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Valley Children's Museum



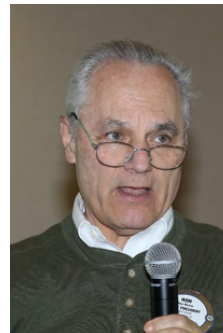
Dawn Benson, the President of the Board of Directors for the Valley Children's Museum, was our speaker on Tuesday. VCM has been granted a key parcel on the planned Dublin Crossing Community Park. Their goal, after completion of a major fund raising effort, is to have a facility in place when the park opens in three to four years. The facility will be located on Dublin Boulevard near its intersection with the Iron Horse Trail just west of the BART station and a part of the Dublin Crossing development, originally the southern part of the Camp Parks facilities.



For the past few years, VCM has been camped out in Emerald Glen Park, located in a 14 x 52 feet trailer equipped with work stations, sound systems and terrific displays designed for children, teachers and parents. It is open in the park every Saturday and on Thursdays at the Dublin Farmers Market.

The Mission of VCM is to Create a place for children to learn critical skills related to knowledge, self-confidence and teamwork, to Develop hands-on interactive exhibits and programs and to Provide a place where families can gather, have fun and learn together in our community. Dawn and her board are tracking with the better children's museums around the country who average some 26,000 square feet of space, have annual visits of 138,000 visitors with an annual budget of around \$1.6 million. The illustrations shows the artist rendering of the proposed 30,000+ square foot facility.

Rotary Faces



At last Tuesday's meeting we welcomed visiting Rotarian Ramon Durmendes from the Philippines who is looking to establish a new business in Dublin. Also visitors Tara Flagg

from Camp Parks and Dave Osh who has moved to the area from Singapore. Jokemeister Jeff Leuchi greeted the club with a story about four expectant fathers receiving news about their new kids. Don Sullivan is celebrating the birthday of wife and son while Athena is just happy to be here. Ron Mazur provided last minute instructions for the upcoming bike assembly days at VHS and DHS on Thursday and Friday that brought together students and Rotarians to learn how to install handlebars, wheels, seats, pedals and reflectors. What a successful event it turned out to be thanks to Ron and Bryan and dozens of volunteers. See the photos elsewhere in this issue. Bev reminded members of Saturday night's holiday party hosted by Rich Bennett and Kathy Heilmann. Another big success – see the photos.

And President-Elect Patty Pringle is already looking for ways to bolster our Foundation's treasury. See the flyer elsewhere for details of the Amazon Smile program that results in donations of 0.5 percent of the purchase price of eligible purchases.

Students of the Month Highlight Meeting

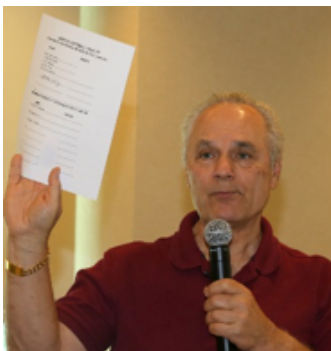
Our recent meeting highlighted **Bryan Benton's** efforts to recognize outstanding students at Valley High School and Dublin High School, who are shown here. Liz Buckley, the counselor from Valley High School introduced two of her top students, **Justin Szopa** and **Rachel Fugate**, both of whom are aiming for higher education. Both of these students have very inspiring personal stories.



Meanwhile, there are also strong students at Dublin High School. **Thomas Yulo** in the lower left photo stands next to counselor Lenni Valdez while **Sadhona Shatri**, in blue, is also honored as a student of the month. We are pleased to recognize outstanding students from the community.



Fundraisers are profitable Rich and Ron reported that Splatter net profits were \$6,314 while the Lobster event raised \$9,920. The Dublin Rotary Foundation will receive 35% of the net profits, but that won't stop Don Price from asking for contributions to our local club foundation.

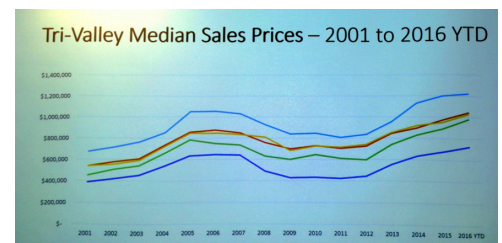


Dublin Median Home Prices nearing \$1 million



David Stark, the Public Affairs Director for the local realty association, gave us our annual update on all matters related to the sale of homes in the Tri-Valley. As shown in the chart,

for the last seven years median home prices were flat for the first three years then on the rise since 2012. Now, Danville tops the chart at \$1.2 million, but San Ramon, Pleasanton and Dublin hover near \$1 million and Livermore trails at about \$700,000. Dublin's increase in value for the past four years has been 16%, 6%, 7% and 10%. The expected sales for 2016 are 400 homes in Dublin, about 600 homes in Danville, San Ramon and Danville and nearly 900 homes in Livermore. It's a subjective matters of course, but many consider California a desirable place to live with the Bay area at the top of the list. And the Tri-valley nicely balances value, climate, and amenities to produce a continuing demand for sales.



The supply of homes will be declining because current owners are moving less frequently, only some communities have new construction and, according to David, NIMBYs are taking charge. If you are a contented homeowner, count your blessings. If you are on the market for a new home in the Tri-Valley, not so good. Then there are our members who are in the real estate profession who are experiencing the pros and cons of our upward bound market with declining inventories.

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That's all there is to it.

Please email Patty Pringle patty@eastbaytaxmatters.com if you have any questions or need help getting started.

Stacey Shurson Appears!

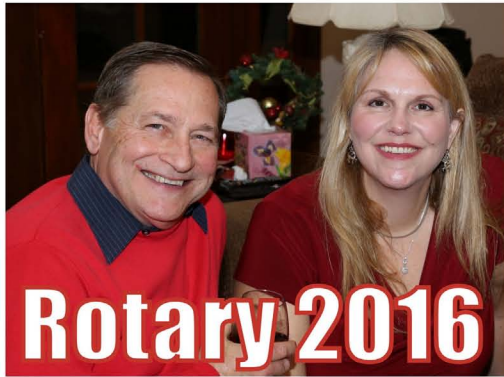
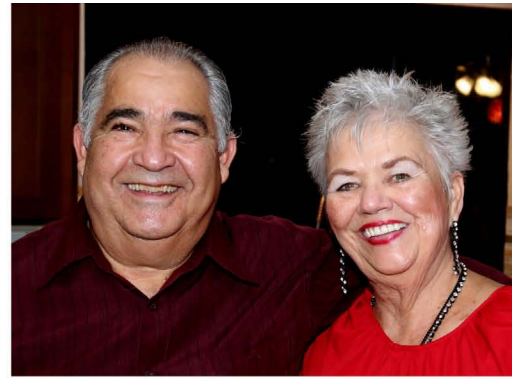


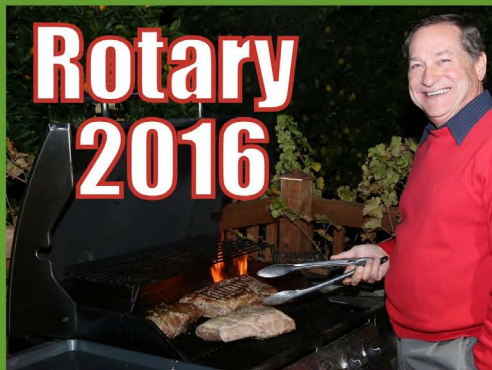
Long time Dublin Rotarian Stacey Shurson made her first club meeting in a few months, possibly 15, due to her work change. Having sold her own company about three years ago, Stacey is now Vice President of M. J. Hall and Company, which is headquartered in Stockton. She oversees all Hall offices including those in Alaska, Woodland Hills, Nevada, Fresno, Napa, Stockton and San Francisco. She pays periodic visits to each office and recently spent six months in Woodland Hills where she had to replace five of the ten employees due to their shenanigans including faking brain tumors, forging doctor statements, and others. She and Randy relocated from downtown Pleasanton to east Livermore just before she joined Hall, which essentially cuts in half her commute to Stockton. She provided us some war stories about the adventures of having an office in downtown Stockton but was very upbeat about her company.

M. J. Hall is a surplus lines broker, meaning they insure what their industry would probably kindly define as extra risky. Building owners must relocate their tenants after an earthquake; if you have some of Stacey's tenant relocation insurance, no problem. Her company is now competing with products of the National Flood Insurance program, charging 15% less! The newest product is a policy related to active shooters. If you plan to host any active shooters in the near future, see Stacey first!

Stacey was the first woman President of Dublin Rotary and served in various leadership roles in the club since joining in 1990. Welcome back Stacey, let's hope your next visit will be sooner than 15 months!









DUBLIN ROTARY MEMBERSHIP

*Ackley, Dennis '97•	Sheet Metal	*Kyle Michael E. '75•	Attorney
Anyosa, John '14	Advocate	Lee, Alvin '14	Law
*Bennett, Rich '95•	Pension Consulting	*Leuchi, Jeff '96•	Printing
Benton, Bryan '13•	Restaurant	Manuchehri, Parvin '11•	Financial Planning
Biddle, Don '05•	Retired	Marty, Shamekka '16	Life Coach
Boschetti, Rich '12•	Barrel-busting	*Mazur, Ron '85•	Real Estate
Brown, Alan '13	Business & Security	*Miller, Dennis J. '79•	Chiropractor
Brown, Tinarsha '16	Realtor	*Moy, William '89•	CPA
*Carvacho, Bo '08•	Sports	*Price, Don '09•	Recreation Vehicles
Ceizler, Harold '69•	Dentist	Pringle, Patty '13	Tax Advisor
*Damaser, Larry '09•	Insurance	Raney, Ed '96•	CPA
*Delaporte, Tim '09•	Financial	Rouse, Megan '14	Financial Planning
Della, Kamal '11•	Real Estate Investments	Ruhullah, Yusuf '14•	Medical
Denlinger, Lee '04•	Educator	*Shurson, Stacey '90•	Insurance Broker
*Dunlop, Mona '94•	Travel	Smith, Linda '12	Economic Development
Fisher, Gary '16	Retired	Stanford, Athena '06	Sales Manager
Grier, Kevin '16	Education	Strah, Melissa '13	Dental
Hanke, Steve '12•	Education	Sullivan, Don '84•	Retired
Haubert, David '13	City Council Member	Tan, Larry '16	Insurance
Herbstman, Cliff '68•	Telephone Wizard	*Thalblum, Janine '09•	Insurances
Herrera, Beverly '15	Realtor	*Tucknott, Bob '73•	Electrical Contractor
Hodsdon, Daniel '16	Family Law	Watanabe, Jerry '72•	Orthodontist
Ichiuji, John '83•	Dentistry		
Jenkins, Stephany '11	Real Estate		
Johnson, Pamela '07•	Retired		
*Kinzel, Chris D. '87•	Traffic Engineer		
Kulick, MC '09•	Content Marketing		