



ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

Club founded in 1967

Upcoming Dates — and New Opportunities for Service!

- 2/19/19 — A visit from DG Jon Dwyer
- 3/22/19 — Firefighters' Night of Honor — Fairfield
- 3/30/19 — Benicia Library Trivia Bee
- 4/26/19 — Napa County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament — Eagle Vines — Napa
- 5/5/19 — 12th Annual BEF Run for Education
- 5/17/19 thru 5/19/19 — Rotary 4-Way Fest — Reno
- 7/27/19 and 7/28/19 — Benicia Waterfront Festival
- 8/9/19 — 14th Annual Rotary Golf Tournament
- 8/10/19 — Annual Peddler's Fair

A Trip to the Benicia Historical Museum



Today was a special day as our Rotary Club of Benicia held its regular meeting at the Benicia Historical Museum. We had a great turnout of members, great food provided by Nani from Elvيارita's, and a great opportunity to hear about the museum and what it happening in terms of the renovation of the exhibits.

Elizabeth d'Huart, the museum's executive director, spoke to us briefly before accompanying us on a tour of the newly redone exhibits. Jim Lessenger asked her some of the same basic questions that all speakers are asked. Here are her answers. Elizabeth grew up in Illinois, attended high school in Minnesota, attended college in West Virginia, and has lived in London, Switzerland, France, Georgia and now Benicia.

Elizabeth arrived in Benicia over eight years ago, taking on the job of Executive Director of the Benicia Historical Museum. Since that time, she feels that the museum has become a well-oiled machine. Almost everything for the exhibits is produced in house. All of the things in the museum tell our story, and our story is important. Our past is the only permanent thing we have. Our past allows us to examine our successes and our failures. The more you know about Benicia history, the more you realize just how important Benicia is.

Elizabeth thanked our club as we have been financially supporting the museum, along with a few worker bees such as Reg Page and Jim Lessenger. With our help, the museum is able to continue to

A great turnout at the museum: good food, another donation and cutting the ribbon



do what they do. Elizabeth encouraged us to tell everyone to come see the exhibits. More and more out-of-state and out-of-country visitors are coming to the museum. There is a synergistic effort — the reviews about the museum on-line are positive, and positive reviews bring more people to visit.

The cost of admission is \$3 for seniors, \$5 for adults, and \$7 for a tour with a docent. Come visit! Thank you, Elizabeth, for speaking with us and allowing us to meet at the museum.

Here are some of the pictures of the two new exhibits that our club has helped fund. Why not visit and see them in person? By the way, Jim Lessenger has helped construct these exhibits. Great job, Jim!

