



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

UPDATE — July through December 2017

Our president, Steve McClure, gave us a summary of our club's successes and also his vision for the remainder of his term. Here are the highlights:

Our Fundraising Successes:

Golf Tournament total income raised \$41,028 with a new income of \$21,034! GREAT JOB!

Peddlers Fair raised \$2,980 with a net income of \$1,750.

Holiday meals — we raised \$2,600 through club donations

Local Support We Provided:

\$1,500 donation to Native Sons of Benicia to support their club

\$500 donation to BDES for water damage to Portuguese Hall

\$4,000 in donations to local sports teams for volunteering at our golf event

\$1,200 Benicia Education Foundation — Platinum Sponsor at Run for Education event in April 2018

14 holiday meals to local community members at Thanksgiving

Gift cards for teens at our annual Holiday Party

Liberty High School Support:

\$300 for the greenhouse project

\$3,000 for field trips

\$700 to support other Liberty needs

Miscellaneous Support:

Police and Firemen Nights of Honor

Rotary International Youth Exchange students

Salvation Army Bell ringing

International Service Proposed Project:

<http://www.hope4kidsinternational.org>

Noteworthy!

- * Rotary Ski Challenge is March 2, 2018 at Northstar. Five members are needed for our ski team. See Scott Reep for details!
- * Benicia Main Street wrote us a nice letter thanking us for our help with the horse and wagon rides during last week's First Street Tree Lighting event and festivities.
- * **There will be NO ROTARY MEETING on December 26 or January 2!**
- * Eric Hoglund counted the money for our bell ringing services on Sat and Sun. On Sat, Eric, Sue Fisher Jones and Steve McClure rang the bell and collected \$506. On Sun Scott, Marlene, Reg and André rang the bell and they collected \$507. There was additional uncounted change. Looks like a TIE!

Happy Dollars

- * Alex Lobban was our "tax collector" today as Jim was away. He said he sort of liked having the British taxing the Americans!
- * Lorie Tinfow celebrated her birthday at Benihana's with her family. Lorie was happy!
- * Bob Schroth's anniversary is Dec. 27. 47 years! He was \$100 happy.
- * Jim Lessenger had an anniversary. He and Leslie dined at Zia Fraedo's to celebrate their 44 years together. He was \$20 happy.
- * Sue Hutch went to SoCal for a week. She was happy!
- * Steve McClure was a Spirit of Solano recipient. He was happy.

Happy Dollars — continued

- * Susan Hurl donated \$5 to “cleanse the soul of the men who did not know their anniversary dates!”
- * André Lewis enjoyed ringing the bell at Raley’s. He was \$5 happy and wants to help again next year.
- * Rebecca Sgambati went to Hawaii before Thanksgiving, plus her son’s BB team won, and at Valero, a video is being created specifically highlighting women in Engineering. Rebecca was \$100 happy.
- * Jon Dwyer talked — about women in engineering, and about Rotocare and Jim Lessenger’s involvement. He was \$20 happy.
- * Reg Page provided “UNHAPPY” dollars. He said the bell that Raley’s had selected for our club to use was humiliating as it said, “*Ring for a Kiss,*” and it was difficult to use as you had to hold it upside down to get it to ring. PLUS, Reg’s cat who had been missing for 3 months, suddenly returned. He was \$20 ...happy or unhappy???
- * Scott Reep provided \$6 — in three increments: ringing the bell, Marlene’s improve show at BHS, and for a dead mouse at his home.
- * Sue Fisher Jones was happy ringing the bell — and she got two kisses (albeit from her husband AJ).
- * Alex fined Trimble \$20 for not being at the meeting.

Look for our Holiday Party pictures in our next edition!

