



# ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

Club founded in 1967

## Upcoming Dates — and New Opportunities for Service!

- 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

## Important Info

Jim Trimble said the LHS Career Week is 3/26 and 3/27/19. Volunteers are needed to assist with the interview. See Jim for more information.

The Rotary Spring Assembly is April 4 through 6.



## Big Kahuna Visits Benicia Rotary — Jon Dwyer!

Jon Dwyer, Rotary District 5160's Governor for 2018-19 — and also a member of our Benicia Rotary Club, was our guest speaker today.

Jon started out by sharing how much he has missed being at our club, as being District Governor has required him to travel to all other clubs in the district, many of which meet on Tuesday or are too far away geographically to be able to come to our local meetings. But he said, he received just as much "harassment" today from our fellow club members as always. Club members picked up right where they left off. Jon has missed those fun, positive interactions.

With the tragic fire in Paradise this year, Jon found himself acting as traffic cop, as he listened to horrific stories about such loss in the fires, coordinated help that was offered by so many people, including Rotarians, providing over 500 backpacks for students, and

Alan Schwartzman is retiring and will no longer be our Foundation Chairperson, but will still attend our meetings periodically. Anyone interested in assuming the Foundation Chair role, see Jim Lessenger.

## Happy Dollars

Scott Reep was \$20 happy as he just returned from Chicago, his 93-year old mom was coming to visit, and he was leaving for Mexico next week to visit daughter Alex.

André Lewis was \$2 happy as he was in Benicia!

Reg Page recognized Jon Dwyer and his work in Rotary with a \$50 donation to RI.

Jim Trimble is \$20 happy as his remodel from earlier water damage was complete. Unfortunately, he now has a leak in is ceiling.

Martha Christopher was \$5 happy as Jerry Wilkerson, a guest today and also Jon's assistant DG, had been most helpful to her this year.

Bob Triglia was \$20 happy as he welcomed his 5th grand child last night — Leo Francis Laverty. Both his daughter and the baby are doing well.

## Trivia about Jon Dwyer

Grew up in Vermont and attended and attended a Catholic High School. Attended college at Notre Dame and majored in chemical engineering.

helping to arrange a gift of \$25,000 from his former classmate and his club, to go to the disaster relief fund. His big question is..."Would I have met any of these people if I hadn't come to Rotary years ago?" Jon said he found friends here — and we let him in. He was very thankful for our club, and all of the experiences leading up to this year as District Governor, as well as the many opportunities presented to him as DG.

Jon said that many of the clubs in district 5160 forget to remind their club members all that they do. It is important to remember the good that Rotary does!

Jon thanked our club for the support of our town, Benicia, and also for the support of him as this year's district governor.

Jon shared some anecdotes about this past year. He spoke about an e-club that was just recently chartered. He talked about the Ducky Derby and seeing the thousands of rubber ducks be released down the river, of which he was the person who plucked the winning duck from the water. He talked about another club's famous Mud Run. He even spoke of a very small club of only seven people that meets in a teacher's lounge before school and ALWAYS has delicious, homemade food!

Jim Lessenger, our president, and his wife, Leslie, are stained glass artists. They presented Jon with this year's Rotary emblem in stained glass — Be the Inspiration — a lovely work of art for Jon to cherish as a reminder of this year's important work as District Governor. Thank you, Jon, for your commitment to Rotary. Thank you, Jim and Leslie, for creating such a lovely piece of art to share with Jon.

