



ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

Suzanne Foley — Lawyer in the Library

Suzanne is a partner with the Benicia Law Firm of Gizzi, Reep and Foley where she practices civil litigation and mediation. Suzanne has been an attorney since 2001, and in 2011, joined the Benicia firm started by Scott Reep and Steve Gizzi. Suzanne's love of books, the library, and volunteering stems from her family's dedication to the local community in the Salinas Valley. After volunteering in the San Francisco Public Library's Adult Literacy Program, she brought her legal experience to the Solano County Lawyer in the Library program, first in Vallejo and then in Benicia with the help of Scott Reep and Helaine Bowles of the Benicia Public Library.



Suzanne's dad was also a Rotarian, and she remembers him being "fined" for various things. Suzanne attended UCLA and majored in Political Science and Business Administration. After graduation, she went to Washington DC and worked on Capitol Hill, but soon learned that she really couldn't make money doing what she was doing. She then landed a job working as an insurance adjuster for Geico Insurance, a job that served her well in her career. Ultimately, she returned to California and attended law school at USF. Working for McNamara Law Firm in Contra Costa, she got much litigation experience, so much in fact that she needed a change. In 2011, Steve Gizzi and Scott Reep found her and asked her to come work for them. She loves her job now!

Having worked in the library with Adult Literacy, Suzanne realizes that volunteering is important. She started the Lawyer in the Library program in Vallejo, and ultimately started the program in Benicia in 2011. The first Thursday of every month, this program is available to Solano County residents. Each person who signs up is allotted 20-minutes of time with a lawyer, most often simply seeking guidance and information. There is no client attorney privileges in this process, but this

program serves as good resource for members of our community. Suzanne said she gets all types of questions, many related to family law, and in the past, often times related to foreclosures. Suzanne feels this is a VALUABLE service to our community and enjoys her time volunteering. Thank you, Suzanne, for your service to our community, and for providing our club with such an interesting program!

Noteworthy

- * **Darrel Doi** talked about how successful the annual BEF Run for Education was, and thanked everyone that participated as a runner, helper, or supporter.
- * **Steve McClure** provided all of our club members with our Golf Tournament brochures, posters, and letters soliciting corporate sponsorships. The brochures and letters will be available at our future club meetings, plus a digital copy is attached in the email that disseminates this bulletin. Please send an entry form to your friends and family members, and perhaps a letter to your boss or members in your workplace.

Happy Dollars

- * **Bob Triglia** was our sergeant-at-arms in training today as Jim Trimble was away.
- * **Jon Dwyer** has attended 12 different Rotary club meetings within the last week. Also, this past week was his and Bonnie's 49 anniversary. They do plan to take a quick break and visit Seattle and Vancouver soon. Early on, Jon committed to paying a HAZARD (\$5) for each year he had been married. So today, he donated for 49 years and \$5/year = \$245 to the local foundation.
- * **Susan Hurl** played in the Liberty High School Golf tournament this last week with JoAnn Severson, Rebecca Sgambati, and Sue Hutch as her team members. She said it was the **MOST** fun she has ever had playing golf and donated \$25.
- * **Darrell Doi**, having a \$17 credit from last week's \$3 fine as he only had a \$20 bill last week, donated the \$17 to the local foundation for the successful BEF Run and his daughter's successful soccer game (6 to 1) last weekend.
- * **Eric Hogle** donated \$5 because he was involved in BEF, soccer, baseball games, and golf within the past week!
- * **Steve McClure** donated \$5 to thank Sue Hutch for the bulletins, to thank the speaker team (Doi, Lewis, and Triglia), and the fact that his son won \$50 at a golf tournament last weekend — and bought his mom a hat, but didn't get Steve anything, even though Steve caddied for him again.
- * **Bob Triglia** spent three days in Petaluma with his two granddaughters, ages 15 and 11. Special times for him, as his wife was ill and unable to accompany him. A time of found memories worth \$10 of happiness!
- * **Sue Hutch** donated \$5 as she has another baby granddaughter arriving in September, and is leaving for Ireland and Great Britain this week. ***That means.....no bulletins unless someone sends her pictures and a blurb about the upcoming speakers in May.***

