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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Brad Howard on Rotary's Direction



Brad Howard, until recently one of 20 members of Rotary International's governing board, spoke recently at Dublin Rotary. Both Brad and his late father served as District Governor of our Rotary District 5170. Brad spoke about changes taking place in Rotary. Rotary's membership has been hovering around 1.2 million for decades, with many countries suffering declining membership while others gain.

In the U.S. the average age of Rotarians is 58; while 52 percent of the workers are under 30 years. Brad noted that the average age of our founding fathers was 39. Some areas in Rotary are struggling,

age-wise; in Australia the average age is 81, in Great Britain it is 84. The average age of Dublin Rotary Club members who list their age on the website is 58, the same as the US. However, one problem Rotary has is knowing everyone's age; in our directory only 21 of 38 members list their age.

What do prospective young Rotarians desire to do? They want to have an impact on their community, partly by connecting with influential people, and they want to make friends. The competition for their time is family, work, church, sleep and life in general. The clubs that are gaining members are extraordinarily centered on membership, they tend to be the younger clubs.

The number one priority to have strong clubs is "take care of your members." This can play out in many ways, but the goal is to provide person growth, professional growth, and make them better people. That is what many people desire. Meetings are important, but not the most important thing.

The Council on Legislation, held at three year intervals, is seeking to encourage strong membership by relaxing attendance requirements and encouraging clubs to be innovative in how they operate their club. It appears that Brad's club meets for two consecutive weeks, and then doesn't meet for two weeks. That is certainly different. They try to bring in big name speakers that will both attract and inform membership, while reaching out to non-Rotarians in the community.

The brand new Rotary Vision Statement is: "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves."



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Gratitude is Richness; Complaint is Poverty



That's the final phrase that recent speaker Jean Luong left with us to ponder. She has an interesting and complex life story, beginning in her native Viet Nam. She left Viet Nam at age 12 with her sister on a small boat; after four days and five nights at sea, they were stranded in a leaking boat and approached by a pirate ship. Eventually a kind sea captain came upon them and towed them to Malaysia where made their way to a refugee camp. They were very grateful to have survived at sea and became determined to help others in her position. She found odd jobs and with the money she bought food to pass out to others.

She was able to come to the US and she strived to be perfect so that eventually

she could help others. She applied to the top medical schools to learn to be a doctor, but was not accepted. Later, she became a nurse practitioner at USF, where she earned her RN and received a green card. After three months into her dream job, she was suddenly fired; no reasons were given her.

She had lost not only her job, but also a \$20,000 scholarship and her self-confidence. She was ashamed, devastated and considered herself a failure.

Later, she became a Kaiser pediatric oncology nurse. She cared for parents and kids when they first learned of their kid's diagnosis. Her own suffering allowed her to understand their feelings. Her role, she felt, was to celebrate them, hug them, and comfort them. Her goal was to advance the parents and patients from surviving to thriving.

She was invited to become a counselor at Camp Royal, Rotary District 5160's (north of our District) RYLA-type camp for high school kids entering their senior year. Her role was to talk about dreams, goals and fears of the kids.

These were high-achieving well-off kids, but many were not doing well emotionally. She tried to teach them, "When you count your blessings, your life can turn around." It worked – on herself; her counseling messages gave her strength to really face her own past shame and failures. Her lesson learned: "It's OK to be imperfect!"

She joined Toastmasters and trained people to be stronger speakers. In five years, she has given 40 talks and became the club

president. She received the Distinguished Toastmaster Award. Last September she joined Hayward Rotary. Now she is grateful for health, happiness and prosperity. She is grateful also for Rotary International and its service to others.

Her conclusion: Gratitude is richness, complaint is poverty. Jean was a very effective and impressive speaker.



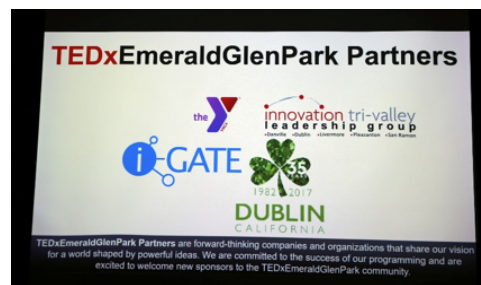
TEDx Is Coming to Dublin



Frequent Dublin Rotary visitor Olga Mack recently spoke about an upcoming TEDx event in Dublin at the Shannon Center. TED stands for Technology, Education and Design.

And in the TEDx title, x = independently organized event. In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience.

TEDx Emerald Glen Park is coming to Dublin on Sunday May 6, 2018 and will bring Tri-Valley leaders together and pro-

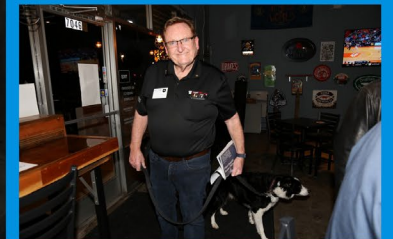
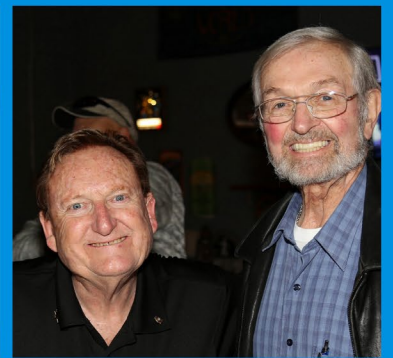


vide a forum for the Tri-Valley Community. The purpose is to share ideas, embrace differences and understand many views. The theme for this year's event is "Growth." And, together speakers

and attendees will explore the meaning of "growth" from diverse perspectives. Olga helped us to learn more about TED and TEDx Emerald Glen Park and how Rotarians and others can be involved.

Olga Mack is TEDx Emerald Glen Park organizer and curator. She is also a tech startup lawyer who most recently served as General Counsel at ClearSlide. She previously worked at Zoosk, Visa Inc., Pacific Art League of Palo Alto, and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati.





BART to Livermore (And other exciting transportation projects)

Transportation consultant Chris Kinzel presented an exhilarating and stimulating update on the status of transportation improvements in the Tri-Valley last Tuesday. Would you believe extraneous and stilted? Whatever.

- Some upcoming projects that Chris discussed include the \$80 million extension of Dublin Boulevard between Fallon Road in Dublin and Doolan Road in Livermore, about which the Mayor himself predicted would arrive in five years.
- BART to Livermore will cost \$1.6 billion of which one-third is on hand. Not in my lifetime will I see it; perhaps that of our youngest grandchild.
- The northbound I-680 toll lane (Calaveras in Milpitas to Hwy. 84 in Sunol) is badly needed and is undiscernibly under construction. Give them about three years to finish up this \$365 million project.
- ACE improvements include planning for an extension from Lathrop to Merced and track improvements to reduce the 2+hour ride from Stockton to San Jose.
- For I-580/I-680 interchange, current costs are over \$1 billion to do it right; this year's budget contains \$25 million. A little short.
- I-680 from Sunol to Alcosta will add a lane in each direction for \$480 million, but you will need to pay-as-you go in the new lanes.
- BART to San Jose is more popular in the region than BART to Livermore. It is being built in two phases, the first is underway at \$2.3 billion. Phase 2 connects with Santa Clara Caltrain for \$4.7 billion.
- The Southern Crossing has been under discussion since the '50's, at least. It would be about two miles north of San Mateo Bridge, connecting I-238 with I-380 for \$12 billion or so. Another "don't hold your breath" project.
- The San Rafael Bridge upper deck will be converted back to three lanes, the lower deck is contemplated to have two lanes and a bike/ped area.



President Elect Selected

Chris Kinzel has been elected by the membership to the position of President-Elect for 2018-2019, 26 years after his previous stint as Club President. Don Price was elected to serve another term as Club Secretary. In related news, the club is looking for a new Editor for this publication, the Shamrock. On Tuesday, Chris expressed his thanks to the club for the opportunity to serve as President. The only previous "retread" President was the late Dave Burton who, coincidentally, was Chris' Rotary sponsor. Chris spent last Saturday at the first of three days at the PETS and Pre-PETS training meetings.



Around the Room



Valley High Students and Don Price top, recent visitors bottom



Welcome Michael Prilutsky!





DUBLIN ROTARY MEMBERSHIP

*Ackley, Dennis '97•	Sheet Metal	*Leuchi, Jeff '96•	Printing
*Bennett, Rich '95•	Pension Consulting	Lewis, Luctrica '16	Education
Benton, Bryan '13•	Restaurant	Manuchehri, Parvin '11•	Financial Planning
Biddle, Don '05•	Retired	*Miller, Dennis J. '79•	Chiropractor
Boschetti, Rich '12•	Barrel-busting	*Moy, William '89•	CPA
Brown, Alan '13	Business & Security	*Price, Don '09•	Recreation Vehicles
*Carvacho, Bo '08•	Sports	Pringle, Patty '13	Tax Advisor
Ceizler, Harold '69•	Dentist	Prilutsky, Michael '18	Planner
*Damaser, Larry '09•	Insurance	Raney, Ed '96•	CPA
*Delaporte, Tim '09•	Financial	Rouse, Megan '14	Financial Planning
Della, Kamal '11•	Real Estate Investments	Smith, Linda '12	Economic Development
Denlinger, Lee '04•	Educator	Strah, Melissa '13	Dental
*Dunlop, Mona '94•	Travel	Tandon, Gautam '17	CEO
Grier, Kevin '16	Education	*Thalblum, Janine '09•	Insurances
Haubert, David '13	City Council Member	*Tucknott, Bob '73•	Electrical Contractor
Herbstman, Cliff '68•	Telephone Wizard	Watanabe, Jerry '72•	Orthodontist
Herrera, Beverly '15	Realtor		
Hodsdon, Daniel '16	Family Law		
Ichiuji, John '83•	Dentistry		
Jenkins, Stephany '11	Real Estate		
Johnson, Pamela '07•	Retired		
*Kinzel, Chris D. '87•	Traffic Engineer		
*Kyle Michael E. '75•	Attorney		