



# THE SPUR

The ROTARY CLUB of LIVERMORE



## Baby It's Cold Outside!



Meeting  
Photos by  
Marc Roberts



Tim Barry  
*Your Spur Reporter*



Susan Mayall  
*Thought for the Day*

President Don started the meeting with his usual thrust of the gavel upon the Rotary Bell, and after the pledge led by Steve Neef, song leader Johnny Orenberg gathered his group wearing a parka, declaring how cold it was and creating the theme of the day based upon President Don's upcoming talk on his trip to Antarctica! With help from our graphics whiz, Alan Frank, Johnny led us using slides depicting penguins with Don's face on them as we sang



### 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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a reprise of a favorite holiday tune: "Squawking in a Winter Wonderland!" Very clever!

Susan Mayall's "Thought for the Day" was a nice reminder that through all the travelling she and Brian have done, and all the people they know around the world as a result, she really appreciates the opportunities to learn foreign cultures right here in our hometown of Livermore. She extolled the virtues of programs such as Rotary's I-House Weekend with visiting foreign students, in which she and Brian have participated for the past 23 years! Student exchanges and other programs provide us with the chance to bring cultures from around the world right here to our backyard, and she encouraged us to participate in such programs.



We had one Guest of Rotarians, ..... introduced by Marty Plone, sitting at a table with John Shirley made it a table of three retired veterinarians! A very gamey group, to be sure! There were no Visiting Rotarians this day, a rarity and we put out the searchlight for Bob Tucknott, our regular non-club member!



Linda Tinney gave her new member talk, fulfilling the last requirement to earn her "blue badge" of courage from our club, to be issued at a future meeting. Linda has a fascinating background, with family roots in Norway, to Wisconsin to earning her BA degree and starting her career on Wall Street in NYC. Finding her calling in music and dance, she sang with her guitar to such a level as to be discovered by a



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representative from the USO, and recruited to perform with USO shows. She was able to meet Bob Hope on those adventures, and gravitated to Key West, Fla. Meeting her husband in the service, they settled in Livermore after his retirement to be near family, and she began her career in real estate. With hobbies of tennis, piano and the arts, she has been active in community organizations, particularly the American Cancer Society. Linda is also current president of the Livermore-Amador Symphony Guild to boot! Such talent and community spirit we have in our club!



Pat McMenamin gave brief presentations of pins to Rotarians earning them for the Paul Harris Awards from the Rotary Foundation: Linda Tinney for a Paul Harris + 2 and Christian Chukwuma for his Paul Harris + 4! Congratulations to all and thank you for your generosity! Pat Coyle gave a nice presentation on the numbers of the Rotary Foundation's progress over the years, particularly the stat that the Foundation has

given over \$1 million from 1999 to 2016 to worthy community projects! He gave props to Marty Plone for getting the Foundation started in 1987 and announced its current corpus to be at \$1,185,841! Excellent job Foundation Board and Rotarians!

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Cheri Sheets announced that the Senior Work Day will take place this Sat., meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the bandstand in Carnegie Park. Bring small garden tools and enthusiasm!

President Don announced a work day on June 16&17 to build a greenhouse for Sunflower Hill, with Lynn Monica taking the lead.



Paul Szmyd recruited volunteers for the Rotary Club Rodeo Parade, to be held on June 10th.

President Don announced that the following selections for the parade: Community Service Award will be the Livermore Valley Education Foundation (LVEF), and the Grand Marshal will be Congressman Eric Swalwell!



Ken Perine announced the Wednesday Rotary Fun Night at Occasion Winery on Wed. at 5 p.m., and President Don and Mille Seibel announced the District Conference in Santa Cruz May 6-8.

JR Romero was prompted by Millie to announce the arrival of his new grandson, to which he showed his appreciation with a donation to the Music Scholarship Fund. Way to go JR, that grandson is already on the way to being a musician like his grand pappy!

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Lori Souza announced that David and Barbara Mertes have left \$6.8 million from their estate to Las Positas College for a student scholarship fund! Wow, that couple always gave generously of their time, talent and treasure to the community and have now established a lasting legacy of giving and commitment to education! Congratulations LPC and god bless the Mertes'!

## BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE.... DON AND SHARI'S ANTARTICA ADVENTURE!

As today's program, President Don took a seat, grabbed the remote control and took us through his trip with Shari to Antarctica as if we were in his family room watching the show from his couch. Don's really fine photography plus his casual and informative demeanor made this presentation special!




He described the trek from Buenos Aires, Argentina, to the southernmost tip of South America and then by ship to where the icebergs and glaciers roam in Antarctica.



We saw many albatross (I think Don has a thing for these birds), whales, seals (an 1100 lbs. Leopard Seal?), sea lions and of course, thousands of penguins!

As he arrived on glaciers by Zodiac boat, he showed photos of penguins nesting, penguins walking, penguins diving, penguins pooping, penguins gawking, penguins staring and penguins just looking cute! One photo was of a glacier where there were about 50,000 breeding pair

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of penguins! We saw a 17-mile long by 6 mi. wide iceberg! With winds whipping to 70 mi. per hour during a particularly nasty storm, they huddled together in their cabin on ship and survived the rockin' and rollin' of the seas to get to their destination and bring back these incredible photos. After-all, this was summer for Antarctica and it was a blistering 32 degrees plus wind chill!



All in all, this was a fantastic pictorial tour of Antarctica courtesy of Don and Shari. Thanks for the memories!

President Pat Coyle gave us an update on the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore.

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Milly reminded us that the Ricky King Trophy for last year's Speech Contest will have to be surrendered to the next winner of this glamorous battle in Santa Cruz.



One of these guys must be putting some sticky stuff on Pat Coyle's Raffle tickets.



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## COMING ATTRACTIONS

- 5/3 Meeting - Speaker Jeff Liotard "Charity Interests"
- 5/10 Meeting - Speaker Scott Kenison "The Bankhead Theater"
- 5/17 Meeting - Outstanding Educator Awards - Kathy Coyle
- 5/24 Meeting - Speaker Brian Shul "The SR71"
- 5/31 Meeting - Memorial Day Program
- 6/7 Meeting - Speaker Paul Szmyd - Rodeo Parade

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