



ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

Club founded in 1967

Jim Lessenger Takes Office as President

Today was Jim Lessenger's first day on the job as our new Rotary Club of Benicia President for 2018-2019. Our meeting on 7/24/18 will be a Club Assembly for Jim to discuss plans for our upcoming year. **Wear your Hawaiian shirt on 7/24/18!**

Successful Demotion

Last week, we celebrated outgoing President Steve McClure as we celebrated his successes and his 50th birthday. A big thank you to Eric Hoglelund for allowing us to host the event at his business.

Upcoming Golf Tournament — Aug 17

Our **biggest fundraiser** for the year is our golf tournament on Friday, August 17 at Blue Rock Springs. We need players, sponsors, and helpers — which means we need YOU! If you plan to play or donate, then please do so immediately!

Waterfront Festival — July 28 & 29

Help is needed! See **Darrell Doi** to sign up to work at the Main Street Waterfront Festival.



A New Rotary Year

President Jim Lessenger's Board Members for 2018-2019 are:

- Past-president: Steve McClure
- Treasurer: Bill Warren
- Secretary: Diane Smikahl Vieira
- President-elect: Martha Christopher
- Club Service: Susan Hutchinson Arnett
- Vocation Service: Clyde Lewis
- Community Service: Rebecca Sgambati
- International Service: André Lewis
- Youth Service: Darrell Doi (Interact) and Scott Reep (Youth Protection & Student Exchange and Lisa Guerin (Scholarships)
- Foundation: Bob Schroth
- Director #1: Jim Trimble
- Membership: Reg Page & Scott Reep
- Sergeant-at-arms: Bob Triglia
- Programs: Darrell Doi and ???
- Fundraising: Darrell Doi, Eric Hoglelund, Bob Triglia, Jim Trimble



CLUB ASSEMBLY — wear your Hawaiian shirts!

For Jim's Club Assembly on 7/24. Jim would like members to wear Hawaiian shirts for the luncheon. And yes, there will be a prize!

Celebrations

Bob Schroth turned 70!

Jon Dwyer turned 70!

Steve McClure turned 50 and celebrated his anniversary!

Scott Reep celebrated his 21st anniversary.

Happy Dollars/ Unhappy Dollars

Bob Schroth donated \$70 to RI.

Jon Dwyer donated \$100 to Lessenger's Museum Project.

Steve McClure donated \$100 to Benicia Rotary Foundation.

Eric Hoglund didn't celebrate Father's day or his anniversary, but donated \$100 to the Museum Project.

Scott Reep donated \$42 for his 21st anniversary.

Susan Hurl was fined \$5 for sitting next to Reg!

Scott Peterson — Vallejo Outreach

Scott Peterson, a local pastor for Church on the Hill and a fellow Rotarian from Vallejo, shared his project that started 25 years ago as an outreach for homeless residents in the community, but



has morphed into a "Let's Get Ready for School" outreach. Last year, over 2000 people attended this successful event in Vallejo. This year, the same event will be on **Saturday, August 4th** at 11:00 AM at the Waterfront Park in Vallejo.

On this special day, children in Grades 1 through Grades 5 are encouraged to attend! Kids get to attend the carnival, have dental and vision screenings, get a backpack, a haircut, and lunch for everyone. But most of all, this program was started as an initiative to ensure that every grade school child starts the academic year with a **new pair of shoes!** Scott shared with us that in Vallejo, 39% of the population earns less than \$44,000/year. — and what a huge disparity there is between Vallejo and SF and what is considered poverty level for each city.

Scott's request is that everyone to go to a local shoe store and **purchase one or more pairs** of shoes for children in the 1st through 5th grade. Bring the shoes and a gift receipt to one of our partner Drop-Off locations nearest you anytime until July 31. For more information, you can visit www.vallejooutreach.org. Watch the short video on the website and see the smiles of the young students with a new pair of shoes!

Scott is looking for financial donations, as it costs about \$100/child for this program. Volunteers are needed, too. A big thank you to Scott for sharing this great program with our club!