



ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

Club founded in 1967

Citizen of the Year



Our own André Lewis just won the award of Citizen of the Year. Here he is with Chief Upson presenting him his award! Congrats, André! André was so happy he donated \$100 toward our museum project.

Liberty High School

Liberty High School needs more mentors. This is your opportunity! There is a new internship program at LHS and positions in auto mechanics or the medical field are needed. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or you know of a possibility of an internship for a student at Liberty, contact Jim Trimble!

BEF Sip& Stroll

On November 30, BEF is hosting a Sip & Stroll at the Clocktower from 4 - 8 PM. Wine, Shopping, Food, Live Entertainment, Auction — a Family



What's Happening in Our Schools — Charles Young

Our very own Charles Young, Superintendent of Benicia Unified School District, was our speaker today. He shared with us a potpourri of what is happening in

the district, complete with some of the really good stuff occurring at the various school sites.

Benicia Unified is ranked the best school district in Solano County by niche.com. The mission statement of Benicia Unified is: **Where all students achieve at their highest potential in an engaging, inspiring and challenging learning environment.** Here are the beliefs of the district:

We believe:

- Students reach their potential when they are engaged, encouraged, challenged and supported in the pursuit of their interests, passions and talents.
- All students are creative, unique and can learn.
- Education is a collaborative effort among students, staff, parents, guardians and the community.
- In valuing the diversity of students, staff and the community.
- Every student has a voice that deserves to be heard.
- Safe and welcoming schools help students and staff reach their potential.
- Educational experiences for students and staff are continually improved through systems of accountability.
- Education must be purposeful, challenging and innovative.

Event. Tickets are \$20 for one, or \$35 for two. Go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3628843 to purchase tickets or for more information! Right now, tickets are discounted!



Happy Dollars

Reg Page acknowledged that Jim Lessenger made a presentation at the museum last Friday — concerning the 117 year old history of the Arsenal. He donated \$5 for the museum project. BTW - the museum is looking for docents, if you or anyone you know is interested.

Jim Lessenger was absent last week, so he donated \$20 as Susan Hurl took over for him as president. He was visiting the Balloon Festival in Albuquerque. However, he accidentally made a wrong turn and accidentally ended up at Los Alamos where he wound up being escorted through Los Alamos to the other side. That's our president!

Dr. Young shared with us the desired characteristics of a BUSD graduate: inquisitive, lifelong learner, self-sufficient, self-motivated, socially responsible, fully prepared, equipped for college or career, collaborative, creative, critical thinker, compassionate, respectful, resilient, innovative, entrepreneurial, adaptable, globally aware, and environmentally responsible.

As part of the BUSD ongoing improvement, the district and staff have established various goals (WIGS) — Wildly Important Goals — to measure improvement in our schools. The strategic plan also has various goals established to continue ongoing measurement and evaluation. The top five strengths of BUSD have been established through a measurement instrument, as well as the top five opportunities for growth.

The BUSD is making a concerted effort to inform people about the district via e-newsletters, email, texts, phone calls, a BUSD app, the website, social media, the BUSD Facebook page, Instagram and Twitter.

Charles shared with us about the BUSD budget “at a glance” giving us an overview of how much money is allocated for particular areas:

- certificated salaries — 49%
- classified salaries — 16%
- employee benefits — 21%
- books & supplies — 5%
- services & equipment — 7%
- interfund transfers — 2%.

Here is some of the great stuff going on at schools:

Elementary Schools — augmented reality, ozobots, microbots, and the Readers Workshops.

Middle School — zentangles, coding, “Start with Hello”, Club Fair

High School — iQuest, Internship Models, construction/auto pathway, debate bootcamp, health & career pathway, film production, 10-year plan for all students.

Charles shared with us some of the Measure S Bond facilities updates in our schools. Thank you, Charles, for giving us such a great update about Benicia Unified School District!