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Giving Bikes -- December 16, 2016



Improving Dublin Streets

Andy Russell, the City Engineer of Dublin, provided us an update of current street improvement projects in and near the City.

Amador Plaza Road The first two phases of this project – from Safeway to Sprouts -- consisted of constructing mid-block crosswalks with special safety signing, restriping the roadway to eliminate some left turn movements, and repaving. The next phase, in two years, will install a southbound right turn lane at Dublin Blvd. The cost was \$1.4 million.

Tassajara Road Overlay Nearly 20,000 used tires gave up their life to provide the quieter and more durable rubberized asphalt resurfacing last summer when the traffic was lower during the closure to the north. It cost \$2.2 million; because of high volumes a portion of the work was done only at night.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

DOUGHERTY ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

- Total Project Budget: \$23,000,000
- Total Construction Budget: \$14,600,000
- Construction start: July 2016
- Construction end: Fall 2017

Project Scope: Construction – 6 Stages, two lanes of travel in each direction during the project duration.

Stage 1: Add Two Easterly Lanes – Scarlett Drive to City Limit.
 Stage 2: Construct Median – Scarlett Drive to City Limit.
 Stage 3 & 4: Widen Easterly Side – Scarlett Drive to Sierra Lane.
 Stage 5: Construct Median – Scarlett Drive to Sierra Lane and modify intersection at Scarlett Drive.
 Stage 6: Overlay entire width from Dublin Blvd. to City Limit.

Tassajara Road Closure at Fallon Road This was a big deal – closing a main connection with Contra Costa County including San Ramon, Danville and Blackhawk for seven months. It widened a narrow twisting two lane road to four lanes divided and expanded a 9 foot diameter culvert that was 150 feet long to 18 feet in diameter and 400 feet long. The road is open but final touches are being made.

Dougherty Road Widening

This is a \$23 million project that will complete the six-lanes from Dublin Boulevard to the San Ramon City limits, where it is already six lanes. A very major project that resulted from the staff and Council authorizing the preparation of the improvement drawings even though construction funds were not available. Andy said the “shovel-ready” status enabled the City to capture the needed dollars from Alameda County’s Measure BB.



Dublin Blvd. Widening This is on the northern border of the Sports Park near City Hall. It’s a short project to complete six lanes and remove a major bottleneck. This cost about \$7 million and will be started next fall. It will likely be widening entirely at night due to traffic. The power poles will be removed.

Dublin Blvd. Extension

When this is done, Mrs. Kinzel will be able to shop at Costco without using I-580. A main purpose of the project, which extends from Fallon Road in Dublin to Doolan Road (Casino 580) in Livermore, is to allow intercity travel to not be dependent on the freeway.

Planning is underway, but no construction funds are available yet.

Tassajara Road Precise Plan This will straighten and widen the road from the new culvert at Fallon Road in Dublin to Windemere Parkway which connects to the east side of the Dougherty Valley.

Street Resurfacing Dublin needs to preserve its status as having the best paved roads in the Bay Area.

Sbranti Serves Swalwell

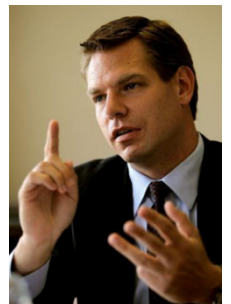


Former Dublin Mayor Tim Sbranti now serves

as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Eric Swalwell of the 15th Congressional District, working from the Hayward and Pleasanton offices, in addition to Washington D.C. We learned that Tim is a graduate of the St. Philip pre-school, as his recent presentation at Rotary was attended by occasional visitor Pastor Brady Blasdel. Tim reported that the District is quite diverse and includes the cities of San Ramon, Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore, Hayward, Union City, Fremont, San Leandro and Danville.

Congress people and their staff spend lots of time and effort on constituent services including working with such agencies as Social Security, Internal Revenue Service, Veteran’s Affairs, etc. Tim was proud to point out that they have one staffer who works full time helping veterans. At one time, Dublin High School teacher Tim had Eric as his student. Tim is not fully retired from DHS as he assists in coaching and in special projects.

Eric is one of the younger congressmen and relies heavily on social media to get the word out. At a recent last minute local meeting, 400 people showed up. He is known as the Snapchat king of Congress. He is proud of his moderate leanings and works hard to further bipartisanship in Congress, sort of a lost art! He serves on the Intelligence Committee which is very bipartisan and the Science Committee. He is currently working on consumer protection legislation with Republican Darrell Issa.



Around the Room

Let's catch up with recent events. Let's hear it for Shamekka Marty, who is transforming our club website, rotarydublin.org, into a very useful site. She described its attributes and her plans to further enhance it recently and received strong commendation. We also learned that Megan Rouse was just selected to serve as President of the Dublin Unified School District, a very important role as the District continues to excel academically while trying to provide good classrooms for its growing number of students. Megan also recently brought her mother to visit. Also, ask Megan about her relationship with the Brooklyn Bridge.

We recognized the Interactor of the Month, Kathy Lam and additional sharp students of the month. Josh Choi, from Valley High School, wants to follow in his father's footsteps and become a part of the San Francisco Sheriff's office. He is doing very well at VHS. Twins Justin and Jason Zhong attend Dublin High, and are extremely serious about helping underclassman have a success-

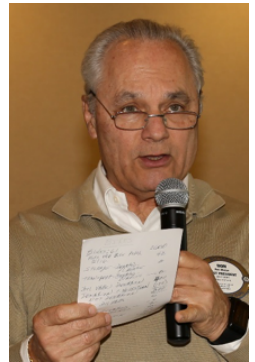
ful high school career. We also learned that Steve Hanke is only three months past heart surgery; he's doing well and grateful for his improved health. Larry is just happy to be back in training for the 20 inch bike Olympics. He reports that the RI Foundation club goal is \$12,500, of which \$10,700 has been pledged and about half the pledges have been paid. He also reminded us to start saving up on our red and white corpuscles for the March 29 blood draw on First Street in Livermore. Linda Smith is not 26 anymore, but when she was, her Facebook entry shows that she worked with Magic Johnson who was then a spokesperson related to his HIV status.

The Farmer's Almanac forecasts that it may or may not rain on the weekend of March 18 and 19, 2017. Either way, we'll be selling beer, wine and perhaps even Irish whiskey at the St. Patrick's Day event. Save the dates!

Ron Mazur is Honored



Ron Mazur was honored as the Dublin Rotarian of the 2nd Quarter, which in non-Rotary terms, is actually the 4th quarter. He was awarded a large sheet of masonite, purportedly worth \$100 in Rotary Foundation dollars. According to President RichBo, Ron works diligently both behind the scenes and in up front leadership roles. Bikes, Splatter, Beer in the rain, you name it – he is there. Earlier Ron reported on the success of the bike project – 76 bikes assembled and distributed, gift certificates to Dublin citizens all for a below-budget figure of \$4,200. Ron thanked Bekins, Don Price, Janine, and the many Rotarians who donated their time and efforts on the bike project.



In other news, Jeff did a joke, Ed celebrated the birthday of a 3 year old grandchild, and Dr. Ichiuji reported that Gary Fisher is ailing in the hospital.



SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR READERS

Dublin Rotary is pleased to offer opportunities for Rotarians and the general public to purchase a new sleeping product guaranteed to produce a full night's sleep or your money will be cheerfully returned. The newly invented product, called My Blankie, is the result of 10 years and one month of research as to what is required to produce a restful sleep. Unlike other sleep products that are placed over a sleeping body, My Blankie is held by one hand and most of it is tossed over the shoulder. As an option, to increase the restfulness of the sleep product, the thumb of the hand holding My Blankie may be inserted in the mouth of the sleeper to enhance its function and usability. Or, a corner of My Blankie may be inserted directly in the mouth, bypassing the thumb, as an option. My Blankie is 100 percent organic made of naturally occurring materials and is completely gluten-free. It contains no calories so, unlike other sleep appliances, will allow the user to sleep through the night without gaining even an ounce of weight. It is safe for all ages and since its invention not one user has died or suffered any significant injury. There have been no drownings, loss of limbs or displaced fingers.

As you may have guessed, My Blankie also completely eliminates snoring. Either the thumb or the My Blankie itself, when gently inserted into the mouth of the user, results in a snore free evening, or even during an afternoon nap. Your sleep partner will bless the day you started using My Blankie; as an added bonus you may either purchase a second My Blankie if your sleep partner may prefer to keep your space completely sound free, or you can take advantage of an optional feature that allows both partners to place opposite corners of My Blankie in their thumb or direct insertion in the mouth for a totally silent night's rest, perhaps for the first time ever.

My Blankie comes in a variety of sizes and colors ranging from 24 x 36 inches for younger sleepers (or for those who only require entry level versions) to sizes of up to 10 x 12 feet to serve those with advanced My Blankie needs or to accommodate sleep-overs of up to 12 children. My Blankie colors are only those that produce deep and restful sleep, which our 10 years and one month of research has determined are either Vanilla or Licorice. Rotarians may special order a blue version with an embossed Rotary-wheel logo that is yellow in color and contains copper threads which provide healing properties for sore backs, arch and leg cramps and, in some cases, gout. My Blankie is completely washable and is guaranteed for its complete life. Because of the distinctive thread patterns used in its manufacturing and its soft texture, your My Blankie has another unique feature; it magically takes on the color of any other material it shares a clothes washing with. Imagine the rainbow possibilities of adapting your My Blankie to the color of other favorite washables. This feature works best with our Vanilla products.

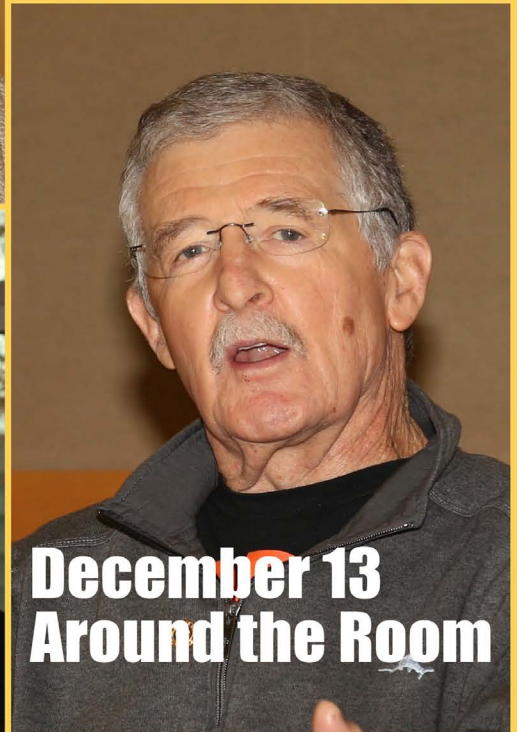
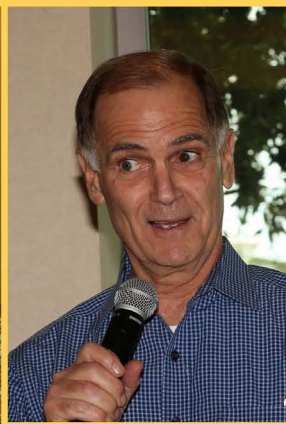
My Blankie is the only sleep product that has been endorsed by the International Sleep Disorder Foundation, whose members have rated My Blankie with a 4.6 (out of 5.0) rating! It has also been certified by the UL, the American Automobile Association, the Arch Cramp Society, the Steamfitters, and Mensa.

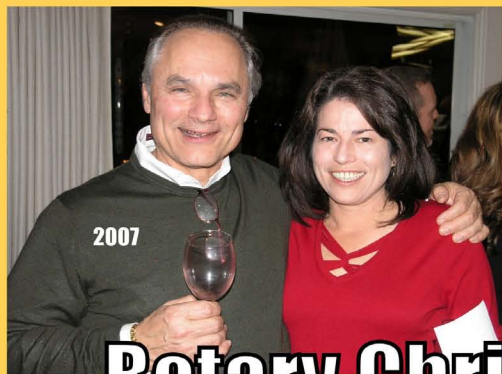
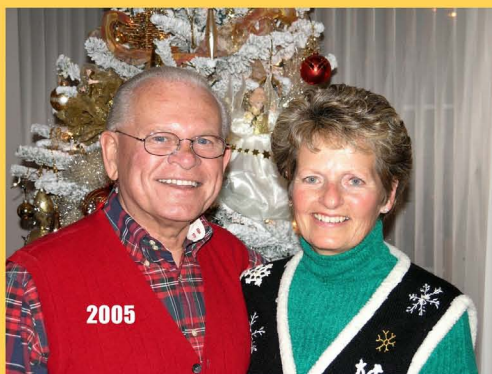
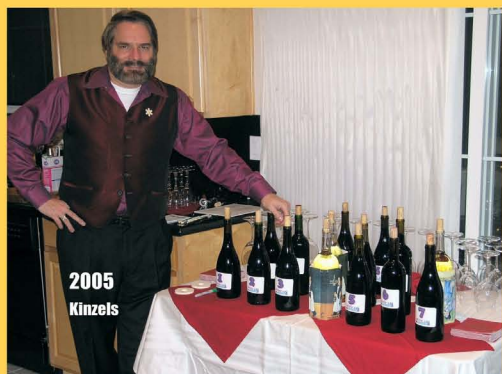
But wait -- the first 1,000 people who respond to this offer will receive, absolutely free a 24x36 inch My Blankie in your choice of either Vanilla or Licorice.

Best of all, My Blankie is manufactured in Hanover, Dakota by U.S. citizens or those with Green Cards or H1-B status. No dogs, cats or mice are killed or permanently injured in the testing, manufacturing or sales of My Blankie. Up to one-third of all profits made in the manufacturing or sale of My Blankie are donated to charitable organizations nominated by our patriotic employees. My Blankie is an employee owned company that does not discriminate against anything or any group at any time.

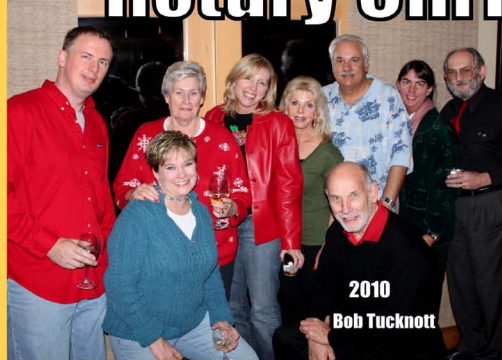
You will bless the day that you receive your own My Blankie. Yes, you may return My Blankie with no questions asked within the first week of your use if you are not absolutely convinced that this the best sleep product for you. To purchase, contact us a MyBlankie.com.







Rotary Christmas Parties 2005-2016



Welcome to Dublin Rotary Luctricia Lewis!

On Tuesday, we celebrated the induction into membership (number 50 in the club!) Luctricia Lewis, who transferred here from a Rotary Club in Memphis. She is a teacher in the North Oakland Charter School and was lured here from Memphis because of her strength as a charter school teacher. She says her name is more easily pronounced if you ignore the first C! See? Congratulations on your membership, Luctricia!



DUBLIN ROTARY MEMBERSHIP

*Ackley, Dennis '97•
Anyosa, John '14
*Bennett, Rich '95•
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•
*Dunlop, Mona '94•
Fisher, Gary '16
Grier, Kevin '16
Hanke, Steve '12•
Haubert, David '13
Herbstman, Cliff '68•
Herrera, Beverly '15
Hodsdon, Daniel '16
Ichiuji, John '83•
Jenkins, Stephany '11
Johnson, Pamela '07•
*Kinzel, Chris D. '87•
Kulick, MC '09•

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Advocate
Pension Consulting
Restaurant
Retired
Barrel-busting
Business & Security
Realtor
Sports
Dentist
Insurance
Financial
Real Estate Investments
Educator
Travel
Retired
Education
Education
City Council Member
Telephone Wizard
Realtor
Family Law
Dentistry
Real Estate
Retired
Traffic Engineer
Content Marketing

*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•
Tan, Larry '16
*Thalblum, Janine '09•
*Tucknott, Bob '73•
Watanabe, Jerry '72•

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