



ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

Club founded in 1967

Alan Schwartzman — New Foundation Chair

Bob Schroth was our Foundation Chair this year, but recently retired and moved away. Alan Schwartzman has taken over this important position for our club! Thank you, Alan.

Night of Honor — October 19, 2018

The Rotary Night of Honor, recognizing law enforcement officers, is scheduled for Friday, October 19 at the Hilton Garden Inn. No host is at 6:00 PM, and dinner is at 7:00 PM. Diane Smikahl Vieira has tickets, for free — at this time. A great night to celebrate local law enforcement agencies! Contact Diane for more information at penpal365@comcast.net.

Past Presidents Meeting Soon

It is time again to select our next president for the Rotary Club of Benicia for 2020-21. Steve McClure is in the process of scheduling this meeting for all past presidents.

“Merry” Farmer Garden — Michael Upton

Michael Upton is Benicia born and raised. He attended Joe Henderson Elementary, Benicia Middle School and is now a senior at Benicia High School. He hopes to attend UC Davis in the fall and major in pre-med. But his focus now is the completion of his Boy Scout Eagle project which was to build fencing around the garden at Mary Farmer.



Our Rotary Club helps support two horticultural programs at schools in Benicia: Liberty High School and Mary Farmer. Michael discovered that the existing fence at Mary Farmer was in disrepair. It was rotting, the fence posts were not seated in cement, and the posts and picket fencing had once been painted, but most of the paint had vanished over time. This was definitely the Eagle Scout project for Michael — a significant project compared to other Eagle Scout projects that Michael had seen.

Michael enlisted “younglings” to assist him — other younger, neophyte scouts. These young scouts were particularly helpful in the staining process of the fencing, although Michael educated them in the application of stain with the caveat of “Don’t spill the stain — it’s \$40/gallon!” Michael also enlisted the help of his father, Brad Upton, his scoutmaster, Mark Keller, and a family friend, Rich Changus. Michael appreciated that BUSD accidentally left out some signs that he and the younglings used as sawhorses! The adults were instrumental in the usage of power towels, as

Republic Services

Steve McClure presented Susan Hurl the plaque for Republic Services' donation to our 2018 Golf Tourney.

Candidates' Forum

A candidate's forum for school board and city council candidates is scheduled for October 4 beginning at 5:30 PM at the Ironworkers Local 378 - 3120 Bayshore Road, Benicia. This is your chance to hear from the candidates looking to represent the local community here in Benicia. Paul Adler sent out additional information about this important upcoming event.

Happy Dollars

Jim Trimble was fined \$5 for talking.

Susan Hurl went hiking in the Olympic National Park and noticed a sign! Susan donated \$20 for the "campaign fund". (see picture)

Jim Trimble just returned from a trip to the East Coast where he reconnected with his roommate from the Police Academy. He visited NY, Washington DC, Virginia, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia. He was \$20 happy.

Alan Schwartzman just returned from TWO weeks in Maui — and no hurricanes. He was \$20 happy.

Diane Smikahl Vieira accompanied Susan Hurl and Fred Repetto on the trip to the Olympic National Park. She said it was a great trip and was \$15 happy!

Shelia Clyatt, the project manager for the Mary Farmer Elementary

scouts are not allowed to use electric tools that could be dangerous. The actual fence encompasses 120 feet of garden area. The dirt below the fence line has been cleared, the weeds have been picked and removed, and the pathways have been cleared and tidied. There are pressure treated redwood posts in concrete, and three different gates, one of which is a double ranch style gate. That is the final portion of this project that needs to be completed.

The necessary stain was miscalculated as more was needed than originally anticipated, so Michael was \$120 over budget. Scott Reep placed \$40 in a hat that was passed, and a total of \$186 was collected from members. In addition, our club presented Michael with \$120. Michael, you have done a great job with a very worthwhile project that will last for many years, provide safety for students, and is esthetically pleasing. Thank you for sharing. Our club wishes you well in your studies, your scouting, and your future— hopefully at UC Davis!



FLASH from the past! Any idea what year this is?

Wrong spelling!

Sheila Clyatt