



ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

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Darrell Doi — Rotarian of the Month

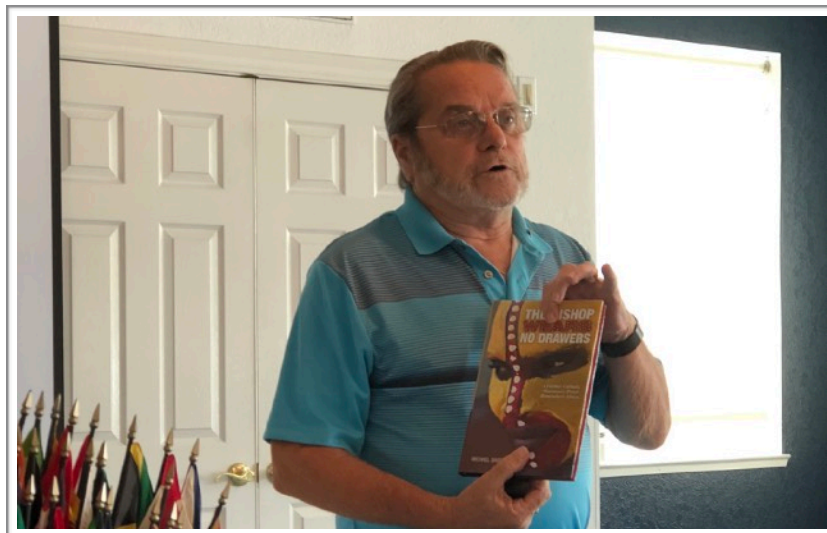
Jim Lessenger has reinstated this program. Darrell Doi was the recipient of this month's award because of his great efforts in helping with the Waterfront Festival. Good job, Darrell!

Redding Fires

Our club decided to donate all of our "tips" from the Waterfront Festival to the Redding Rotary to assist with needs in the Redding area due to the intense fire storms. We made about \$456 in tips. Bob Triglia added \$400 of his money, Susan Hurl added \$65 of her money, Diane Smikahl Vieira added \$50, Steve McClure added \$20, some President's Discretionary money was added, and Jim Lessenger said he would round off whatever is needed to make the total donation \$2000. Way to go Benicia Rotary!

Shel White Memorial Service

Beverly White's husband, Shel, passed away in June after a long illness. His memorial service will be Saturday, August 11 at 11:00 at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA.



A Bishop With No Drawers? — Dr. Michael Barrington

Dr. Barrington was our guest speaker a few weeks ago, and returned today to talk about his life as a Catholic Missionary priest for 10 years. He shared anecdotes about many of his experiences while in Nigeria, Africa, most of which are referred to in his book **The Bishop Wears No Drawers.**

Dr. Barrington explained how all of the missionary priests were trained in some profession. He was trained as a diesel engineer. He was involved in the building of three hospitals — much of which was funded by Frank Sinatra! He spoke about a specific southernmost area in Nigeria (Niger and Benue) which was separated from the major portion of Nigeria by various land formations or water. This area declared themselves their own country known as Biafra, breaking away from Nigeria. The Nigerian federal government didn't like this and decided to starve Biafra into submission. Most of us remember the horrible photos of starving children and people in Biafra. Approximately two



Elizabeth D'uarte Accepts \$10,000

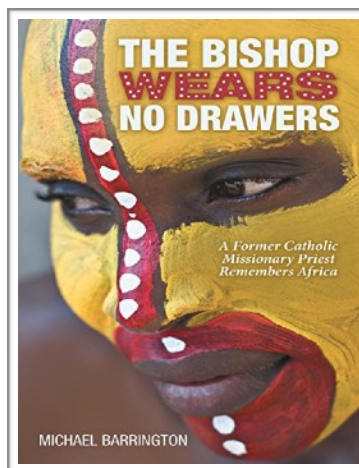
Elizabeth D'Huart, the executive director from the Benicia Historical Museum, was present to accept a check for \$10,000 from a Rotary Grant. Jim Lessenger was instrumental in getting this grant written, and Jon Dwyer, our newly installed district 5160 governor, was on hand to help present this award. This money will be used to assist with Jim Lessenger's presidential project, "The Museum Project." Congratulations Jim and Elizabeth!

Happy Dollars

Lorie Tinfow celebrated her 21st anniversary. Bob Triglia attended an annual family reunion in San Diego that has been going on for 75 years. Diane Smikahl Vieira was happy there were no fires in June Lake. Steve McClure was happy that his daughter, Rachel, just started interning at the Benicia Historical Museum. Jim Trimble was happy that Darrell did a great job at the Waterfront Festival, and that Martha and Jerry helped at the Waterfront Festival!

millions Biafran civilians died from starvation caused by the total blockade of the region by Nigerian government. Dr. Barrington said that he and his comrades distributed relief as best they could, and spent much time rebuilding bridges, drilling wells, etc.

Dr. Barrington also shared a great story about Al Hadji Umaru who befriended him, and offered Dr. Barrington his youngest wife for the night. However, to find out what did or did not happen, you have to read his book, **The Bishop Wears No Drawers**. After Michael's presentation, he signed and sold books to interested Rotarians, of which he donates \$5 back to Rotary. Thank you, Dr. Barrington, for sharing your stories with us!



BIGGIE EVENTS — upcoming

Peddler's Fair — Saturday, August 11

Golf Tournament — Friday, August 17

Your help is needed! Signups at Rotary!