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ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA



Kristin Grubbs — Enthusiasm Plus

Kristin Grubbs is the Benicia High School Softball coach — a job that she absolutely loves. Although she has coached softball for over 20 years, including the BHS Varsity team for six years, she’s passionate about teaching not only skills to succeed at the game, but teaching accountability. Her girls learn a life lesson when they play on her team. She teaches them that most of them are not going to make a living *because* of softball but rather *by the degree* that they earn while playing softball. She leads by example and is a bundle of enthusiasm when talking about her team, her players, and her goals.

Kristin Grubbs

Kristin was raised in Napa where she still resides. She was hired by Benicia Unified School District at Benicia Middle School when Sue Hutch (that’s me) hired her to teach ONE Physical Education class daily, on a rotating schedule. *(That was all that I had to offer her at the time.)* The next year, she moved on as a teacher to Benicia High School and has been successful as a teacher, as well as a coach.

Kristin’s softball team helped with the Rotary Golf Tournament in August which served as a fundraiser for the team. When she became the coach, she noticed that funds were low for sports and that fundraising had not been a priority. So she took on the task, and with a successful team that has made playoffs, the fundraising money (and some funds from Measure S) earned her new team jerseys, new training equipment, bleachers, an enclosed dugout, and the repair of a dilapidated field. Kristin is hoping for a new storage container with the funds earned from helping with our golf tournament.

Next year, Benicia High School is moving to a new athletic league in Contra Costa County. New challenges ahead, but Kristin is up for it. So is her team! Congratulations, Kristin, for a great season. Good luck this next season, too.

Noteworthy!

- * We have a new member this next week, Lorie Tinfow. Lorie is the new Benicia City Manager. Come meet our new addition! Welcome Lorie!
- * Steve McClure wanted to thank Scott Reep for running last week's meeting while he vacationed in Hawaii. But wait! Scott was absent. Darrell Doi stepped up at minutes notice. Thank you, Darrell!
- * John Blunt brought great bags of fresh coffee (ground and whole beans) from his last Blackjack Tournament in Biloxi, Mississippi. He sold coffee for \$5 a bag as a club fundraiser. It was delicious. He may have some left for our next meeting. Get your money ready!
- * There is a Rotary Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:15 AM at *Huckleberry's* in Benicia. Scott Reep will not be present as he is in the Dolomites!



- * The Dolomites are a mountain range located in northeastern Italy. They form a part of the Southern Limestone Alps and extend from the River Adige in the west to the Piave Valley in the east. (If you can remember any of this, you are doing really well!)

Happy Dollars!

- * Alex Lobban had a birthday, and also visited Washington DC and attended a memorial for Jessica's uncle — complete with 12 shot guns and all of the military show. He said it was very moving. He was able to visit several museums, too, and indicated that he had learned much about OUR country. For Alex's birthday, he was able to dine at a Michelin star restaurant. He said it was quite good, and quite expensive.
- * A Michelin star restaurant normally refers to an establishment listed in the annually published *Michelin Red Guide*, the oldest European hotel and restaurant reference guide, which awards *Michelin stars* for excellence to a select few establishments.
- * Bill Pugh has his first grandchild, a boy named Wilder. Congratulations, Bill! (And to your daughter and her husband, too.)

Happy Dollars - continued....

- * Bill Warren went on a cruise to Alaska and survived. However, one crew member was airlifted off, one cruiser had to be taken off early due to medical reasons, and Bill caught one of those nasty “cruise” bugs at the end of his trip. Welcome home, Bill.
- * Steve McClure took Karen to Maui for her birthday and their 20th anniversary. Aloha!
- * Jim Lessenger went to Hawaii and visited “weapons of mass destruction.” (He told us this last week, too, but wanted to tell us again.)
- * Bob Schroth donated money because is disrupted Darrell when he was speaking.
- * Jon Dwyer was scrambling for an assistant governor, but the issue has been solved. By the way, Notre Dame won again. Jon is racking up a bill for our club!
- * Alex didn’t know what DARE stood for. (He paid.)
- * Jack Bell didn’t know what Sue Hutch got away with in Arizona. (He paid.)
- * Jim Triglia didn’t know that Patti Baron was our club’s first women president. (He paid.)
- * Diane Smikahl was unable to answer Jim’s cryptic question. (She paid.)
- * No bulletin for October 10th or 17th. (Unless I insert pictures of my vacation in Hawaii!)



Brianna Kleinschmidt (Principal BHS), Kristin Grubbs (BHS coach) and Steve McClure