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Rotary Club of Benicia

Service Above Self

January 3, 2017
December 13, 2016
December 6, 2016

Welcome to Benicia Rotary Club 2017!

If you have been at Rotary, that's great. If you haven't been at Rotary, then we miss you! Please come back!

With the holidays and the busy time of the season, your Rotary newsletter sort of got behind. But it is BACK!

Newsletter is covering our last three meetings — so if you need a refresh, or missed a meeting, this newsletter is for you. If not, read it anyway. There is some new info for you!

Remember the guy in the picture to our right? That's our president — **Alex Lobban**. He's from Great Britain. He has an accent. He plays soccer. And he and the board have big plans for helping to revitalize our club. But your help is needed! More info to come!

So please read on and catch up!

Information and Highlights

Tuesday, January 3. It was a great day at Rotary even though we did not have a speaker. Only 13 members were present, but we had a fabulous time together. Small, cozy and intimate. Our opportunity ticket total is now one of the biggest pots ever — and your chances of *"drawing a green marble"* are approximately 1 out 10. But you have to attend and purchase an opportunity ticket to participate. And Boone Birdsell, whose job is now requiring him to travel more and who wasn't even able to attend Tuesday, donated $100 Happy Dollars as he has a new grand baby in Southern California! Congratulations, Boone. And yes, we missed you, but appreciate your contribution.

Tuesday, December 12. This was the Annual Benicia Club Rotary Assembly meeting where Alex reviewed what our club had done throughout his tenure, and what his plans and vision were for the remainder of his term. It was an interactive club assembly that was well-attended by members. Members were asked to volunteer information for the organizational charts as Alex spoke about various topics such as how our club raises money and how our club spends money (golf tournaments versus holiday meals, for example). Several people gave happy dollars (Schroth, Dwyer, and Gavin), but probably one of the most unique donations was that Clyde Lewis has now completed his dissertation — not something that happens everyday. Congratulations, Dr. Lewis!

Tuesday, December 5. This meeting was a way to offer all members a "workshop" that is needed in order for all of us to be certified to work with youth. For those of you that attended, great. However, if you missed this meeting, then here is what you MUST do:

1. Go to this link: http://ypp.rotary5160.net/
2. Download and view the **Youth Protection PDF presentation**.
3. Complete the quiz in the **YPP Quiz Tab**. (You can take it as many times as you wish until you pass with at least 70% accuracy, then submit it on line.)
4. Download and complete the **Background Check Consent Form.**
5. Bring the form to **Jim Lessenger**.
6. Jim will bill all members **$13** for the required background check.

Teacher of the Month

We celebrated two Teachers of the Month during December. Congratulations!

Julie Seymour *— from Matthew Turner Elementary.*

Karen Thompson *— from Robert Semple Elementary.*

Stephen Slater, Principal, Julie Seymour, and Michael Gardener

Christina Moore, Principal, Karen Thompson, and Michael Gardener.

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

It would be really great to have you come and help us celebrate! Our club has tickets available. And the tickets are FREE. See Sue Hutch!

Happy Anniversary, Rotary Club of Benicia

On Tuesday, February 28th, our club — the Rotary Club of Benicia — will celebrate our 50th anniversary. We will have a special lunch, a short presentation, and will highlight some of our past successes as a club. We would like you to consider inviting family and friends to join us on this special day. Mark your calendars now!

PS — will will need to know in advance how many additional people plan to attend so we can plan accordingly. More information will be available later.

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

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

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

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

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

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