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## St. Patricks Day Is Big Success for Dublin Rotary



The club celebrated a very successful St. Patrick's Day weekend at the City of Dublin celebration on the grounds of the civic center. Last Tuesday, President Rich presented thanks to Linda "I didn't do anything" Smith, Ron Mazur and Dennis Miller. Thanks to a tremendous volunteering response from club members, great weather; and a very well-organized event on the part of the Club, the expected profits are in the order of \$25,000, of which \$8,800 will be contributed to Dublin's Rotary Foundation. The City's celebration was the best ever and Rotary was pleased to receive the beer and wine concession for 2017. See photo coverage throughout this issue; the Shamrock apologizes for Saturday afternoon photo coverage only as many of the hard-working club volunteers are not pictured. (By the way, if we run out of \$1 bills again, try the Dollar Store!) This week he recognized those who had contributed more than a double shift at the event. Not pictured are Jeff Leuchi and Don Price.





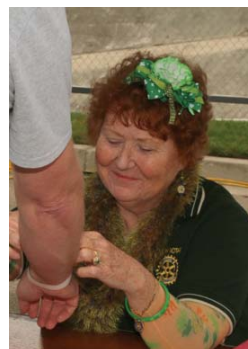
## Selling Beer is Not So Easy!



How tough can it be – after all, we are just matching up willing buyers with willing sellers, aren't we? And not only that, selling beer seems to involve a series of simple steps, each of which requires about a five minute training period or, short of that, utilizing previously learned life experiences. There's explaining the choices, taking the order; making change, relaying the order to the beer pourer; pouring the beer with the proper speed and cup tilt, and placing it on a table; wherefrom it is picked up and handed to the thirsty buyer. Wait, there is one more important step – making sure the buyer is wearing a wristband, which certifies that the wearer has visited a separate nearby booth and has offered satisfying proof to having attained the legal drinking age.



to my friend Pam, with whom I spent an entire shift making the difficult wristband yes/no decisions. Pam, working in the shadow of the Dublin library – she was a District library computer geek before her retirement – tried her best to level up the lines by thoroughly investigating each wristband candidate. Even with the driver's license in her hand, she would ask each person, "How old are you?" This was preferred to the mental subtraction necessary to calculate if the portly grey-haired person born in 1953 was OK for a wristband. Mostly, she offered pleasant comments, "You're from Elk Grove? That's one of my favorite cities!" "Wow,



you have lost a lot of weight!" "What a beautiful photo of you." Or, sometimes not so pleasant, "Who did your photo, the police department? You look much better than that."

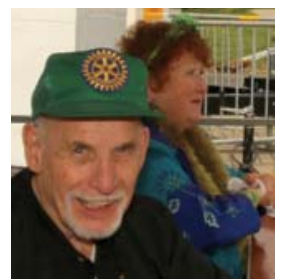


A man with a bushy red beard and a shaved head was asked if he was a true ginger. When he assured her he was, she responded enthusiastically that she likes gingers since she is a ginger. After a few subsequent similar discussions with other customers, it dawned on me that gingers were people with red hair. Later, after an online search, I found that referring to red-haired people as gingers was a centuries-old expression whose origins probably dated back to the fact that some ginger plants or fruit have a reddish tint to them. However, any such discussion is quickly dismissed by reference to the Gilligan Island female crew – red haired Ginger and dark haired Mary Ann. You know, Ginger or Mary Ann?

Realistically, most underage wannabe drinkers don't dare get into the wristband line in the first place since they would face public shaming if discovered. Further, the toughness in decision-making is somewhat reduced by the fact that young people have a different shaped license which indicates the day they will turn 21. In fact, during the entire shift, only one young man was turned down, responding with a pout and a near-tantrum before his parents put him back in his stroller.

So, if you perceive yourself to be wise and mature, sign up for wristband duty next time, but above all, try to get a shift with Ginger, ..err.. Pam!

*Chris Kinzel*





## New Members Speak Up



Gauthan Tandon recently spoke about the difference between “giving back” in the Silicon Valley corporate culture he spent time in and the hands on experiences he has already noted here at Dublin Rotary. He used to conduct his community work through a payroll deduction, earning points.

He and his wife just greeted their second child; he’s originally from New Delhi, “not India”; he originally came here he says, “in Y2K” to work for a startup. He was doing software at night and selling during the day. Recently he started his own company and now lives in Dublin. A

friend in Fremont told him about Rotary; he has enjoyed his Rotary experience very much.



**Marelyne Devi** was inducted into membership recently; her mentor is **Linda Smith. Marelyne** grew up in a very poor family of eight in Fiji as the youngest child. She and her husband have one child, who is a senior at Irvington High School in Fremont. While working in Fremont, she tried out one of the local Rotary clubs, but “never felt welcome.”

Her father, a truck driver, raised her to do lots of community work, but she hated it. Now, she feels differently; she regularly sends wheel chairs and supplies back to her country.

She came here in 2003 and now holds a green card. She is happy that her mother is visiting her this month. She is a business banker at the new Fremont Bank branch in the Fallon Gateway center. Her company wanted her to join Rotary; it seems her new found appreciation for community service will fit well with her new Rotary heritage. Welcome to Rotary, **Gauthan** and **Marelyne!**



## Well Water for Nicaragua

Rich Bennett told us about our Area 4 project in which we utilize our district funds to obtain a Rotary grant. The Rotary clubs from Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore combined their funds and with a matching grant, generated a \$30,700 project to aid a school in Nicaragua. Like other overseas Rotary projects, a local club manages the project, in this case a retired man from France is the local person in charge. These photos demonstrate the classroom, the existing hand-cranked well and water tank, the site of the new well and water tank, the work on the new septic tank and leach line and the Rotary credit sign. Your Rotary Foundation dollars at work! By the way, Larry D. says it is time to honor your pledge for the Foundation. Thanks to Rich for having Dublin Rotary sponsor this project.





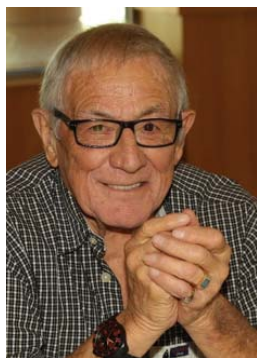


# St. Patrick's Day --2017





## Other Important News



We were extremely happy to see **Gary Fisher** last Tuesday. Gary has had some medical misfortunes recently, but looks to be in top shape now. Good to see

you, Gary! Also, our entry in the Integrity in Action bowling tournament captured Third Place! **Alan Brown** and those **Thalblum** kids are the best. It looks like one of the team members had to use a pumpkin instead of bowling ball – should we take up a collection for her?



The Student of the Month for DHS is Rachel Yoon. Congratulations!



## Around The Room



AroundTheRoomThere continues to be a lot going on at Dublin Rotary. Congratulations to **Dennis Miller** for his selection as Rotarian of the Quarter. Dennis was a major part of the successful Rotary beer sale at the Shamrock Festival. He worked around the clock all weekend and devoted countless hours in the days and weeks leading up to the event. Dennis has held most, if not all, of the key positions in Dublin Rotary over the years including serving as Club President in 1984-85 after joining the club in 1979, a mere 38 years ago. These guys look really happy they must know something we don't.



Cabana Restaurant on Tassajara Road in the Safeway center. The food is on the club! No meeting on Tuesday.

**Janine** reminds us of the big annual Community All Stars recognition luncheon is planned for Tuesday April 25 at noon at the Shannon Center along San Ramon Road. We are encouraged to sign up very early and pay in advance of the meeting – there will be on-line signups and payment. The cost \$25. This is open to the public; bring your friend!

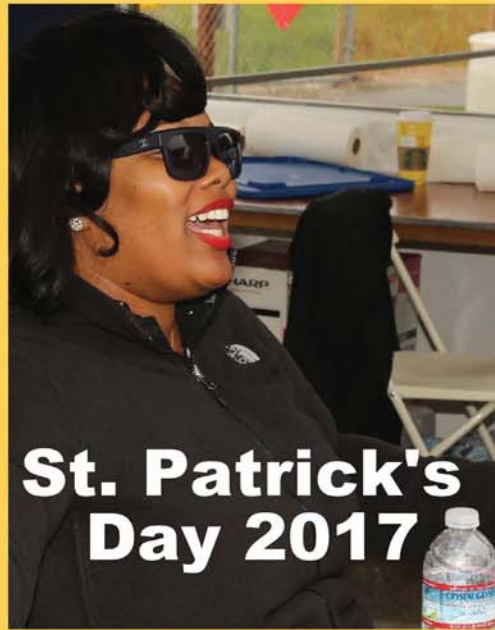


**Larry** says you should have given blood on Wednesday in Livermore; if you didn't you will have on more chance in Pleasanton soon. Yet again he reminds us to honor our Rotary Foundation pledge, which this year is geared to assisting anemic insurance agents.

The Student of the Month from Valley High School, which is not located in Castro Valley, is **Anthony Gentry**. He is another student who found great success in the caring atmosphere at the school. His family is moving to Wisconsin this summer; he is planning to attend Madison Technical College. Congratulations. Also, congrats to **Alan Brown** for his recent success at Camp Parks.









## Rotary Youth Exchange – A Tremendous Opportunity for Students



Rotary Youth Exchange is a legacy Rotary program that is available to all clubs, but probably underutilized in our District. It provides tremendous opportunities for high school age children sponsored and facilitated by Rotary Clubs and members.

Kevin Greenlee of the Pleasanton Rotary Club brought four students and four of his club members to give us a full understanding of what it is, how it works, and how the participants feel about it. Rotary has two types of RYE, a short term exchange of about six weeks that occurs over the summer months. These are family to family exchanges arranged by Rotarians.



This program was about the long term exchanges that place students in another country for an entire school year. In this program, District Exchange Committees interview and select students interested in spending an entire school year in another country. Rotary Clubs sponsor outgoing students and host inbound students. A youth exchange officer oversees activities.

Youth exchange officers train host families and counselors to welcome



exchange students into their homes and help students integrate into their new lives. There are a lot of exchange programs but Rotary is very different because it is comprised of a worldwide network of volunteers – they participate willingly and they know the value.

There is a well-defined set of rules and procedures that provides safety to all

participants. Students are trained to be ambassadors for their country, their family, for Rotary and for every future exchange student. The result – the Rotary program is lower in cost and has a higher positive outcome.

The concept of youth exchange was started by governments to encourage peace and understanding between countries. We heard from one local student



who participated in the program, two students currently from other countries – Italy and Brazil – and one students who wants to participate in the future. The universal result: students experience the “best year of my life”. They learn new languages and new cultures. Everyone that spends time with them develops emotional bonds and lasting friendships. The personal growth students experience on exchange provides them life skills that will aid them the rest of their lives.



## "We Know The Solution"



So proclaimed Claudia and John McDonagh, from the Castro Valley Citizen's Climate Committee, part of a national organization aiming to cool the planet by a couple of degrees. A pretty brazen comment since there are questions in some people's minds about the nature of the problem to be solved. The premise of the presentation and their proposal is

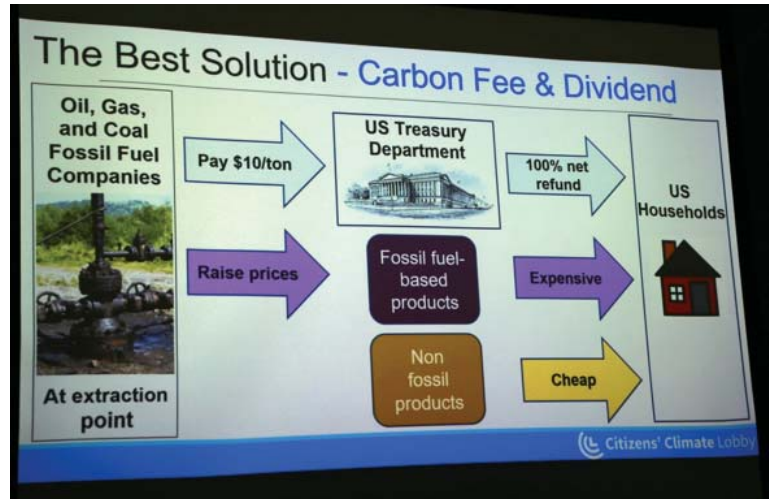
that there "is no scientific disagreement" on the subject of global warming and its causes.

However, they presented a calm, rational and bi-partisan program bringing a robin hood-like approach in which oil, gas and coal fossil fuel companies and organizations are levied large fees collected by the government and distributed in the form of dividends to the people. All of the money, less a small percentage for administration, is given to families.

What does this accomplish? The oil companies raise the price of their products to offset their increased costs. The families use their dividends to help pay for the increased costs of fuel; families with smaller carbon footprints will have a net financial benefit

while people with bigger footprints will lose money. Over time, everyone will tend to switch to cheaper fuel sources such as solar and wind power and everyone will be better off.

There are more benefits. In British Columbia, where a program like this has been in effect for a number of years, the per capita monthly gasoline fuel consumption dropped from 24 gallons in 2001 to a bit over 20 gallons in 2015. Meanwhile, the rest of the Canadian provinces, without the carbon fee and dividend program, hovered around 26 gallons per month consumption for all 15 years. And, four bullet points on the Citizens' Climate Lobby chart tell it all: fuel use down, GDP up, Jobs up, Popular! The monthly dividend per family would



start out at about \$40 and would rise to \$400 by 2035. And during that same time period, Regional Impact Modeling, Inc. predicts that a cumulative total of 225,000 lives would be saved "due to avoided air pollution." Three million new jobs are predicted, in part because more dollars would be circulating in the economy.

Ironically, on the same day as the presentation, President Donald Trump signed an order to undo Obama-era regulations to curb climate change, keeping a campaign promise to support the coal industry while calling into question U.S. support for an international deal to fight global warming.

## The East Bay Children's Theatre Serves Disadvantaged Kids



The main purpose of EBCT has been to bring the heritage of traditional folk and fairy tales (in the form of musical theatre) to economically disadvantaged elementary schools in the east bay. The program is free to the schools and relies on donations and fund raising for support.

The productions are geared to highlight important moral lessons that promote positive values and strengthen self-esteem of children. Approximately 9,000 elementary school children (pre-K through grade 5) each year are entertained during the visits to their schools. The mission of EBCT is to provide children an opportunity to experience musical theater, to promote academic achievement in literacy to low and moderate income students, to expose students to new ideas that

ignite their interest and their imaginations; and

to support a multi-dimensional learning and teaching environment in the classroom.

Their productions tend to be zany take-offs of well-known musicals – the current production is "That's Our Snow White."





## Celebrate!



Michelle McDonald, the Public Information Officer of the DUSD recently discussed an upcoming celebration of the 150th anniversary of Dublin education planned for May 20. Michelle said the school district is collaborating with Dublin Partners in Education, the City, and the Dublin Historical Preservation Association on the event. It will include an exhibit at the Murray Schoolhouse, a documentary film produced by Dublin High School, skits in 3rd grade classes throughout the District, snow cones and kettle corn on the 20th and additional entertainment. She also suggested that the Dublin Rotary Club could get involved by helping with a project to archive historic information current in disarray.



## 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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Real Estate Investments  
Educator  
Travel  
Retired  
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Education  
City Council Member  
Telephone Wizard  
Realtor  
Family Law  
Dentistry  
Real Estate  
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Traffic Engineer  
Content Marketing

\*Kyle Michael E. '75•  
\*Leuchi, Jeff '96•  
Lewis, Luctrica '16  
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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