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# ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

Club founded in 1967

## Programs Needed

If you know of someone who would like to share with our club about what they do, or some other interesting topic, contact Daryl Doi, Bob Triglia or André Lewis.

## Rotary Website

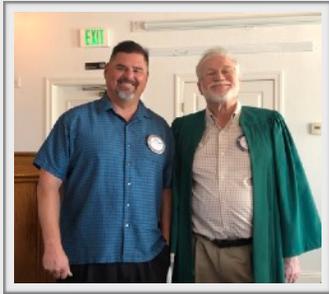
The Rotary website is current in terms of memberships and various forms. No new pictures have been added, but will be soon. All of the nitty-gritty info about our club is on our Rotary website at [www.beniciarotary.org](http://www.beniciarotary.org). Go to the far right tab, click on **Members Only**. Then enter your email that you use to receive this bulletin. The first time you do this, you will create a password. If you have forgotten your password, simply click "forgot password" and you will be prompted to create a new password. The FIRST time you enter this area, you must get approval before you can proceed. This process happens within a day. If we didn't have this PRIVATE area on our website, then all of our emails, addresses, birthdays, spouse's names, etc. would be searchable by Google. Everyone needs to enter the **Members Only** area at least once so we can create a group MAILING LIST which is frequently requested by members. Thanks.

## "Here Comes the Judge!" — Steve Gizzi

Steve Gizzi, a local Benicia resident and soon to be Superior Court Judge, was our speaker today. Steve grew up in SF, attended Sacred Heart High School, and continued his education at St. Mary's College.



After graduating from St. Mary's, Steve took the LSAT but he and his wife, Judy, started a business straight out of college which lasted for 10 years until the business was sold. At that time, with coaching from his friends, Randy Barnum and Bob Schroth (both lawyers) Steve decided to return to school to earn his law degree at McGeorge. He had enjoyed running a business. By owning his own business, he often found himself in the middle of frivolous litigation over stupid stuff — which although time consuming, was enjoyable. Steve found that he enjoyed the law. In 2002, Steve graduated from McGeorge and felt that he had a real advantage over his 25-year-old counterparts. After all, he had gained much practical knowledge and experience. Steve was hired by the National Judicial College to teach mediation, and soon found himself teaching other courses. He became a judge after being out of law school only 5 years. He has been a practicing pro temp judge for ten years, and is the #1 judge in Solano County. But Steve is not a political figure and found this worked against him for obtaining an appointment to be a judge from the governor. So Steve simply ran his race on his own, with no political affiliation. As his campaign guide, he followed the ethics of what a judge needed to do. Steve was successful in the November election and will become a Superior Court Judge in Solano County in Fairfield



## Rotarian of the Month

Jim Lessenger selected Steve McClure for this honor as he chaired our August golf tournament. Congrats, Steve!

## Happy Dollars

Steve McClure was \$20 happy as his daughter, Rachel, just signed to play softball at the University of Redlands fall 2019. Her major will be Speech Pathology.

Eric Hoglund was \$20 happy as his kids played well, and he was back at Rotary!

Martha Christopher was \$20 happy because of the BBQ that Jim and Leslie Lessenger provided for our cub members last week. (see pics below)

Jack Bell was \$20 happy as he has a new Mazda!

on January 2, 2019. But in order to be a Superior Court Judge, these are some of the requirements:

- Steve must end all of his involvement with his present legal practice (look out, Scott Reep)!
- Steve cannot practice law ever again (not even freebie advice)
- Steve can no longer serve as a fiduciary or trustee to anyone (even former clients and friends)
- Steve cannot have any political or campaign involvement
- Steve cannot serve as an auctioneer at fundraisers (which he has done many times)
- Steve can have no governmental involvement
- Steve must resign from any positions on any boards
- All of Steve's financial information will be listed on line and become public knowledge
- Steve must eliminate investments and relationships that could be contradictory to his position as a Superior Court Judge
- Steve must avoid all social media
- Steve cannot accept gifts (no free lunches)
- Steve's information on the Internet will be scrubbed before he takes office in January
- Steve generally must suppress all opinions

As a Superior Court Judge, Steve will enjoy an incredible amount of independence and basically will not have to answer to anyone other than the appellate court. His judicial discretion is massive. Steve believes that the Court is a service delivery industry, and that he can make a difference in his courtroom. Steve wants to reduce recidivism, focus on victim's rights, and sees this upcoming six-year term as an extension of community service.

Steve, you were a great speaker. We wish you well in this new endeavor! Good luck!

