person customer fulfillment team for Amazon. Shana now lives in Livermore with her husband and two children. In addition to working with Partners for Change she teaches tennis for LARPD.



The Partners for Change Program focuses on long term help and support for individuals selected for the program. Potential participants, called Change Leaders, are screened prior to acceptance into a process that typically takes 18-24 months. To be accepted, a Change Leader must be clean and sober enough to not be involved in domestic violence issues. And, they must be stable enough to be in this area for two years and motivated to change their situation.

Partners in Progress offers and hand up, not a hand out. The program requires participants to complete a course designed to help them with financial literacy, identify issues that led to poverty, and to set their own goals moving forward. In addition to completing the initial course Change Leaders attend weekly meetings with staff and volunteers, called associates, who help with a multitude of issues such as transportation, child care, and nutrition. Having a person to talk to about issues can make a big difference!

Helping individuals and/or families chart their course out of poverty is a step by step process. Shana related the story of one of the Change Leaders involved in the Program who now is working three part time jobs. And, has achieved financial independence. Now, the goal is to secure that full time job!

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Shana shared many insights into how Partners in Progress invests in people who are in poverty. For more information about Partners in Progress contact Shana Peete by visiting their website www.pfctv.org or by calling (925) 583-1635.



Correction: Last week's Spur reported that Linda Tinney has given \$100 to Paul Harris. Actually Linda has given \$1,000!



Sheila invited everyone to next week's Chamber of Commerce Mixer that will be held at the Rodeo Grounds. Next Wednesday evening, April 19.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

- 4/19 Meeting - Music Scholarship Program (Beth Wilson)
- 4/26 Meeting - Speaker Tony Stewart "Beyond the Locker"
- 5/3 Meeting - Speaker Don Wentz "Antartica"
- 5/10 Meeting - Speaker Scott Kenison "The Bankhead Theater"

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