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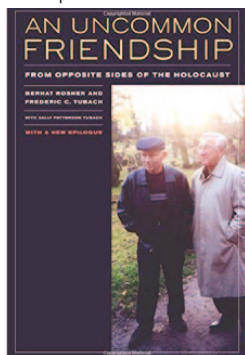
Stephany Jenkins

Auschwitz Survivor Bernie Rosen



Dublin Rotarians heard the engrossing story of Bernie Rosen whose family, along with all the other Jews in Tab, Hungary were plucked from their homes by Nazis in 1944, tossed into cattle cars, and sent to the infamous Nazi concentration/extermination camp in Auschwitz, Poland. Rosen's parents and younger brother were apparently killed soon after their arrival at Auschwitz while Bernie, age 12, was deemed useful as a worker at the camps. He was a prisoner for about 10 months until the Allies liberated Auschwitz and other camps in the area. (Although no exact figures are available, the estimate of victims gassed, starved, or died from disease or beatings, is approximately 1 million people.)

During his captivity, Bernie survived unspeakable cruelties at Auschwitz and other death camps. Liberated by American troops in May 1945, he and other Jewish orphans were sent to Italy by members of the Jewish Brigade. Bernie's life was changed by an American GI who took a liking to this bright, precocious but emotionally-wounded refugee kid. The GI offered to bring him to the United States as his ward. Bernie, by then 14, readily agreed. The young GI was Charles Merrill Jr, son of one of the founders of Merrill Lynch & Co. He gave Bernie a home in which to heal. Excelling at school, Bernie graduated from Cornell and Harvard Law School and eventually became general counsel for the Safeway Corporation here in the Bay Area.



It was in Orinda that Rosner established an unlikely friendship with neighbor Frederic "Fritz" Tubach -- the son of a Nazi officer. "You are not responsible for what your countrymen or country did or didn't do ... you are responsible for yourself," Rosner said, noting that he still could not forgive the individuals that had cost him so much. Together, he and Tubach wrote the book, "An Uncommon Friendship." While the story of the Holocaust had been told many times, the story of Rosner's family had not, he said. The book tells the story of the Holocaust from two different sides.

Many survivors of the Holocaust tried to put the painful memories out of their mind. Rosner said for many years it was simple for him to do the same -- classifying this whole experience as "irrelevant." But later, in the mid 90's, he decided "you can't chop your life into pieces." He was invited to attend the opening of the Holocaust Memorial in Washington D.C. and later was given access to the Auschwitz archives where he found out details he hadn't known about. He decided to tell the whole story. Earlier, he did not tell his family anything about his past, thinking he was protecting his kids. Later, he decided it was to protect himself -- unleashing his grieving decades after the fact. At the end of his Rotary presentation he was given a standing ovation. Upon questioning he said the biggest takeaway from his experience was "the resilience of the human spirit."



Janine's Jems



Our meeting began with an introduction of our guest James (Jim) Rhodems who has been named to the City of Dublin's Parks and Com-

munity Services Director. Per City Manager Chris Foss, "His background and outstanding fiscal management skills make him the ideal candidate to guide the City of Dublin in the building and operation of our future parks and facilities." He began his position on August 1, 2016 and Assistant City Manager Linda Smith was very excited to have him on board as she had been serving as acting director while the search was on for the most qualified candidate. The position was vacant because of Paul McCreary's resignation to head up the Hayward Area Recreation District in January 2016. Jim is a former Rotarian and we would love to have him join our club someday. He will definitely be very busy with all of the tremendous additions, expansions, and construction of our parks and facilities. You can find his complete bio on the city's website.

Jeff Leuchi gave us the joke of the day, "How to get a raise" A boss tells his new employee, "I'll give you 8 bucks an hour starting today and in 3 months, I'll raise it to 10 bucks an hour. So when would you like to start?" "In 3 months!"



Mona announced to the crowd that **Past President Bo** had knee surgery today. She passed around cards of get well wishes for the club to sign. Bo's surgery was at John Muir Hospi-

tal and it went well. She is recovering and we hope to see her back in action soon.

Under the happy/sad news, the newly retired **Steve Hanke** was discussing his pleasure with the acquisition of talent at the trade deadline for his favorite LA Dodger team. Past President and avid A's fan **Janine** chimed in when he couldn't even name the players his Dodgers received. For those out of the baseball loop that trade included Josh Reddick and Rich Hill.



Under the traveling Rotarians announcements, **Megan Rouse** returned full of civic pride having attended the DNC Convention in Philadelphia and presented **RB2** two buttons, including the famed "I'm with her" slogan. She was very impressed with all of the speakers and really enjoyed participating in the events.



Linda Smith returned from a great vacation in Maui looking very tan and refreshed having traveled with a party of 10 of her friends and family. A common theme appeared that **Rich Boschetti** is all over everyone's Facebook pages giving everyone pause to change their privacy settings.



Tinarsha returned from her "mission for relaxation" which included a cruise to the Caribbean and time in Miami. She managed to visit the creator of the "little blue



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pill" but didn't bring any samples back for Rich.

Our club's mystery greeter was **Patty Pringle** who reported that nine Rotarians greeted her at the meeting so each received an extra raffle ticket for their efforts.

The Perfect Attendance Award for the month of July goes to **Ed Raney** who hasn't missed a meeting in the new Rotary year. He seemed to be in shock himself at the achievement. We are all happy to see him when we can as we know his business is seasonal and he does have to leave us during the year.



Past President Mona handed out information and discussed the upcoming Coaniquem Event scheduled for Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 3 pm to 6 pm. The location is Rhythmix Cultural Works on 2513 Blanding Ave. Alameda, CA 94501. Tickets are \$75 per person and will include Chilean style appetizers, wines from Veramonte, a live auction and live entertainment. For more information visit www.burnedchildren.org.

Past President Janine discussed President Rich's desire for our club to become true "Rotarians in Action" by our members being involved in Community Service Projects. Getting out in the community, meeting new people, talking about Rotary and letting others see what we do will encourage engagement by our members and hopefully increase our membership. There are multiple Community Service Events being planned throughout the year and while Janine oversees the Community Service role

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Big Plans for Dublin Improvements



A recent program featured City Engineer Andy Russell covered Capital Improvements in the City of Dublin. A few of those included: Police Services, Emerald Glen Aquatic Center, Shannon Center Parking Lot, Fallon Sports Park Phase II, Jordan Ranch Park, Sean Diamond Park, Dublin Crossing, Dougherty Road upgrades and widening, Dublin Blvd widening, Tassajara overlay and the Tassajara culvert.

The Five-year total includes funding of 81.2 million dollars; this year alone includes street and parks improvements of an impressive 29 million dollars. The expansion of the **Public Safety Complex/Police Services** complex includes re-facing the facade of the core building, demolishing the attached Butler building and tower structure and making the necessary site modifications resulting from its demolition. The project includes parking lot improvements, site lighting, a plaza area, signage, and landscaping and irrigation modifications. Construction is set to start early 2017 and be complete by early 2018.

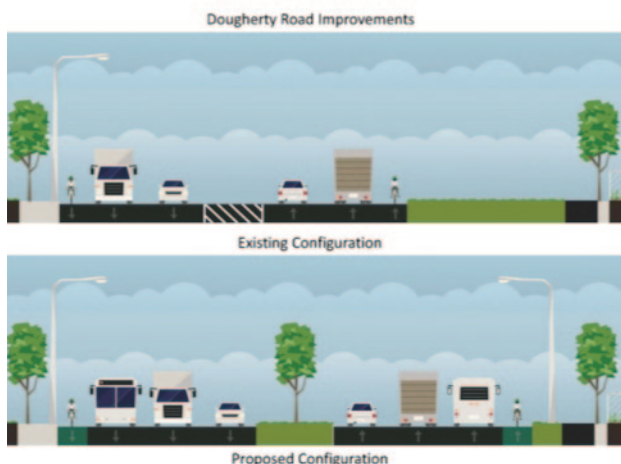


The Emerald Glen Aquatic Center which is currently under construction and slated for completion next February includes a 31,940 square foot main building with a community room, indoor pool, outdoor competitive pool, children's play pool, water slide tower, picnic areas, plaza and amphitheater.



Phase II of Fallon Sports Park is underway and scheduled for completion by June 2017 and opening to public that Fall. It will include two more synthetic turf soccer fields, a full-size lighted baseball diamond, restroom and concession building, shaded picnic area, and parking.

Dougherty Road widening is currently underway and will be done in six stages with two lanes of travel in each direction during the project duration. When completed it will feature three lanes in each direction, a center divide, bicycle lanes on both sides of the road and an improved walking pathway connecting to the Iron Horse Trail.



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Jordan Ranch Neighborhood Park is currently under construction and scheduled for completion next January features two play areas (for 2-5 years and 5-12 years), basketball court, volleyball court (lawn) picnic area, informal lawn, trail access and restroom building.

Tassajara Culvert is a developer-built improvement currently underway and has closed Tassajara Road just north of Fallon Road. Everything will be done by December. It includes a massive 18 foot diameter culvert for flood control and wildlife crossing and to accommodate road widening in the area.



Janines Jems cont'd from page 2 from a board position, everyone is encouraged to take on a project as lead.

Past President Larry spoke about our Dublin Rotary Foundation goals for the year (\$2,500) along with our R.I. Foundation goals for the year (\$12,500). Club Treasurer **Parvin Manuchehri** was recognized for her amazing generosity as a recipient of a Paul Harris + 4 designation which means she has contributed \$5,000 to R.I. in her time in Rotary. Larry discussed the simplicity of signing up via auto pay for donations and encouraged the club to do so.



Jack Chin Mentors Students



On Tuesday, we heard from Jack Chin, a mechanical engineer who works for IBM, on his student mentoring experiences. Jack explained he was born in Suriname, but was educated in the Netherlands, which is logical considering Suriname (or, Surinam if you prefer) is a former Dutch colony and the two countries have a very close relationship. When exploring

what he wanted to do in life, he eventually chose mechanical engineering because of his fascination with engines. Now, as a graduate mechanical engineer, he says he has never worked with numbers or done any mechanical engineering! Perhaps that led to his strong desire to help youngsters to get into engineering, but more importantly, to show kids, "what's out there."

He's a big fan of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), and he aims to reach out to blacks, Hispanics and females to encourage them to consider STEMing. Jack points out the tremendous lack of representation from these groups. Jack reaches out to elementary and middle school students to ensure that they get an early start in working hard on their math and science courses. Related to that is his encouragement of "health and wellness" for the underserved community so they have a proper physical preparation for undertaking more difficult coursework. What can be done for underserved youths who fall asleep during class, causing their grades to suffer? Jack learned that encouraging, not forcing, kids to stand up at the back of the room during class will improve their grades and even make them take their classwork more seriously.

Jack is working with a biomed program for health care at Dublin High and encouraged a student who was interested in health care and robotics, to pursue a course of study that might lead to development of robotic surgical equipment. When students are about to graduate from high school and are applying to various colleges, Jack makes an effort to put the student in touch with a current college student in the same program that the younger student is considering, to find out the true story about student life, so they don't have to rely only on what may be sugar-coated catalogs and brochures.



Coming Events



Tuesday, August 30

No meeting today, see Club Social tomorrow night, below

Wednesday, August 31

Club Social at Brevino Cucina and Wine Bar at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 6

Assemblywoman Catharine Baker at Library

Sunday, September 11

Coaniquem Fund Raiser 3-6 p.m. in Alameda. See Bo.

Tuesday, September 13

Jim Carley, Better Line of Credit, Library

Saturday, September 17

Rotary Serves at Dublin's Splatter, all day

Saturday, September 17

East Bay Stand Down at Fairgrounds

Tuesday, September 20

Dawn Benson from Valley Children's Museum

Tuesday, September 27

No Meeting today, club social coming!

Friday, September 30

Area 4 Blood Drive at Larry Damaser's

Saturday, October 1

Area 4 Blood Drive at Elementary School

Saturday, October 8

Dublin Rotary Lobster Event at Mercedes Benz

Tuesday, October 11

Dave Luebke, Plants with Purpose

Tuesday, October 18 Olivia Sanwong

Tuesday, October 25

No meeting today, club social to follow!

Tuesday, November 1

Finally, District Governor Jeff Orth

Tuesdays Pics



You recognize most of them, but perhaps not Dr. Leslie Boozer, the new Superintendent of Schools for DUSD. Also Larry Tong, another visitor. Don was lamenting a 49er loss, Janine is celebrating the start of school (and promoting the Vets), along with Larry, Linda, Stephany, and Alan, whose son just landed a good job. Chris presented a gift to the Prez, Mona doesn't know (but she's been told), Dennis wants you to sign up for Splatter, the three birthday ladies were sung to by the entire club, Kamal is seeking your involvement in Lobster, and Larry wants your blood, AND your money!





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Anyosa, John '14
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Benton, Bryan '13•
Biddle, Don '05•
Boschetti, Rich '12•
Brown, Alan '13
Brown, Tinarsha '16
*Carvacho, Bo '08•
Ceizler, Harold '69•
*Damaser, Larry '09•
*Delaporte, Tim '09•
Della, Kamal '11•
Denlinger, Lee '04•
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Haubert, David '13
Herbstman, Cliff '68•
Herrera, Beverly '15
Ichiuji, John '83•
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Johnson, Pamela '07•
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Kulick, MC '09•
*Kyle Michael E. '75•
Lee, Alvin '14
*Leuchi, Jeff '96•
Manuchehri, Parvin '11•
Marty, Shamekka '16
*Mazur, Ron '85•
*Miller, Dennis J. '79•
*Moy, William '89•
*Price, Don '09•
Pringle, Patty '13
Raney, Ed '96•
Rouse, Megan '14
Ruhullah, Yusuf '14•
*Shurson, Stacey '90•
Smith, Linda '12
Stanford, Athena '06
Strah, Melissa '13
Sullivan, Don '84•
*Thalblum, Janine '09•
*Tucknott, Bob '73•
Watanabe, Jerry '72•

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