

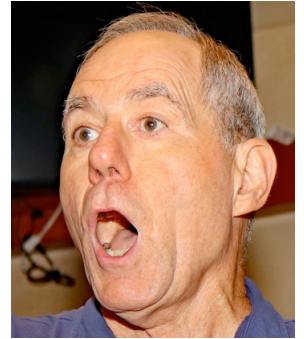
THE GRAPEVINE
“The Somewhat Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley”
November 14, 2017
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Month 5, Meeting 16 of our new president—Frank “Waterboy” Vallejo.

Bob Barker Quarterman continued his unique form this morning. A real treat for our guests. (overheard at one table, “He ought to try the decaf”). But he’s our boy and he knows how to lighten our wallet.

He did relieve some dinero from the following:

- 1/4Man-\$20 for veterans in his family: Dad and brother
- Da Prez—Just because
- Dave—he and June finished a 5K in Disneyland (but no gift??)
- Khabira—Big Game Weak
- Safe bet for Ed: Said he would put up \$50 if Cal wins. That’s why he’s in the insurance business. Al about risk taking.



Football Follies : Week 9

Good start. Big Day this coming Friday. Thanks to all who volunteered to help bring the turkeys over to Marilyn Ave. School on Friday. The support of this program has been fantastic. Thank You!!!

Follies News: • Still only one undefeated now—Dr. Hawk. But kudos to Bill Stevens for picking the 49ers this week. Too bad that Deb and Philomena used the plan of picking against the 49ers. Plan still good against the Browns. The playoff picture is getting closer. Keep picking those winners. Opps, forgot the quick pick this week, So here I am picking it out of the envelope—**The pick is the Patriots.** Y’all can thank me later. But poor Lori, and she was on such a roll. Go Lori, Go Lori, Go Lori!!

- This week’s games listed at the end of the Grapevine. Get me your results before the next game is played.

WHO IS GOING TO FOLLOW JAVIER?

Javier is already setting the bar too high with his introductions of speakers.

I’ve Been Everywhere (Hank Snow) Award

I was toting my pack along the long dusty Winnemucca road
When along came a semi with a high canvas covered load
If your goin' to Winnemucca, Mack with me you can ride
And so I climbed into the cab and then I settled down inside
He asked me if I'd seen a road with so much dust and sand
And I said, "Listen! I've traveled every road in this here land!"

LOOKS LIKE NOBODY WENT ANYWHERE—BORING!!!!

. We Distributed our Fall Grants this morning. Thanks to Rosemary and all of us for making a small impact on these peoples' lives. Believe me, every little bit

Applicant/Organization	Proposed Project-Purpose For Funding	Funding Request	RCLV Funding
4. Livermore Valley High School: Shooting Stars Julie Wright (T) 1	Funding to purchase Shooting Star Athlete Uniforms. (Special Needs Team)	\$1000 LVEF \$500	\$500
10. Christensen Middle School: Science Olympiad Team Drew Kirian (T) 2	Funding for team registration, invitational fee, materials, kits and a field guide.	\$1000 Reduced to \$500 for Tangible Items	\$500
2. Christensen Middle School PE Dept Kristi Raab (Teacher)	Funding to purchase a portable blue tooth speaker that can be easily moved to different areas for a variety of PE games and activities.	\$300 LVEF \$150	\$150
3. Lawrence Elementary School: STEAM Laura Morgan	Funding to purchase materials to supplement curriculum with STEAM activities, literacy development & dramatic play for TK & K students.	\$900 LVEF \$450	\$450
5. East Avenue Middle School Riffaya Rajid Science/STEM Teacher	Funding to purchase camera camcorders to create video artifacts of Science activities.	\$400 LVEF \$200	\$200
20. Granada High School: Computer Science Program Kenon Willis (Math & Computer Science Teacher)	Funding to purchase two 3D printers and 5 spools of printer filament.	\$883.22 LVEF \$441.61	\$441.61
8. Marilyn Ave. Elementary School: STEAM Lab ? (VM) Casie Benjamin (Taylor Parker ???)	Funding to purchase a Bee-Bot group starter set including robots, docking station and activity mats.	\$746 LVEF \$373	\$373
16. Marilyn Ave. Elementary School: STEAM Lab Taylor Parker ?	Funding for items to be used in the newly formed STEAM Lab including 6 refurbished iPhone 6 devices.	\$1000 LVEF \$500	\$500
14. Christensen Middle School: Environmental Science Campus Garden Andrea Lagorio (T)	Funding to purchase supplies and gardening tools for students to have the opportunity to plant and harvest organically grown vegetables and herbs.	\$450 LVEF \$225	\$225
18. Christensen Middle School: Life is Full of Supplies Project Arch Aurora Manganaan T	Funding to purchase glassware/equipment for Science students, including graduated cylinders, beakers, thermometers, scales/balances, etc.	\$1000 LVEF \$500	\$500
19. Marilyn Ave. Elementary School: New Books for Unstoppable Readers Therese Maldonado (Teacher)	Funding for classroom library books, to replace old, torn and damaged books.	\$500 LVEF \$250	\$250
11. Christensen Middle School: Science Laboratory ? Stephanie Erlwein	Funding for Science Laboratory supplies needed to better serve students during lab assignments.	\$930.80 LVEF \$465.40	\$465.40
13. Sunflower Hill Kathy Layman SFH Board Member	Funding to replenish tool supplies for mobility challenged students, and soil and seeds for their Educational and Vocational Horticulture Program.	\$1000	\$1000
		Total RCLV: \$5555.01	

helps!!!





PROGRAM: Peter Quinn, Peruvian Travels

Peter did his best Rick Steves impression this morning. We got to know a little bit about Peru. A couple of standouts:

- Flag (red/white) developed in 1825 by the Liberator, Jose de San Martin). The llama and Cinchona tree are

highlighted as well as a cornucopia (for prosperity).

- Peter showed us how the people built their colorful houses on the hillsides. Very pretty, but in an earthquake, not so much so I presume



UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

- 11/21: Orrin Mahoney, Dist. Gov. Visit
11/28: Dr. Vera PacKard, "Lazarex Cancer Foundation"
12/05: Dwight Perry, The Rotary Foundation Update
12/12: Kate Mackinnon, Choose Love Enrichment Program
12/19: Meeting Dark, Club Holiday Party at 6pm
12/26: No meeting
01/02: No meeting



RANDOM THOUGHTS DURING COMMERCIAL TIMEOUTS:

1. In keeping with the sports theme of this fish wrapper, as well as honoring our veterans I thought I'd let you know a story of West Point graduate **Bill Carpenter**. For those old enough to remember he was an end on the Army football team in the 50s. He gained notoriety because of his title—**The Lonesome End**. He received this because his coach had him always line up near the sideline, never in the huddle. (As a coach, I could never figure out the strategy behind this move). But he also gained heroism in Vietnam.

Upon graduation, Carpenter was commissioned as an infantry officer and went on to serve at least two

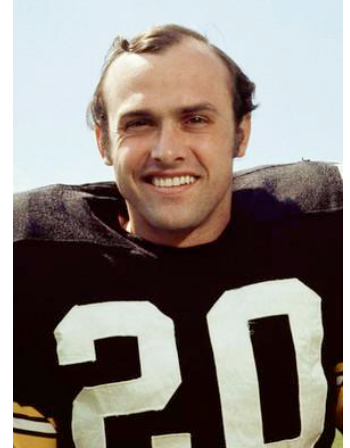
tours in Vietnam. In 1964, he was an adviser assigned to an airborne brigade of the [Army of the Republic of Vietnam](#). That unit came under heavy enemy fire immediately after being [inserted by helicopter](#) into a sugar cane field. Bill Carpenter was wounded by a gunshot through the arm while changing rifle magazines. His radio set was hit with another bullet and he was spun around and knocked to the ground. He proceeded to eliminate the source of the enemy fire, by knocking out a bunker with a hand grenade. For his actions he was awarded the [Silver Star](#), the U.S. Army's third highest award for valor in combat.^[6]



In 1966, then Captain Carpenter's C Company, [2/502nd Parachute Infantry](#) of the [101st Airborne Division](#) took part in [Operation Hawthorne](#), fighting [North Vietnamese](#) forces near [Dak To](#) on the [Kontum](#) plateau in the [Central Highlands](#). As it maneuvered in an attempt to relieve Major [David Hackworth](#)'s engaged [1/327th Infantry](#), C Company became isolated and in danger of being overrun. As the situation grew desperate, Carpenter radioed the battalion air traffic controller for a [napalm](#) airstrike **on his own position**: "We're overrun, they're right in among us. I need an air strike on my position."^[7] Several of his soldiers were wounded by the close air support, but it blunted the enemy attack and prevented the envelopment of his company. C Company was then able to re-consolidate and eventually break out. For his actions, he was again awarded the Silver Star, which was later upgraded to the [U.S. Army](#)'s second highest wartime medal, the [Distinguished Service Cross](#).

2. Same theme, different guy—**Rocky Bleier**

Notre Dame grad (had to get that in) in 1968. Drafted in 16th round by the Pittsburgh Steelers. After his rookie season with the Steelers, Bleier was drafted into the [U.S. Army](#) in December 1968 during the [Vietnam War](#).^[8] He volunteered for duty in [South Vietnam](#) and shipped out for Vietnam in May 1969 assigned to Company C, 4th Battalion (Light), 31st Infantry [196th Light Infantry Brigade](#) and assigned as a squad grenadier operating a 40mm M79 grenade launcher. On August 20, while on patrol in [Heip Duc](#), Bleier was wounded in the left thigh by an enemy rifle bullet when his platoon was ambushed in a rice paddy. While he was down, an enemy grenade landed nearby after bouncing off a fellow soldier, sending shrapnel into his lower right leg.^[9] He lost part of his right foot in the blast as well.^{[10][11]} He was later awarded the [Bronze Star](#) and [Purple Heart](#). His rank was [Specialist 4](#).



While he was recovering in a hospital in [Tokyo](#), doctors told him that he could not play football again. Soon after, he received a postcard from Steelers owner [Art Rooney](#) which read "Rock - the team's not doing well. We need you. Art Rooney". Bleier later said, "When you have somebody take the time and interest to send you a postcard, something that they didn't have to do, you have a special place for those kind of people". After several surgeries, he was discharged from the military in July [1970](#) and began informal workouts with Steeler teammates. He later won 4 SuperBowls with the Steelers.



3. And, of course, we can never forget Pat Tillman. For those of you who want a compelling read, pick up Jon Krakauer's book, *Where Men Win Glory, The Odyssey of Pat Tillman*.

4. If you like this type of reading check out the life of Pete Dawkins, Heisman Trophy winner from Army in 1958. Rhodes Scholar. Two Bronze stars for valor in Vietnam. Instructor at West Point. Ended career as a brigadier general.



4. Last week we talked about LiAngelo Ball, UCLA basketball player, and younger brother of Lonzo Ball, was arrested in China for stealing some sunglasses. Turns out that there were two other players implicated in this crime. UCLA, not in keeping with military tradition of never leaving a soldier behind, left China without those three players. They are under "house" arrest. Here's hoping they

left some university officials behind to try and help these kids. Tough lesson to learn, but we are accountable for what we do. Lesson learned the hard way. Breaking News: I see that the boys were released today to fly home. Interesting now to see what UCLA will do with them upon their arrival. Suspension?

5. New nickname. Can you find it? What nickname would you put on your shirt for a day? Some ideas to kick around: 1. Jill (AquaWoman); 2. DQ (SayWhat?); 3. 1/4Man (Yeah Baby); 5. Ken McCartney (Suit); 6. Deb (Flicka); 7. Rosemary (Class); 8. Ed (Uncensored); 9. Jerry (Doc); 10. Tom (Metal Mouth); 11. Dennis (Gyro); 12. Gib (Godfather; DonGib); 13. Roy (Poof); 14. Javier (Amigo); 15. Peter (PainFree) 16. Dave (Suitcase); 17. Frank (Waterboy); 18. Josh (Robin); 19. Eric (Tex); 20. Khabira (Cowgirl); 21. Bill (ChargeIt); 22. Anne (Bunny); 23. Lori (Hertz)—24. Ward (Gramps); 25. Charles (Evo); 26. Graham (Da Bum); 27. George (Phantom); 28. Jeff (Phantom2); 29. Richard (PennWho); 30. Dick (Post); 31. Bobby K (Sir); 32. Rich (DJ); 33. Philomena (TL); 34. Bob Tucknott (HFR)

6. In case you missed it: This year's (actually 2018) Super Bowl will be between Dallas and Kansas City. A preview of this will be this weekend. Place your bets early. Third thought—you might want to hold off on this. Phila looking mighty good.

7. Club Christmas Party—December 19 at Beebs

8. Graham announced that our 8th annual Holiday Party at the Veteran's Hospital will be in December. More to come.

9. I've never been a huge NFL celebration guy after a touchdown. BUT some of these group celebrations do make me laugh. Great creativity. Looks like they practice those more than they do most of the plays they run.

10. Board meeting THIS Friday—EMIL VILLA—7:30 (all are welcome, even the Directors)

Today's Final Thought: Experience happens to us all. Wisdom comes about when we learn from our experience.

Kevin Drake

“When all is said and done; there is usually more said than done.”

- **THURSDAY, NOV 16** TITANS AT STEELERS

- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**

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1:00PM ET

LIONS AT BEARS

1:00PM ET

JAGUARS AT BROWNS

1:00PM ET

RAVENS AT PACKERS

1:00PM ET
CARDINALS AT TEXANS

1:00PM ET
BUCCANEERS AT DOLPHINS

1:00PM ET
RAMS AT VIKINGS

1:00PM ET
CHIEFS AT GIANTS

1:00PM ET
REDSKINS AT SAINTS

4:05PM ET
BILLS AT CHARGERS

4:25PM ET
BENGALS AT BRONCOS

4:25PM ET
PATRIOTS AT RAIDERS (IN MEXICO CITY)

- 8:30PM ET
EAGLES AT COWBOYS

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
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8:30PM ET
FALCONS AT SEAHAWKS

CURRENT RANKINGS

Hawkins, J	10-0
Kavanagh, J	9-1
Crohare C	9-1

Drake K	9-1
McCartney, K	9-1
Stevens, B	9-1
Tucknott, B	8-2
Schumann, E	8-2
Scott, G	8-2
Bedford D	8-2
Fields, D	8-2
Quigley, D	8-2
Souza, G	8-2
Tacker, D	7-3
Drake, G	7-3
Gambs, D	7-3
1/4Man, F	7-3
Wineinger, G	7-3
Rambo, P	6-4
Duerig, J	6-4
Marcel, T	6-4
Franzella, L	6-4
Hayes, R	6-4
Porfido, R	5-5
Rusca, M	5-5
Almand R	5-5
Bickerton J	5-5
Dillie, E	5-5
Eccles, W	5-5
Goldstein, R	5-5
Hartwig, K	5-5
Heavenston, J	5-5
Minser, K	5-5
Perez, J	5-5
Quinn, P	5-5
Vallejo, F	5-5
Wilburn, A	5-5
Souza, L	4-6

VA CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Rotary Club of Livermore Valley

would like to invite you to join us for an afternoon of sweet delights, magical moments, gifts from Santa and holiday song.

***Date:** Thursday, December 14, 2017*

***Time:** 3:00 p.m.*

***Location:** VA Community Living Center (Building #90)
4951 Arroyo Road
Livermore, CA*

Refreshments will be served



Donate Blood in honor of **Kristina Chesterman**



Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer, or a friend involved in a car accident. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change the lives of patients in need.

Blood Drive **California Water Service**

American Red Cross Bus
195 South N Street
Livermore, CA 94550

Friday, December 8, 2017
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

To make an appointment or for more information please visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: CALWATER or call 1-800-733-2767 (1-800-RED-CROSS).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

If you have a question regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call 1-866-236-3267.



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