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# Recycled Water - Our Future?



Last Tuesday's speaker, Sue Stephenson of the Dublin San Ramon Services District (aka DSRSD), focused her presentation on recycled water. Recycled water arrives at the treatment plant from our sewer lines, which includes all sewage from homes, offices, and industrial users. By the time it arrives at DSRSD facilities (roughly 10 million gallons a day) it has been renamed as untreated wastewater; after it is "treated" it is renamed recycled water. What to do with it? For years it has been sent in a very large pipeline under I-580 to the middle of San Francisco Bay where it is discharged into the briny deep. Some of it travels to the Bay via Alameda Creek through Niles Canyon.

Now, with the advent of a "purple pipe" recycled water distribution network, it is used to irrigate golf courses, highway landscaping, and parks and school grounds. Some of it is trucked to golf courses where the purple pipe lines are not practical, and a lot of it is hauled in trucks to construction sites to control dust. The newest use is for irrigating lawns and other landscaping for private homes. Sue indicated this use of recycled water, along with thoughtful conservation, helped DSRSD customers reduce their water utilization by 30 percent during the "it must be over by now" drought.

It took DSRSD 10 years, working with nearby industry giant EBMUD, to gain governmental approval from the myriad regional, state and federal agencies that have jurisdiction over water. Their first answer – no way! – eventually melted away when faced with a ton of logical arguments. Now, no one seems to give it a thought. DSRSD buys it water from wholesaler Zone 7, but its origin is Lake Oroville. It travels to our area via the State Water Project including the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, the Delta, and lots of pipelines.



In 2014, when the SWP water-Nazi folks said No Water For You, the locals needed to rely on our own well-pumped groundwater which had been carefully controlled and monitored by Zone 7.

Sue commented how closely the City of Dublin and DSRSD work together and their joint roles of controlling and conserving water usage. She indicated that 90 percent of Dublin's water utilization is recycled water. She talked about the future of water in our area, pointing out that new recycling plant improvements at the Water Recycling Plant will boost daily recycling capacity from 9.7 million gallons a day to 16.2 million gallons a day to enable the Tri-valley area to cope with growth.



What's next? Sue says there is no new water on earth, it is all recycled one way or the other. With further treatment of recycled water, it will be available for human consumption. As recycled water is allowed to filter into the ground, it is naturally cleansed before it reaches the aquifers. Or, additional treatment at the plant can shorten the process. Nowhere did Sue use the term Toilet to Tap, but we understood what she was talking about!

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## January Gems



Congratulations to **Don Price** for his selection as Rotarian of the Quarter! He served as Club President in the 2000-2001 Rotary year after joining in 1997. He has served

as Club Secretary for at least the last four years, is a tireless behind the scenes worker for the club, but is most known for his generosity and contributions. As Regional Manager of El Monte RV in Dublin, **Don** has donated RVs for numerous fund raising auctions of the Club, Coaniquem and other groups.



He provides free use of RVs during our fireworks sales campaigns and donated the inflatable Rotary Wheel to the club. He is not only a Paul Harris Fellow, having been recognized for \$10,000 in contributions, but also the first recipient of the Club Foundation's Ted Hoffman award. His organization has been a \$5,000 club sponsor for the each of the past five years and — **Don** is an all-around good guy. He has beautiful twin daughters, shown here at last year's beer sales. He received a standing ovation at the recent presentation of his award.



Ron Mazur, also a recent recipient of this same award, gave a final summation of the 2016 bicycle project. This is the second year of the project and bike giveaways jumped



from 30 to 76! **Ron** thanked all the people and organizations that participated in this year's campaign -- resulting in a below-budget final accounting -- particularly reps from Del Valle High School in Livermore, who provided absolutely necessary quality control of the bicycles as they were assembled by Rotarians, students of Valley and Dublin High Schools, and other all-thumbs participants. The project was below Del Valle donated 13 of the bikes; Rotary donated \$400 to Del Valle's own bike recycling program. **Ron** is to be congratulated for creating this very successful program for the club.



Past President **Larry** generously donated a full multi-ounce can of Hawaiian macadamia nuts to President Rich in recognition to his family vacation. Past President **BoMona** recently made a \$1,000 contribution to the Coaniquem









nabe made an important point. Past President Mike appears to welcome Jerry's point with open arms.



Past President **Den- nis Miller** is seeking volunteers for the upcoming city of Dublin St. Patrick's Day celebration at

Rich are predicting that rain is unlikely to match last year's gulley washer weekend, unless it does. Rotary will be selling beer, wine and water at the event which, if all goes well, has the potential to raise big PAGE 3 JANUARY 21, 2017

## The Apprentice (Needs to be trained)



No, it is not Donald R. Trump or Arnold Schwarzenegger (The Arnold) who will train your apprentices, it's the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC) who will do the job. ABC is a national construction industry trade association representing nearly 21,000 chapter members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC and its 70 chapters help members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically, profitably and for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and

its members work. ABC's membership represents all specialties within the U.S. construction industry and is comprised primarily of firms that perform work in the industrial and commercial sectors.

ABC is the merit shop construction industry's voice with the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the federal government and with state and local governments, as well as with the news media. ABC's mission is the advancement of the merit shop construction philosophy, which



encourages open competition and a free enterprise approach that awards contracts based solely on merit, regardless of labor affiliation. Merit shop is not union vs. non-union.

Nicole Goehring, the ABC Community & Government Relations Director, spoke to us recently. She is very knowledgeable about all that is happening in Northern California construction and came highly recommended to us by "Bulldog" Bob Tucknott.

Apprentices are trained to be carpenters, construction craft laborers, electricians, painters and plumbers. The program is a combination of class room training and on-the-job training for a period of two to five years. Apprentices are selected after a written exam, an interview, an orientation, and drug testing. They work for real contracting companies, are paid about half the salary of a skilled worker and must compile hundreds of hours prior to advancing. Classroom training takes place during evenings and weekends.



ABC Northern California was founded in 1976 in Concord. In 2008 the facilities moved to an expanded 26,000 square foot facility in Livermore. It represents 500 large and small companies from Fresno to the Oregon border. Nicole noted that union contracts usually range from 12 to 20 percent higher costs. Unions try to force cities, counties, developers and others to utilize union-only contractors.

## More January Gems



bucks for the club. **Dennis** needs help all day Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, and has about 100 volunteer slots to fill. That means each club member needs to sign up for at least two slots and we will still need others such as family, friends and mercenaries. Sign up now!







tors to our club last week and hope they will return. They go by the code names of Gotham, Marion and Marelyne. Nex-Prez Patty hopes you take

(took?)

We wel-

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three visi-

advantage of the Shredfest at the Holiday Inn parking lot on Saturday from 10 to 2. You can bring boxes of stuff and the first one is free.



This year, President Rich has scheduled monthly evening social events in lieu of midday meetings so that members who have difficulty in attending Page 4 January 21, 2017

### **Dublin Trivia Quiz**



Sensing it might be a quiet day, President Rich came equipped with a Dublin Trivia Quiz to seek out a collection of

foursomes with a knowledge of little-known history surrounding the City. What was San Francisco Bay called in 1772 - Drake's Bay. It was not named after a quaky duck or a quirky rapper or even a quaint university, but Sir Francis himself. Murray was the name of the first Dublin school even though it was originally on the wrong side of the freeway; Jose Maria Amador was not a Spanish golfer, but a Mexican Mission San Jose leader who was given the Amador valley as a retirement gift, or perhaps to convince him to retire and go away. It was 16,500 acres! When asked what members of "this famous party" are buried in Dublin's Heritage Park, the winning group - visitor Marelynne Devi from Fremont Bank (pictured), speaker Sue Stephenson from DSRSD, School



Board Chair Megan Rouse, and a Shamrock reporter – correctly answered Donner.

even though one of them yelled out Democratic, just for laughs.

Dublin was incorporated in 1982 and its first mayor was Pete Snyder, who was re-elected annually by his fellow council members until a young ambitious Rotarian convinced voters that they deserved to have a directly elected mayor, which he later became, as a precursor to years in the state Assembly and later as the father of Glynnis Rose, for whom a street was named, and a son who was named after the all-time football great Bart Starr and who later also became a quarterback for the

Wisconsin Badgers, who led his team to victory in the 2017 Cotton Bowl, thrilling his dad, Guy Houston. Current council members who also likely have thrilling personal histories are named Haubert,



Biddle, Strah, Gupta and Goel, but we only have so much time (and space) to kill.

Some famous Dubliners include the President's high school classmate, Christopher Anderson, who wrote 27 books, many of which were New York Times best sellers, some of which became movies, was the editor of People Magazine was the father of another acclaimed author and is probably the most unknown famous writer



ball person who, although born in Eureka, transferred to Dublin High and later Chabot College, and is said to have built his muscles working as a pot-scrubber at KFC.

Dublin, which was incorporated in 1982 and whose Irish Sister City is Bray, is at the cross-roads of not just I-580 and I-680 but of their centuries-old predecessor travel routes that followed the same corridors of the lowest and flattest paths through the coastal range.

Winners of the trivia quiz were awarded one dollar each, obviously making them ineligible for future amateur contests.

### Gems cont'd. from page 3



daytime meetings have an alternative and so that the whole club can

enjoy socializing together. Beverly Herrera has scheduled many such events, all of which have been successful. Last Tuesday, at approximately 12:33 p.m., she made the announcement that this coming week's event will be held at Eight Bridges Brewing Company at 332 Earhart Way, in Livermore in the general vicinity of Cattlemen's. This is a family-owned business that encourages folks to "Bring your kids and your dog. Sip beer while playing games or just sit and enjoy some family time. Our beer recipe box currently contains Pilsner. Red Ale. Brown Ale. Kolsch, Russian Imperial **Stout. Noble India Pale Lager.** a Red IPA and a West Coast IPA. But we won't stop here!

You can count on a variety of seasonal beers that explore the magic of blending flavors that bring out all the complexities of yeast, malt and hop flavors which marry together to develop the awesome flavors and drinkability our beers are known for." Sounds good. Mexican food is also on the menu for the evening. See you Thursday January 26 from 6 to 8 p.m.There is no cost but you need to sign up via the E-vite that was sent to members on Friday at II a.m.

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# The Rotary Club of Dublin Foundation Is happy to announce a new opportunity to donate.





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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.

# Corrections and Letters to the Editor:

We apologize to new member Luctrica Lewis for misspelling her name in the last issue.

We appreciate and publish all letters to the editor. The letter below was signed by a Mike Lindell, which we assume to be fictitious since the e-mail was sent from someone named Dr. Harold.

Editor: Both I and Jake Snerdley (inventor of copper infused knee supports, hats, gloves, blankets, jock straps, etc.) take offense at your blatant attempt to copy our ridiculous and successful marketing campaign in your December 21 issue. We have become wealthy through our fabulous advertising efforts, but you my friend are destined to remain a lonely and desperate late night insomniac watching our glorious advertisements that you are actually paying to watch. I am sure your fantasy is to match our success. I am prepared to send you a free "my pillow" to help you through your sleepless nights if you pay the shipping cost of \$99.00. I'm sorry, but you must realize this is "my pillow". You can make "your pillow" by chopping up some old sponges and putting them in a garbage bag. Viola!!! You now have a home based business. Your Mentor-Mike Lindell.

P.S. I offered Hillary my advertising secrets. Sadly she rejected my offer. The Shamrock denies all charges and stands by our original offer.



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