



ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA



Tim Grayson — California State Assembly

Tim Grayson is an American politician serving in the California State Assembly. He is a Democrat representing the 14th Assembly District, encompassing parts of the East Bay and the North Bay. Prior to being elected to the Assembly, he was a member of the Concord City Council. As our speaker today, Tim

started by thanking our club for the many things that we do to serve our community.

Tim spent some time talking about “inside Sacramento.” Apparently, over 3500 new bills have been introduced this year. Many are regulatory in nature. Tim said that one of his tasks was to make sure many of the bills get waysided — so they don’t get in the way off growing California’s economy. He talked about how 7.9 million more dollars was expected in California’s budget than originally anticipated, and how 5.9 million had been set aside for a California’s future rainy day fund. He talked about budget — there are various ways to save: actually save money, invest money, or pay down debt. One of his tasks is to determine the best way to help California’s future well being. He talked about paying down the CalSTRS unfunded liability. He spoke of AB2410 to reduce LLC fees to small businesses. He mentioned AB1904, and AB2771, of which is a joint author — to have a 7 billion dollar bond

of which 1 million dollars would go to enhance UC and CalState campuses, including capital improvements. The other 6 million dollar would be to create three new campuses.

Assemblyman Grayson also talked about Governor Brown and that he feels that Governor Brown wants to go out with a legacy, which could be the completion of the CA high speed rail system. If the project were to stop now, it would be huge waste of money and time. We are almost at the “point of no return” in the creation of the high speed rail system. Mr Grayson also talked about Cap & Trade, AB1905, and shared his policy and philosophy.

We appreciate Mr. Grayson for taking time our of his busy schedule to speak with our club today. Thank you!

Noteworthy

John Blunt brought coffee and snack packs today. He donated these items as a fundraiser to our club. Thank you, John!

Steve McClure received a thank you note from **Camp Okizu** which we heard about earlier this year.

Liberty High School's golf tournament is Wednesday, April 18th. Get your registration forms in now if you plan to play.

The annual **BEF run is April 22.** Volunteers and runners are still needed.

Jon Dwyer, as the next district governor, has 20 more clubs to visit before July 1 when he takes over as the new Rotary District Governor. Of the 20 remaining clubs that he has not yet visited, 10 meet on Tuesday. Jon indicated that Eric Hوجلund should pay \$10 for this.

High End Uniforms is going to help us with **new club shirts** which will be approximately \$40 each. More information to follow.

Happy Dollars

John Blunt had a birthday, and played blackjack on his actual birthday. He said it was nothing special. He donated \$20.

Eric Hوجلund had to back out of helping with the LHS interviews, but **André Lewis** stepped up in his place. Eric donated \$10. Thank you, André.

Bill Warren received a text message and was fined \$5.

Bob Schroth has attended his grandkid's baseball games for three years. Last week, the grandkid finally made a base hit. Bob donated \$5.