# THE GRAPEVINE

# "The Somewhat Official Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley" May 12, 2020

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Month 12, Meeting 38 of our president—The AquaGirl



I was told to wear a mask while on the computer so it would not get a virus

This is a collaborative Grapevine. I had an ADT appointment this morning and it lasted about an hour longer than I anticipated. Thanks to Lori for filling in.



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Three nominees to serve on the Rotarian Foundation of Livermore are: Rich Goldstein, Jill Duerig, and Kevin McCullum. Vote taken: Unanimous
- District 5170 training sessions ongoing. Jill encourages us to attend. The training sessions are conducted by Zoom.
- Pedrozzi manages the Bill Geyer scholarship, and May 26 is the first award ceremony including the recipient of this scholarship.
- The RI conference in Hawaii this year, was cancelled. They plan to host the conference June 20-26, 2020 with a virtual format.

# 10 Spot:

- KMack-10- Central Park Plan Committee withdrew initiative from November ballot
- Bill-10- to Sherri
- Sherri-10- to Philomena-over 1K signs distributed
- Philomena-10- granddaughter had 8<sup>th</sup> BD
- Graham-10—Eduardo called a zoom mtg
- Lori-10- DGambs and DFields get reimbursed for March Madness (DG returned his)
- Javier-10- Jill for recovering \$2633 of DDF funds
- DQ-10-GHS Interact
- Beth-10-to all high school graduates
- Fred-10-granddaughter had 6<sup>th</sup> BD

# **Food Lot Gift Cards Winners:**

| Beebs    |
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| Dennis   |
| Anne     |
| Angelika |
| Leslie   |
| Dick F-2 |
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FQ GrahamGeorge Lori

• Graham

Anyone who wants to donate their gift cards back (To Axis Health) can contact Lori or Fred to do so. (Returns so far include: George, FQ, Lori, DFields, Graham)

Next Food Lot Restaurants: Campo di Bocce and Terra Mia



# PROGRAM: Kelly Bowers, LVJUSD Superintendent

With COVID-19, the focus is still on student's success, and every senior will graduate this year. The world has changed dramatically in just a few short months. The district responded with research about the virus to be aware of the impacts. They shared the information learned through community communications. They moved to containment with extensive cleaning. They shifted to monitoring and mitigation and dismissal. Also preparing for the "what ifs". What if there is no vaccine etc.

Lots of emphasis on communications, and the landscape has been rapidly changing. The district is essential and could stay open, but the dismissal was extended twice and now is in effect until the end of this school term.

The school district is playing a key role is distributing food to the community. They are prepared to provide childcare with LARPD. LVJUSD is part of emergency preparedness agency and are ready to respond if needed.

They shifted again to distance learning, Bringing School to Home. When polled, the parents said they are not interested in doing this long term. 3,023 Chromebooks have ben loaned to students. Partnership with Comcast to provide WIFI hotspots to students.

One of Kelly's students is still working, and is the only one working in his home, so distance learning was a challenge for him. The district has been responding to these types of urgent needs with flexibility and ensuring learning equity.

The district has moved to credit/no credit to "hold harmless" students due to the COVID-19 impacts to learning. University enrollment for California students has increased next Fall due to international student enrollments in decline.

100,688 meals served as of May 11<sup>th</sup> delivered by LVJUSD. They also provided PPE to first responders. 5,000 N95 masks, 31,500 pairs of gloves. They also helped make home use masks!!

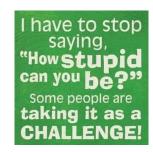
Supporting social emotional growth, Choose Love, program through resources online. They are also providing resources to parents through online offerings. Believe it or not Measure J construction is progressing a record pace due to empty schools. The food distribution network through LVJUSD is distributing donations from others as well. It's becoming a very efficient way to reach those in need.

They continue to produce contingency plans. Some "new normal" will include increased hygiene, and more distance learning. Testing has changed, this crisis affected everyone, not isolated to just a few. Testing was waived this year. SAT is run by the College Board.

Graduation will be an approved plan for a hybrid plan for diploma pickup, and family photos on campus. There may be a delayed celebration with yearbook signing when allowed. LVJUSD is committed to a celebratory experience.

#### **Coaches Corner:**

• Breaking News: The West Wing finally got the memo. Wear a mask. The rest of the country got this message eight weeks ago. The West Wing is a cramped area with narrow hallways etc. My daughter interned at the White House in 1996 (group before Monica Lewinsky) and during a visit to see her during spring break she got us a private tour of the West Wing. (Had to be done at 10PM). A marine led us through the area. We could not go into the Oval Office, just peaked in at the doorway. The lasting memory I have of it is the size of the cabinet room. Perhaps you remember



the picture during the Cuban Missile Crisis of the cabinet members sitting around the table with the president. When we looked into that room, I was surprised how small it is. The table takes up nearly the entire room. The press room is also notably small. So, a couple of people working in the West Wing test positive for COVID 19 and now they are doing what we have been doing for eight weeks.

- In school did a teacher ever make you play a game of "lifeboat" where there were not enough life vests to go around, and you had to decide who got them? I thought that was a pretty stupid activity. Yet, now, that is what our doctors are doing as there is not enough Remdisivir to go to all the COVID-19 patients that need it.
- Add the following to another effect this virus has me scratching my head: The governor of South Dakota refused from the outset to issue a "shelter in place" for the state. However, both the Cheyenne River Sioux and the Oglala Sioux Tribe have issued stay-at-home orders and curfews. In addition, they have ordered checkpoints to monitor who enters and leaves their reservation. Consequently, the governor threatened legal action against them if they do not remove the checkpoints. The tribal chief said that he will not follow the governor citing health risks; for example, the tribe has one hospital that has eight beds and no ICU, and the next closest hospital is three hours away. The governor said that such checkpoints restrict travel on state roads throughout the state. In response the tribe has said, they "have not closed non-tribal roads or highways owned by the state of South Dakota or any other government," and it is not their intent to restrict access to such roads. Pull out the 4-Way test on this one.



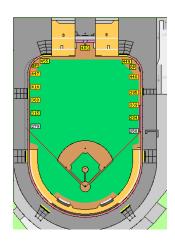
# rendition of it.

# • RIP Little Richard

This is how I remember him. My record player and a stack of 45rpms and we're good to go. Drove my parents nuts. Loved the drum intro to Keep A Knockin'. Also, about ten years ago I won a trivia contest on a cruise ship by identifying his real name. For comparison sake listen to Tutti Frutti by Little Richard and then Pat Boone's

• Last week Willie Mays celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday. Many baseball experts think that he and Babe Ruth were the two greatest players in major league baseball history. Of course, much of the reasoning is subjective. I

heard last week that some suggest Mays would be the all-time home run hitter if he did not play at the Polo Grounds in New York. He played in New York from 1951-1957; albeit he was in the military for one of those years. The dimensions of the Polo Grounds are truly extraordinary. Granted you did not want to hit the ball to center field (483'), but the foul line dimensions were ridiculous (279' and 258'). Case in point was Babe Ruth. In 1919, while playing for the Boston Red Sox, he hit 29 home runs which lead the league. The next year he was traded to the Yankees that played their games in the Polo Grounds. He hit 54 home runs. He learned to pull the ball. A side note on the Polo Grounds. Most of you have seen the catch that made Mays famous; the over-the-shoulder ball in the 1954 World Series. That ball traveled approximately 440 feet. The next inning Giant pinch hitter, Dusty Rhodes, hit a 258-foot home run off of Bob Lemon to win the game. Lemon was so infuriated that he threw his mitt, of which Rhodes commented, "His glove went farther than my ball."





RIP Roy Horn. The virus took another victim. Horn was part of the dynamic Siegfried and Roy magic show that ran for decades in Las Vegas.

- Did you know? Many of Shakespeare's writings were done while in quarantine from the plague?
- Let's end the day with a song that sums everything up: (double click)



Thought of the Day: "Stupid is as stupid does." Forrest Gump

"After all is said and done, there is usually more said than done"

Kevin