



Where in the world is our Rotary president, Steve McClure?



ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA



## D.A.R.E. — in Benicia

Our speakers today were **Jessica Woods** and **MarJonne Roberson**, both School Resource Officers at *Benicia Middle School* and *Benicia High School*, respectively. We are fortunate, as a community, to have the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) in our schools. This program would not be in place if we did not have the support of Chief Upson (BPD), the Benicia Unified School District, and Valero. The program was founded in Los Angeles in 1983 as a joint initiative of then LAPD chief and the Los Angeles Unified School District as a strategy for the American War on Drugs.

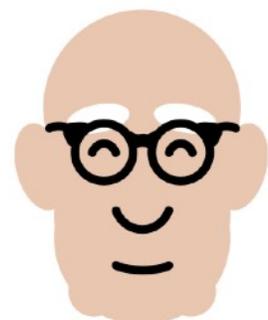
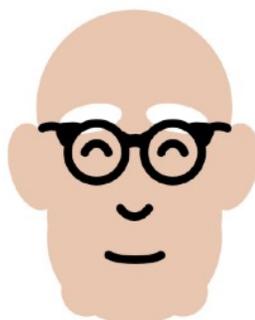
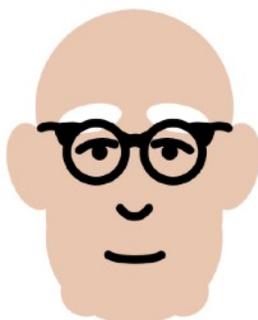
The program was first adopted by the BPD in 1991. The DARE program has been taught to all 5th grade students in our elementary schools

in Benicia since 1991. DARE is a life skills and drug education program for 9-11-year-olds. The course, consisting of 10 one-hour sessions, aims to provide children with knowledge, skills, and an opportunity to explore attitudes, to help them to make informed decisions, and to develop safe and healthy lifestyles. Topics covered include, tobacco, alcohol, cannabis, volatile substances, bullying, anti-social behavior, and different types of pressure. Students look at normative beliefs about alcohol and tobacco. The sessions are interactive and provide a range of learning opportunities through individual activities, teamwork, discussions, storyboards, and appropriate role play. Our DARE program is delivered by our school resource officers — Jessica and MarJonne. An important part of the program is the graduation ceremony which is an opportunity for families and schools to celebrate the students' achievements.

Both Jessica and MarJonne shared their backgrounds, and how much they enjoy their interactions with students. MarJonne covers Mary Farmer and Matthew Turner schools, Jessica covers Joe Henderson and Robert Semple schools, and they share covering St. Dominic's School. The both feel that they are heroes on the campuses, and that the program really allows bridges to be built between students and police officers. Thank you, MarJonne and Jessica, for your service to our students — and the community.

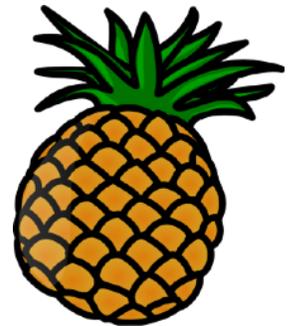
# Happy Dollars!

- \* **Sue Hutch** went to Arizona to visit her son, daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters. She was stopped by a policeman for speeding (but didn't get a ticket), knocked over a Starbuck's shelf of mugs (but didn't have to pay), failed to fill her rental car with gas (but didn't have to pay for returning the car empty), made it through airport security with a full suitcase (and luggage didn't get searched), and made it to the gate in time (last passenger on the plane). She was \$10 happy!!!!
- \* **Darrell Doi** attended the Rotary District training in Martinez, and refereed a soccer match and managed to eject TWO soccer coaches for not behaving properly. By the way, his daughter's team won the championship due to his daughter's point! (Darrell did NOT referee his daughter's game.) Darrell was \$10 happy!
- \* **Jon Dwyer** was evaluating a soccer referee at Los Positas last weekend, and during the evaluation, he watched the referee issue NINE yellow cards and TWO red cards.....all because the ref didn't deal with issues up front. Jon donated \$10 just because.
- \* **Bill Pugh** simply paid \$1.
- \* **Jim Trimble** attended his adopted grandson's first soccer match (under six age with five kids on each team). He was \$10 happy!
- \* **Diane Smikahl** donated \$5 on behalf of the Benicia Police Department as our guests today, as the BPD helped her many times in her role as Director at the Benicia Public Library.
- \* **Patti Baron**, our guest representing BPD in addition to today's speakers, donated \$5 to our club. (Patti was our first female president once-up-a-time!)
- \* **Jack Bell's** son, Josh, is a professional caddy on the WEbCon tour. Next year, it is hoped that his son will be able to move onto the PGA since his "golfer" did well this year! After all, it is the caddy that does all the work anyway!
- \* **Eric Hogleund** knew question #1 — Which country did David Dodd move to? Singapore.
- \* **Jim Lessenger** did not know question #2 — What is the date of our library's future anniversary celebration? June 26, 2018
- \* **Alan Schwartzman** paid \$1 without a question since he wasn't at Rotary and didn't read the bulletin.
- \* **John Blunt** did not know why Eric Hogleund donated \$5 last week. Why? He cursed at Darrell's Demotion dinner....in front of Darrell's son and daughter.



# Noteworthy!

- \* Diane Smikahl has **Night of Honor** tickets available...for free. Night of Honor is October 13th at 6:00 PM in Fairfield at the Hilton Garden Inn. This is a Rotary sponsored event to honor our policemen (fall) and firemen (spring). See Diane for tickets and flyer below.
- \* John Blunt is awarded “dollars” when he plays in blackjack tournaments. These dollars can only be spent on food or room, which for John, is already included. So he purchased chocolate bars which he sold to the club for \$3. This week, he will be bringing us whole coffee beans that he will sell for \$5 for 12-oz bag— a great deal and great coffee. **All proceeds go directly to our club.** Thank you, John!
- \* Darrel Doi talked about the **North Bay. Art and Film Festival** which will be October 6, 7 and 8 at the ClockTower. Some of the money raised during this event helps support the Benicia Education Foundation, which our club also supports.
- \* There will *probably* be no bulletin for our October 10 or October 17 meeting. It’s ALOHA time!



*The Rotary Club of Benicia has sponsored a table at this event. Please contact Diane for info/ticket*

# NIGHT OF HONOR

Solano County Rotary Clubs

## 26th ANNUAL SOLANO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT RECOGNITION NIGHT

HILTON GARDEN INN - FAIRFIELD  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017  
No Host Cocktails – 6:00 PM  
**Doors open at 6:00 PM**  
\$40.00 PER PERSON  
DRESS: BUSINESS CASUAL  
TABLE SPONSORSHIP: \$375

**For Tickets Contact**

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| Mike Vieira .....  | 592-4118 |
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