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Be a gift to the world

Dublin Rotary Hosts Area 4 Speech Contest; Livemore's Rachael Sylwester Wins

Students from all six clubs in Area 4 representing five high schools competed in the recent Area 4 Rick King Speech Contest focusing on this year's Rotary International theme, "Be a Gift to the World." The speakers highlighted the theme in a variety of ways, and also incorporated at least one of Rotary's 4-Way Test elements.

Lamisa Ahmed of Livermore Charter Preparatory High described the work of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, helping four millions kids to reach their



full potential. **Elisa Mareau** of Amador High described how exchange students are a gift to the world, helping students to make the most of every single moment, always smiling. **Nischay Poovaiah** also attends Amador High and feels passing on good health to the next generation is our gift, and requires our time, energy and money to rid the world of disease.

Arsal Zaheer, who attends Dublin High School commends older students mentoring younger students; both sides gain from the experience. We should chose and recognize heroes who are a gift to the world. He was the third place winner. **Tanmay Gandhi** from Foothill High gave a spirited talk on the value of leading the charge to eliminate world-wide poverty and eliminating inequalities. He placed second. First place winner **Rachael Sylwester** of Grenada High focused on inspiring others to be better students and better persons. Inspire them to find the good in themselves and leave them better than we found them. The best gift, said Rachael, is yourself!



Alan Brown organized the event at our club and included judges, timers, and tellers. **Ron Mazur** presided over the



event, including providing a cross-word puzzle themed with African Z-words. See the sentence composed by Chris Kinzel that incorporates all of Ron's wordz, plus a few extras.

The culminating event of the speech contest will be a presentation at the Sunday Breakfast of the District Conference to be held at the San Ramon Marriott on May 1. Before that, a regional contest that includes Rachael and other Area winners will be held in San Jose on Friday March 18 at noon.

Area 4 Speech Contest Visitors

Trish Johnston (Judge), Bill Berk (Judge), Pamela Philbert (TriValley), Julie Lewis (Pleasanton), Jay Tontz (San Ramon), Larry Annis (Pleasanton), Mark Linsky (Saratoga), Eric Martin (Pleasanton), Tami Hennegan (N. Pleasanton), Bonnie Schmidt (Tri-Valley), Debra Doble (N. Pleasanton), JR Romero (Livermore), Steven Lloyd (Niles), Gary Schwaegerle (Pleasanton), Phil Dean (Livermore), Kevin Greenly (N. Pleasanton), Ashvinee Naik, William Nebo, Rumana Ahmed, Anjali Gandhi, and Meera Madappa

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Spotlight on Co-President Bo Carvacho



Co-President Bo Carvacho joined Dublin Rotary on September 30, 2008 and has played an important role in the club ever since. From the very beginning, her activities in the club have been focused on international service, the Rotary Foundation and, in particular, providing support for the Coaniquem Burn Center in Santiago, Chile. She currently serves on its nine-member Board of Directors as one of five U.S. members. Coaniquem has served over 100,000 burned children. She originally became involved when her husband, Sergio, became the US conduit to provide support for Jorge



Rojas at Coaniquem beginning in 1994. She and Sergio were married in Denver in 1964; he was the roommate of her brother who was attending the University of Colorado. Her brother had encouraged her to join him in Colorado; at age 19, Bodil Ottersen left her native Norway to "visit" in America. She was active in cross-country skiing growing up in Norway; later when she was prophetically nicknamed "Norski" by a new friend, it was aimed at her heritage, and not about skiing. She worked at a firm called Sports Unlimited in Denver, because "they hired a lot of foreigners." Daughter

Patricia was born in Denver; their son Christian was born in El Paso, Texas, after General Foods transferred Sergio that city.

The next transfer was to Livermore in 1971. Bo first worked at Mervyns but in 1974 began working at Fletcher Team and Ski in Livermore serving as the floor manager and buyer. Five years later, she and Sergio started a new business – Nor Ski and Sports -- on



Main Street in downtown Pleasanton near the Pleasanton Liquors. Yes, it was named after her former nickname! Business must have been very good, because within five years they moved into a great spot in Stoneridge Mall. After 10 years, the next stop was less expensive, but "we didn't need to be in the Mall anymore because we were on the map." Hopyard Road was the next location, in the Chili's shopping center until 2000. Business continued to grow; they opened stores in Castro Valley, Walnut Creek, San Ramon, Dublin and Lafayette which was the last store before the business was sold. Bo continues to work with high school and summer teams, dba Nor Ski Swim.

Bo has four grandkids, ages 13 to 19, who all live in California. She continues

to travel to visit her brother and nieces in Norway. She's a positive example of a successful business woman and an even more successful Rotarian!



March 12 and 13
Dublin celebrates St. Patrick's Day; Dublin Rotary serves as bartender at the party!

Tuesday, March 15
Dublin Rotary meets at
Holiday Inn

Friday, March 18
Regional Speech Contest, 840
N. First, San Jose.
See Alan

March 30 – April 3
5170 Wheelchair Distribution
in Monterrey, Mexico

Saturday, April 2
School of Imagination
All Star Benefit,
6:30 to 9:30 p.m. see Janine

April 29 – May 1
5170 District Conference at
San Ramon Marriott

Sunday, May 1
Livermore Valley Bocce Ball
Event, 10 a.m. See Bob T.

Sunday, May 15
Top Chef Event, 5 to 8 p.m.
See Kamal

Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center Connecting People with Jobs and Job Training



Recent speaker Sarah Holtzclaw, the Program Manager for the Dublin office of the One-Stop Career Center did an effective job of explaining

how her organization matches up job seekers with available jobs. Her office, one of several in Alameda County, is visited by between 25 and 100 clients each day. They offer services at three levels, shown in the triangle. Many people can use the self-directed services



by availing themselves of the resources provided. Others can get assistance from the local staff, while others can take advantage of the great training opportunities available to refresh or expand their skills.

Self-directed job seekers have hundreds of local and regional job list-



ings, can utilize office computers with internet access, phones, copiers and computer classes. They can attend job search workshops, obtain skills self assessments, take advantage of on-site employer recruitment and use the local resource library.

Staff assistance includes gaining appointments with skilled career counselors, job matching, attending weekly job club networking, in-depth workshops,

on-the-job training activities, attending mock interviews, attending computing classes and resume writing classes.

Special programs include cooperation from Las Positas College, Livermore National Labs, obtaining two-year degrees and summer internships and re-entry assistance.

They offer services to employers as well: finding qualified candidates, candidate screening, job fair coordination, on-the-job and customized training, outplacement services when large layoffs are anticipated and assistance for those employers trying to expand their workforce.

Their special populations include students, veterans, persons with disabilities, those with limited English and those re-entering the job force.

The programs are funded by the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board, Las Positas College, the City of Dublin, the United Way and the State of California's Employment Development Department. For more information see www.trivalleyonestop.org.

The J-9 Report for March 8



The Rotary Road Show traveled to the Holiday Inn in Dublin close to our very own **Ted Hoffman's**

Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl. Today's meeting featured **President Mona** at the helm with no visiting Rotarians – perhaps due to the location change. President Elect **RB2** introduced **Mayor Haubert** as a visitor since he has been absent of late. Rumors were something about witness protection program but could not be confirmed by the time this went to



print. Our thought of the day was once again delivered by long time member **Don Sullivan** who spoke of his time as the general manager at the Howard Johnson which turned into the Best Western which then turned into the Holiday Inn. There was some discussion over whether the "thought" of the day has begun to turn into the Speaker of the day but it was all in good fun.

Word Master Past President **Mike Kyle** provided the word of the day, Som-



By Janine Thalblum



nolent (adj.) which describes a person who has a tendency to put people to sleep. No correlation to the thought of the day. Just a coincidence.

Mona announced to the club that we may be in jeopardy of losing our "World's Friendliest Rotary Club" status due to the fact that we have had a few visitors of late feeling less than welcome at our meetings. We were reminded that it is everyone's responsibility in the club to make sure that any guests or visitors are made to feel at home at our meetings.

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We discussed our current lunch location at the Ranch. With rising costs and dwindling attendance something has to change. The Club is currently in discussion as to next steps to address this issue. It may result in a permanent change of venue, a price increase per lunch or even an additional fee to all members for admin costs. ****Please note that next week we will once again meet at the Holiday Inn at 6680 Regional Street in Dublin.****



President Elect **Rich Boschetti** spoke to the group about his incredible experience

at P.E.T.S. (Presidents Elect Training Seminar). It was an exhausting yet exhilarating time well spent with other Rotarians preparing to lead their clubs next year. He was inspired by great speakers like Past R.I. President Rick King and Past R.I. Director Cliff Dochterman. **RB2** was also very moved by speaker Ann Lee Hussey from Rotary Club of Casco Bay who serves as Advisor to the International Polio Plus Committee. Rich spoke of his personal experience growing up with a neighborhood friend afflicted by Polio. He made an impassioned

plea of our members to each give \$30 towards Polio Plus to reach Rotary's goal of \$1.5B to eradicate the disease. The Gates Foundation is matching \$2 for every \$1 Rotary donation.

St. Patrick's Day Festival is this coming weekend and we still have a few slots to fill for our beer booth. Hopefully the rain will not deter the visitors to the city's fun celebration.

District Conference is April 29-May 1st and all Dublin Rotarians are encouraged to attend some portion if not all, of the events. It is at the Marriott in San Ramon which is super close for our club members which makes it easy to get to. Any red badgers especially are highly encouraged to come to the conference. It is a great place to hear amazing things about Rotary on a much larger scale and also a wonderful way to meet new, fun and fascinating Rotarians. See the weekend schedule elsewhere in this issue.

Special Zentence – Each year the Shamrock creates a single sentence containing all the words developed by Mike Kyle, or his keepers, to query the audience between speakers while the judges are tallying their scores. A bit of a change up this year, with Ron Mazur introducing words with an African orientation, mostly starting with the letter Z. Here goes!

Zany Zelda Zilches Zanzibar

Zany Zelda, previously a zonked-out zealot but more recently fresh from a zippy African trip where she zig-zagged through Zimbabwe, Zambia and Zaire and feasted on a ziti-like zesty zucchini zwieback paired with slow-cooked zinfandel-infused zebra ribs, washed down with a pint of well-aged zythum, while in a café located in a region near the zenith of the zinc-mining zones, thought to herself, "Holy Zeus, I believe I hear either a zither or a vuvuzela or perhaps it is a zooming zodiac zapping the quietude of the zipper-like zulu landscape"; eventually she gratefully realized what she had missed on her trip: zero, nada, zilch!

Rotary District 5170 Conference Schedule

Day	Time	Event
Friday April 29	Noon	Kickoff Luncheon at Blackhawk Auto Museum with Ken Behring, Founder of Wheelchair Foundation- \$40*
	Dinner	John Chiang, California Treasurer speaking Chinese Performing Arts entertaining - \$75
Saturday April 30	Breakfast	Raj Mathai, TV and Sports Anchor, speaking - \$30
	Forums 9:45 - 10:30	1. Four Tri Valley Mayors Talk Rotary 2. For new members only especially Red Badgers 3. Social media - 21 st Century communication for Rotary
	Forums 10:45 - 11:30	4. Wake me when you are done talking: Learning focus 5. Interact With Us! 6. Young Professionals: What's In It For Me? (WIIFM?)
	Lunch 2:15 - 3:00	Gary C. K. Huang, RI President 2014 - 2015 - \$40
	Forums 3:15 - 4:00	7. Being a Rotary World President - 4 past Presidents 8. Bragging Rights - Get your story to the community 9. Stop Hunger Now and KIVA (finance micro loans) 10. Money talk: Creating member financial transparency 11. Rotaract
	Dinner	Cliff Dochterman, Past Rotary President and recognition of 2015-16 Club Presidents, Black Tie Optional - \$75
	Brunch	Richard D. King, Past Rotary President District Speech Contest Finals - \$35
Sunday May 1		

*Note: Optional Meal Package is \$199 for all 6 meals, saves \$96



Megan's School District Report By Janine Thalblum

On Tuesday, Rotarian and Dublin Unified School Board Trustee Megan Rouse addressed the many benefits and challenges surrounding our city's unprecedented growth.



The District currently has 10,000 students, double the size from the last decade and expected to grow another 50 percent in the next ten years. That equates to about one new classroom per month or one new student per day. Student growth does allow additional classes and programs including additional counselors which are funded by the State.

Challenges include finding room for all of the incoming growth. The costs to fund a facility is approximately \$75,000 to \$112,000 per student. Currently the State is supposed to contribute 40 percent of that cost but they are paying zero dollars and in fact owe the DUSD around \$35 million for the last school built. (Amador Elementary School). Developer fees are also low at only \$7 per square foot or roughly \$14,000 per new home built.

The Trustees have been visiting the State Allocation Board to try to allow higher developer fees, trying to repeal SB 50 which is an old law regulating negotiations for developer fees. They have also met with Senator Hancock and Assemblywoman Bonilla to move funds from elsewhere and divert to Dublin. They are supporting a \$9 million facilities bond and a local bond measure set to go on a June ballot. DUSD has collaborated with the city to lease land for the building of a new K-8 school in the Jordan Ranch development west of Fallon Road.

Megan ended with the firm belief in the DUSD mission which states, "Our mission is to ensure that every student becomes a lifelong learner by providing a rigorous and relevant 21st century education that prepares him/her for college and career or service to our country and for success in the global economy."

Editor's Note: On Tuesday evening, Megan and her fellow Trustees of the DUSD voted to place a \$283 million bond measure on the June 7 ballot and approved a lease with the City for the land for a new K-8 school on the Jordan Ranch site.



Where to Make up
Missed Rotary Meetings

Tuesdays

- Livermore Valley 7:15 a.m.
Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill, 915 Club House Drive
- Danville/Sycamore 7:00 a.m.
Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake
- Castro Valley 12 noon
Redwood Canyon Golf Course, 17007 Redwood Road

Wednesdays

- Livermore 12 noon
Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur
- Dougherty Valley/San Ramon
Canyon View Banquet Hall, 680 Bollinger Canyon, San Ramon
- San Ramon Valley 5:10 to 6:40 p.m.
Blackhawk Country Club, 599 Blackhawk Club Drive

Thursdays

- Pleasanton 12:15
Hap's, 122 W. Neal
- San Ramon 12:15
Crow Canyon Country Club, 711 Silver Lake
- Tri-Valley Evening 6 p.m.
Castlewood Country Club, 707 Country Club Circle

Fridays

- Pleasanton North, 12:15
Handles Gastro Pub, 855 Main St.





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