

Rotary Club of Benicia

Service Above Self

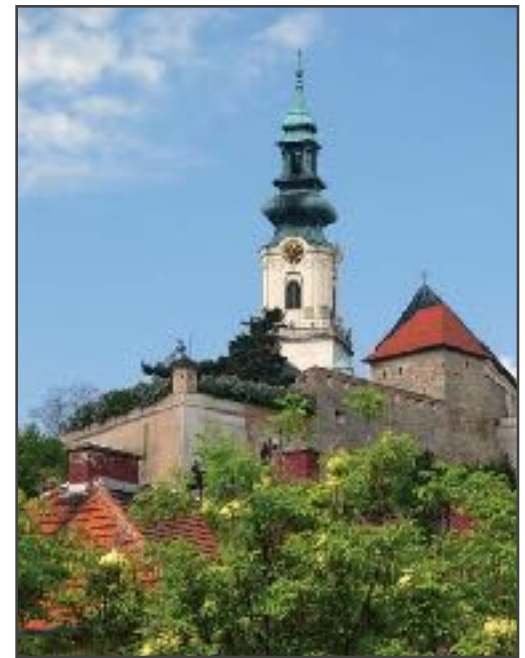
Michal Teraj – Our Exchange Student from Slovakia



Today our speaker was our 2016-17 exchange student from Slovakia – Michal Teraj. Michal is living with Lisa and Matt Koenen, who also joined us today. He gave us an excellent presentation about Slovakia and seemed to enjoy our luncheon! It was great getting to know Michal.

Michal presented an overview of Slovakia. Slovakia is located in the middle of Europe – about 19,000 square miles surrounded by the Czech Republic, Austria, Poland, Ukraine and Hungary. It is mostly mountainous. The capital and largest city is Bratislava. The official language of Slovakia is Slovak, and the country is composed of about 81% Slovaks, 8.5% Hungarians, and 2% Romanians. The country is a parliamentary

democratic republic with a multi-party system. The highest legislative body is the 150-seat unicameral National Council of the Slovak Republic. The head of state is the president. Slovakia has been a member of the European Union since 2004. On the following page are some of the pictures that Michal shared with us about Slovakia.



Key - left to right
Slovakian flag
Map of Slovakia
Bratislava Castle and Old Town, Bratislava, Slvk
Danube River: Bratislava, Slovakia
Nitra: cathedral and c castle
Štrské Pleso - a popular lake in the High Tatra
Mountains

Cindy Bruton - Visiting Rotarian from Fiji



Cindy Bruton is from Lafayette, but lives in Savusavu, Fiji. Within the last year, Cindy has become a member of her local Rotary club. Her project is sanitation at the local hospital. This is quite an undertaking, but she and some fellow Rotarians are working towards getting sanitation equipment for the kitchen area in this small hospital nearby her home. She is passionate about this project and absolutely loves being in Rotary. She was excited about coming today and sharing with our club. Welcome, Cindy. We hope you return and talk more about your project in Fiji! (Cindy presented our club with one of the flags from her club, and we presented her one of ours.)



OUR OPPORTUNITY DRAWING NOW HAS \$1110 IN THE POT! WHOEVER DRAWS THE GREEN MARBLE SPLITS THE POT WITH THE CLUB. BUT YOU HAVE TO BE THERE TO PLAY. NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH 14. ONLY THREE OR FOUR MARBLES REMAINING. NEXT TUESDAY COULD BE YOUR LUCKY DAY!



Who was happy today?

Scott Reep - he had lots of guests with him today - his wife, sister, mom and Lisa and Matt Koenen, as well as Michal Teraj, our exchange student.

Jim Trimble was happy and gave money towards the Liberty Greenhouse!

Steve McClure was happy because he went to PETS and even has a graduation certificate!

Jon Dwyer was happy because he went to PETS for the 7th time!

Tom Gavin was happy because his coworker's son met Steve McClure at PETS!

Sue Hutch is happy because she has a **SECOND** new car.



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**The Annual Night
of Honor for
Firefighters is
almost here!**

Mark your calendars now!
Friday, March 31, 2017
7:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn
Fairfield
2200 Gateway Ct
Fairfield, CA 94533



See these people. These people are from Benicia Rotary. See how happy they look! They are happy because they attended a Rotary Night of Honor. *This picture is not current.* You could look happy, too. Did you know the next Rotary Night of Honor is Friday, March 31? Tickets are available.

Remember these guys? They are our team leaders. You are the team members. Your help is needed. Especially in securing speakers!

MARCH TEAM TASKS - this is what your team is responsible to do for this MARCH

Team Doi: Provide the pledge and inspiration

Team Giuliani: Set up and take down the room before and after our meeting

Team Reep: Provide our speakers and programs



APRIL TEAM TASKS - this is what your team is responsible to do for this MAY!

Team Reep: Provide the pledge and inspiration

Team Doi: Set up and take down the room before and after our meeting

Team Giuliani: Provide our speakers and programs



MAY TEAM TASKS - this is what your team is responsible to do for this APRIL!

Team Giuliani: Provide the pledge and inspiration

Team Reep: Set up and take down the room before and after our meeting

Team Doi: Provide our speakers and programs



FORGOT WHICH TEAM YOUR ARE ON?? SEE THE NEXT PAGE!

TEAM DOI

**Darrell Doi
Marion Gizzi
Jim Trimble
Sue Hutch
Jack Bell
Tom Gavin
Alan Schwartzman
Steve Moore
Boone Birdsell**

TEAM GIULIANI

**Mario Giuliani
Sue Fisher Jones
Bill Pugh
Bob Schroth
Jim Lessenger
Jon Dwyer
Jamie Spence
Mark Lobdell
John Blunt
Bill Warren**

TEAM REEP

**Scott Reep
Steve McClure
Susan Hurl
Martha Christopher
Michael Gardner
Reg Page
Rebecca Sgambati
Clyde Lewis**

**Tom Hansen
Liberty High School Teacher-of-the-Month**



JoAnn Severson (Principal), Tom Hanson (Teacher), and Michael Garner