



## The Rotary Club of Dublin, CA 2019-2020

# The Dublin SHAMROCK

### Welcome to the New Rotary Year!



At the first regular meeting of new President **Michael Prilutsky's** year, President Mike presented his plans for the 2019-2020 Rotary year. He presented his new team of Officers and Directors, discussed Fundraisers, Membership, the Greeter Program, and other plans for the year.

**Leadership Team** The Vice-President this year is prescribed by the Club Bylaws to be the immediate Past President, **Chris Kinzel**. Returning this year as Treasurer is **Patty Pringle** while **Stephanie Barker** will serve as the Club Secretary. Directors are **Rich Boschetti**, Community Service; **Bryan Benton**, Youth Service; **Bo Carvacho**, International Service; **Jennifer Pringle**, Club Service; **Dennis Ackley**, Vocational Service; **Don Price**, Rotary Foundation; **Megan Rouse**, Membership; and **Kamal Della**, Director at Large. Mike has already held two meetings of the Board.

**Fundraisers** Mark your calendars – Splatter is coming up next weekend on Saturday September 14 at Emerald Glen Park, the St. Patrick's Day weekend will be March 14 and 15 at the Civic Plaza, and LobsterMania will be held on Saturday April 25 at the Shannon Center. One new event this year is Tips For Change, to be held on Monday evening September 30th at Gianni's Italian Restaurant in San Ramon. We are also bookended by Fireworks sales, last July and next July, hopefully at the same venue as this year's very successful sales.

**Greeter Program** The Club Greeter each week will rotate among the members. **Dennis Ackley** kicked off the program recently. The Greeter each week will come early, wear the Greeter badge and ...greet meeting attendees. But wait, there is more, much more. The Greeter will lead the flag salute, provide an inspirational thought of the day, and offer his/her mini-biography to those present. Finally, the Greeter will introduce all visiting Rotarians. Sounds like this will get our meetings off to a good start.

**Membership** New Membership Director Megan Rouse has her work cut out for her; Mike's goal is a membership of 50 by June 30, 2020. She will be working with two new membership classifications: Family Membership, which permits spouses, domestic partners, siblings and adult children of club members to become a full Rotary member. Also Corporate Membership: An executive/business owner may designate up to 3 employees from their organization to attend any meeting or club function.

**The New Rotary Year** This year's International Rotary President is Mark Daniel Maloney, from the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama. He has been a Rotarian for 40 years and is a principal with the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney and Schuppert LLC. As is always the case at this level, he has a long and impressive Rotary resume. His logo theme for 2019-2020 is depicted at the top of this page. Rotary Connects the World asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that *Rotary Connects the World*, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful and generous people like you and me to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service. It's also permitted for members to continue to Be the Inspiration.





## The Dublin Rotary/DUSD Connection on Display



Youth Service Chair Bryan Benton recognizes the Dublin High School Interact club officers for the coming school year. Rotary presented Interactors a check for \$1,000 in recognition for their assistance at the recent LobsterMania event. The club is looking forward to another strong year. We also heard a strong presentation from Marion Chen describing her year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Switzerland.

The speaker of the day, District Teacher of the Year Katherine Brown from Fredericksen Elementary, described the One School One Book experience last school year. Dublin Rotary helped finance the program, which is now spreading to all elementary schools in the City. Now, it's One City One Book. Catherine extolled the virtues of reading out loud in school as a full class room, or full school, have a common reading experience to discuss.

Reading aloud, whether in a classroom setting, or at home to tiny infants as important benefits:

Develops a broader vocabulary, promotes bonding, builds connections between the spoken and written word, strengthens cognition, increases attention span, and provides enjoyment.



**Dennis Ackley**, serving as the initial Greeter under President Mike's plan for the year, not only greeted, but also provided the thought for the day, led the flag salute but also described Ackley Sheet Metal, which primarily works on new outfitting new homes with heating and air conditioning. He does some maintenance, primarily of his own installations, but there is not much to maintain when you do it right the first time. Foundation chair **Don Price** encouraged Rotarians to make their annual pledge and payment to the Rotary Foundation, suggesting at least a \$200 contribution for the year. Past President **Chris** presented **Mike** a T-shirt from his recent trip to Pittsburgh.

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## Red Cross Speaker Claims Earthquake Not His Fault!



On July 16, as we were listening to our Red Cross speaker, Bill Tobin, present the areas that his organization helps folks during the preparedness and recovery periods, in the very sentence he started talking about earthquakes, the room started shaking and rolling as though we were experiencing a real earthquake. It was very realistic! We weren't in the place where we normally meet, so that added to the effect. "How did he do that?" we all wondered. Well, it was an actual earthquake that the Richter people would call a 4.4 or so, and it was extremely realistic. Bill was not willing take either credit or blame, but it did help to drive home his points.

The Red Cross mostly deals with collecting and distributing blood. Even so, earthquakes, fires and floods are included in their portfolio. The biggest disasters in Alameda County are home fires; Bill recommends we all have 10 year smoke alarms – unfortunately, many people do not have them in their homes.

The most important solution for future problems is to get to know your neighbors. Practice drills on your street, decide how you will deal with disasters. We can't rely on our cell phones following disasters, the power will be out and there will be no phone service. Walkie-talkies are best.

Develop a plan and practice it:

- How to evacuate
- Where to meet
- Where will you stay
- Important records
- How to communicate
- Shelter in place

We should have at least three days of supplies. Kits are available through Costco, KQED, the Red Cross and elsewhere. Need kits for our home, our car and our office. Have lots of water on hand, but keep it replaced. (As a general rule, guppies in your water means it's time to refresh!) (Ok, I made that up, but it is still probably true.) Our kits should include pain medicine. Summation: Get a kit, make a plan, be informed.



We met in the school board meeting room; it was good to see **Val Williams** at the meeting. President Mike recognized the 50th anniversary of the moon walk, and welcomed guest Peter MacDonald. **Don Price** encouraged all to contribute to the Rotary Foundation, at least in the amount of \$200. He also recognized **Parvin** for reaching a Paul Harris \$1,000 contribution for the seventh time! Congratulations, **Parvin**.



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## Celebrating a Successful Year at Demotion Night











## Shelter Box Provides Disaster Relief



Recent speaker Bill Tobin gave us a complete rundown on Shelter Box. Shelter Box is a global disaster relief charity that provides immediate emergency shelter and other lifesaving aid to survivors of a disaster or humanitarian crisis. Bill is currently the Club Service and Program Chair for the Rotary Club of El Dorado Hills and was recently honored as Rotarian of the Year. His involvement in our program demonstrates the close relationship between Shelter Box and Rotary. Their signature Shelter Boxes and Shelter Kits contain the tools to transform lives and rebuild communities.

Shelter Box deploys world wide: a Fiji typhoon, a Syrian refugee crisis, a Nepal earthquake, a Philippine typhoon, Superstorm Sandy in Haiti and a subsequent earthquake and the big 2011 Japan earthquake and tsunami are events they have responded to. Shelter Box was nominated for Nobel Peace prize for its Haitian work. In our country, victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Katrian, Sandy and various tornadoes have been aided.

Shelter Box aid is tailored to each disaster and typically includes tented shelter, blankets and groundsheets, solar lights, cooking utensils, water purification equipment, tool kits, mosquito nets and children's activity packs.

Shelter Box empowers local Rotarians, not bringing in huge teams like the Red Cross. Last year, they served 30,000 families. For Shelter Box to be successful, each club needs a champion. Bill says that 82 percent of the donations go to the recipients. Dublin Rotary provided Bill a check for \$1,000 to help the cause of Shelter Box.



## Club News

Congratulations to Namrata Berry for earning a MBA. She was very happy to report this. We were sorry to hear that Milton Kephart resigned from the club due to health problems and difficulty to make it to the meetings. Milton helped out on every club activity he possibly could. Other big news: Dublin Vice Mayor Melissa announced that she will be running for the Board of Supervisor seat being vacated by Scott Haggerty.





## Be the Inspiration *By Chris Kinzel*

A final word regarding my term as Club President that ended on June 30. Thanks to everyone for your tremendous support and encouragement during this past year. I have very positive thoughts about the year – I think it was a good Rotary year and I appreciate everyone's cooperation.



When I agreed to serve as President, I had no idea what the Rotary year's theme would be. It is amazing to me how important ***Be the Inspiration*** turned out to be in my year. I think club members really related to it as well. Obviously this theme extends way beyond our Rotary life and involvement – it applies everywhere in life. It is an everyday reminder that we can be positive examples to others in all that we do. In my case, in my home, with my children and grandchildren, at church, especially at work, in my neighborhood, and in Rotary. My wife Jan has a very active life; she said she also took inspiration, so to speak, from these three important words.

The Rotary year has come and gone; I think we can all agree that this phrase should have more than a 12-month life. I am going to hang onto it – why don't we all? Be the Inspiration!

## Dublin Rotary Membership

\*Ackley, Dennis '97•  
Barker, Stephanie '19  
\*Bennett, Rich '95•  
Benton, Bryan '13•  
Berry, Namrata '19  
Boschetti, Rich '12•  
\*Carvacho, Bo '08•  
Ceizler, Harold '69•  
\*Damaser, Larry '09•  
\*Delaporte, Tim '09•  
Della, Kamal '11•  
Denlinger, Lee '04•  
\*Dunlop, Mona '94•  
Grier, Kevin '16  
Haubert, David '13  
Herbstman, Cliff '68•  
Hodsdon, Daniel '16  
Ichiuji, John '83•  
Johnson, Pamela '07•  
\*Kinzel, Chris D. '87•  
\*Kyle Michael E. '75•

Sheet Metal  
HVAC Services  
Pension Consulting  
Restaurant  
Restaurant Proprietor  
Barrel-busting  
Sports  
Dentist  
Insurance  
Financial  
Real Estate Investments  
Educator  
Travel  
Education  
City Council Member  
Telephone Wizard  
Family Law  
Dentistry  
Retired  
Traffic Engineer  
Attorney

\*Leuchi, Jeff '96•  
Manuchehri, Parvin '11•  
\*Miller, Dennis J. '79•  
\*Moy, William '89•  
\*Price, Don '09•  
Pringle, Jennifer '18  
\*Pringle, Patty '13  
Prilutsky, Michael '18  
Raney, Ed '96•  
Rouse, Megan '14  
Smith, Linda '12  
Strah, Melissa '13  
\*Thalblum, Janine '09•  
Tribby, Coleen '18  
\*Tucknott, Bob '73•  
Watanabe, Jerry '72•

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\*Past President of Dublin Rotary  
•Paul Harris Fellow

Printing  
Financial Planning  
Chiropractor  
CPA  
Recreation Vehicles  
Real Estate  
Tax Advisor  
Planner  
CPA  
Financial Planning  
Economic Development  
Dental  
Insurances  
Finance  
Electrical Contractor  
Orthodontist



### Officers

President – Michael Prilutsky  
Vice President – Chris Kinzel  
Treasurer – Patty Pringle  
Secretary – Stephanie Barker  
President-elect -- TBD

### Directors

Community Service – Rich Boschetti  
Youth Service – Bryan Benton  
International Service – Bo Carvacho  
Club Service – Jennifer Pringle  
Vocational Service – Dennis Ackley  
The Rotary Foundation – Don Price  
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Director-at-Large – Kamal Della