



The Rotary Club of Dublin, CA 2019-2020

The Dublin SHAMROCK

A Conversation with New Member Michael Rosen

Michael Rosen recently transferred his membership to Dublin Rotary. We decided to interview him so that all Dublin Rotarians could know more about him. We've done light editing.



How did you first get involved with Rotary? In 2010, I attended the Rotary Auction on Bainbridge Island. I was very impressed with the size and organization of this annual event (50+ years). I wanted to be part of that. No one told me I could volunteer there without joining the club!

Tell us about your previous club and its big fundraiser.

RC Bainbridge Island, Washington is a great club of about 120 members. Bainbridge Island itself is a semi-rural community located a 35-minute Ferry ride from downtown Seattle. The club's best known for the annual Rotary Auction and Rummage Sale. This is the club's only fundraiser. It's been going on over 50 years, involves over 1,000 community volunteers, 90% of whom are not Rotarians. Gross revenue last year was in excess of \$600K, substantially all of which was raised in cash, on Sale day, between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm.

It takes over a middle school campus; involves a week of set up and a year of planning. We sell everything. Sporting goods, clothes, kitchen wares, children's toys, used cars, computer stuff, building materials and on and on and on. We have volunteers who come back every year for decades on end. Here's the web site: ["Bainbridge Island Rotary Auction,"](#) and there's even an independent movie about it, [Another Man's Treasure](#). Once a year, it restores my faith in humanity: for one week hundreds of volunteers work full days in exchange for bargains, charity and community.

What activities did you do in your previous club? About 15% of net Auction proceeds go toward the club's International Service Projects. Much of that money goes toward TRF-supported Global Grants – historically these are located in Central America, Asia and Africa. I've been involved in Global Grants in Guatemala (Microfinance) and El Salvador (Children's heart surgery). I also enjoyed interviews for scholarships, community event support (parking duty, etc.) and for a while running the Programs committee.

How did you get interested in international service? My wife is from El Salvador so I've got a special place in my heart for Central America. I don't have any relevant experience or training for medicine or finance but Rotary afforded me an opportunity to get involved anyway. Money from the Auction got combined with money from a few other clubs, a District and TRF. The result was about \$65K of lending capital which pushed that NGO over the self-sustaining level. 10 years later, they are still going strong! I like to say they're solving 3rd world poverty one \$200 loan at a time. A few years later, I worked on another Global Grant, this one in El Salvador with an NGO I met at the annual conference. I posted a [summary of it here](#).





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What do you hope to accomplish on your upcoming Rotary trip to Guatemala? At this point, I'm mostly looking to nurture the relationships that will allow future work. Uniendo America will attract perhaps 200 Rotarians from all over Central and North America along with a few of the NGOs who provide the "boots on the ground" for our projects. Many of them will be returning and over time, the connections established here result in club projects and changed lives. The man who mentored my involvement in Rotary Global Grants likes to say our focus needs to be on partners, not projects. I've found this to be true: if we know engaged, committed partners, then effective projects will follow. Conversely, if you're signed up for a project but no one responds to your email, there's very little you can do about it.

Where did you grow up? Education? I grew up in the San Fernando Valley. In 1986 I graduated from CSUN with a degree in Mathematics. During my senior year, I was recruited by the Navy into the submarine force. Following graduation, I was commissioned as a Naval Officer and eventually served aboard several nuclear submarines. I remember transiting the Golden Gate Bridge on the surface. Crazy rough out there.



Tell us about your wife and kids? Where did you meet your wife? Ana and I met in Los Angeles. This was the early 80s and her native El Salvador was in the midst of a horrific civil war. Her mother had previously immigrated to the US and settled in Los Angeles. She worked very hard to bring her children over. Ana and I married shortly after I was commissioned. We lived in Idaho (yes, a Navy command in Idaho), New England, San Diego and the Puget Sound region. We have 4 children, now grown. Ana is a Para-Educator now at San Ramon Valley High who works with special-needs students.

How is everyone adapting to the Bay Area? We're really liking this. The principal impetus for our move south was the weather – the Seattle Winters (early September to late June) are very hard on us as we get older. The other big win was my commute. It's gone from two hours, a drive and/or bus, and a Ferry to 20 minutes on a bicycle. Also, since the Seahawks are out for the Season, I'm rooting for the 49'ers.

Tell us about you and your company. I work for a small, privately held company called "Portrait Displays." It has two principal lines of business. Historically, PDI makes the software which is OEM'ed by large display and laptop manufacturers to allow manual adjustment of the display profiles – think color/brightness/contrast sorts of controls on your laptop. Some years ago, they bought a smaller, related company that makes "CalMAN" the software used to Calibrate color TVs. You know how when you walk into an Electronics shop and see a zillion TVs all showing the same picture – and how sometimes, they aren't all the same? That's the problem that calibration fixes. The guys who make movies work really hard to adjust the color of the movie. They do that on a calibrated monitor. If you want to see what they make, you have to have one too. Who knew? I'm now in the Pleasanton headquarters and am the principal maintainer of the CalMAN product. That is, I'm the software developer who fixes defects and enhances the product.

Hobbies and family activities? How about biking? Despite leading a fairly sedentary life up to that point, by my late 40s, I developed an interest in endurance athletics. I've run fewer than 10 marathons and two Ironman (stupid long triathlon: 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26.2 run) finishes. Here's a link to my first ["Race Report"](#). I've dialed way back on the running and biking; but, I'm an active member of the Master's Swim Club that trains at our local Bay Club, Pleasanton. I commute on the road bike I used on my first IM finish. If anyone does weekend bike rides, I could easily be convinced to go out with you.

What else should we know about you? [I'm on Facebook](#). Friend me!





December 20, 2019



Productive Initial 2020 Meeting!

Michael Rosen was inducted as a Dublin Rotarian at the January 7 meeting. See the cover article describing Michael's very interesting life story. After his induction, the membership unanimously approved Michael as a Director on the Board to oversee International Service. As we have come to expect, Megan did a wonderful job on his induction, and even had some quotes from a former RI President going back over 100 years.

Kamal Della was recognized as the December Rotarian of the Month. He was so honored for his role in completing the Build-a-Bike project, but also for his ongoing service to Rotary in his District Role as International Service Chair and Youth Speech Contest Chair. Kamal then spoke to the club about the International Project Fair coming up in Milpitas on February 1st.

Rich Boschetti provided the club with a mid-year report on the Dublin Rotary Foundation. He reviewed mid-year financials, as well as the Foundation's giving plans. In that vein, the club presented the Foundation with a check for \$1,786.20 as its 35% share of the net income from Splatter. The Foundation is approaching \$400,000 in size.

Our program speakers were **Betty David** and **Karely Rodriguez** from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters. They introduced the club to the new voting machine, and its capabilities to serve voters with special needs, as well as provide a ballot in multiple languages. As well, the Registrar offered Dublin Rotarians the opportunity to support the upcoming elections by becoming Drivers and Rovers, whose responsibility it will be to pick-up ballots from polling stations and deliver them to the Registrar's Headquarters to be counted. This role is not one open to the general public; it is only offered to individuals and organizations that have demonstrated the ability to uphold a public trust. If you are reading this, the Registrar of Voters trusts you! This position is paid; a person could earn about \$180 for an 8-hour shift. Information to follow on how Dublin Rotarians can sign-up. You can also drop off your ballots outside of Dublin City Hall.



After the program, the club re-introduced the Speaker Recognition "donation" where on behalf of the Dublin Rotary Club, a book was given to the Dublin High School library in the name of the speaker and their organization

Lastly, we recognized the club's 49th Anniversary, which officially is January 9th with an Anniversary Cake. Harold Ceizler, a founding member, managed to blow out both candles.

The Editor thanks Dennis Ackley for photos and President Mike for words contributing to this article.





Nuclear Fusion at LLNL



John Perkins, a scientist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory described the work and challenges related to nuclear fusion at the Livermore Lab. Actually, his challenge was describing his work and that of his cohorts in words that everyday Rotarians could understand. As it turns out, the work is fairly simple. The website explanation: The National Ignition Facility (NIF), is a large laser-based inertial confinement fusion (ICF) research device, located at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California. NIF uses lasers to heat and compress a small amount of hydrogen fuel with the goal of inducing nuclear fusion reactions. NIF's mission is to achieve fusion ignition with high energy gain, and

to support nuclear weapon maintenance and design by studying the behavior of matter under the conditions found within nuclear weapons. NIF is the largest and most energetic ICF device built to date, and the largest laser in the world. Clear enough?



The material to produce the annual fuel requirements for a ginormous power plant would take 191 trains with 110 cars each loaded with coal, or 10 supertankers loaded with oil, or one rail car of uranium oxide for fission, or a half ton pickup for the fusion process. The Nagasaki Fat Man atomic bomb produced 21 kilotons of energy; fusion's production would be in the megaton range. Perkins said that nuclear non-proliferation is an important discipline at LLNL and well it should. The US has about 4,800 warheads, each presumably at least the Fat Man size: 450 to be delivered by Minuteman land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles, 1,152 submarine ballistic missiles, 200 cruise missiles delivered by B-52's, 100 bombs delivered by B-2's and 200 tactical bombs that are delivered by F-15's and F-16's. The bad news: the rest of the world's nuclear nations exceed the U.S.'s total with our traditional enemies of Russia, China, North Korea and Pakistan having about 4,700 warheads and our traditional allies of Britain, France, Israel and India possessing about 700 warheads. The biggest concern, says John Perkins may be the so-called rogue nations.

John says based on the NIF efforts here based on inertial confinement and magnetic confinement work in other countries, achieving fusion may occur within about five years. For a fuller understanding of peaceful uses of fusion, check out the LLNL NIF website and those of its partners. Got it? Any questions?



\$5 of Fame

We've all heard of five minutes of fame; now Dublin Rotary introduces \$5 of fame. Previously referred to as happy/sad with very loose rubrics, now it is more regimented. First, it costs \$5. Period. Then you pronounce your pronouncement—happy, sad, or otherwise – followed by picking a square to sign your name. When all the squares are filled, \$500 later, the winner gets half the pot, and gets to decide which Rotary charity/destination is picked. Or, you can give it all away. This event proved so popular that the hapless scribe couldn't keep on all the pronouncements. Here Dominick is celebrating a birthday and Shawn in celebrating a wedding anniversary, with a full ceremony planned. Photographer Chris advanced in age from Jerry Rice's uniform number to Terrell Owens and suggested that might prompt a personality adjustment.



Pam is happy to be “back”, Michael is looking forward to a Rotary trip to Guatemala while Janine is celebrating a return to household heat.



Membership chair Megan (no H) presented a blue badge to Dominick with a song and a big smile. He now claims the Dublin Rotary record for shortest time from red to blue badge, just a tad over two months. Congrats to Dominick.

We met Christine Beitsch-Bahmani, the new Chief Executive Officer of CityServe of the Tri-Valley. Rich Boschetti, as the Dublin Rotary Foundation Chair, presented a \$2,500 check to CityServe to aid its work. Rich noted that the Foundation is awarding \$18,500 this year -- \$16,000 in scholarships and this \$2,500. Christine noted that this particular money is being used to provide preventive help for at-risk Dublin residents and veterans, sometimes both. She told of a depressed vet who was provided money for sheets and socks who is now smiling for the first time. She said City Serve is also partnering with other non-profits. Her members are three cities and 22 churches.

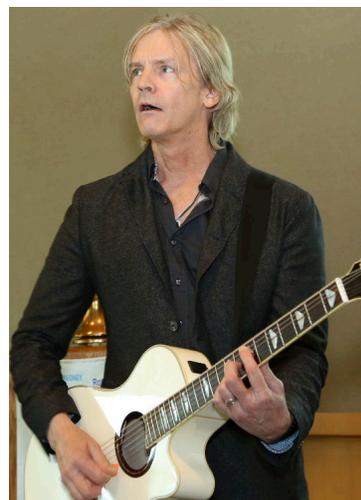




David Victor Promotes Wellness through Music



Musical performer David Victor made a positive musical impression on Tuesday. He's a multi-faceted musician who sang with the group Boston during a portion of their stardom and now is a performing vocalist and guitarist, produces six different bands, is a talent agent and music teacher and, most recently, reaches out to those in physical distress to promote healing and wellness through music.



Victor says that music lowers stress levels, brings about positive associations, speeds healing and restores happiness to patient's lives and the lives of their loved ones. "Harmony and Healing" is his non-profit organization that brings live music to the bedsides and community spaces of patients; provides live, roving musicians who sing, play instruments including acoustic guitars, harps, violins, etc. A side effect is the staff attitude also improves with live music and happier staffers have more to give to patients.



He has a rich history of performing for some three decades from national venues to hospital rooms. His healing group will perform a benefit concert at Bankhead in Livermore next month; last time it was sold out. He is also starting to raise funds so that he can pay musicians to perform in hospitals and similar locations to ensure both reliability and top performances.

Relax, It's Not That Meg(h)an



Whew, when we recently heard that someone named Megan, or was it Meghan, was stepping away from her future responsibility, we thought, 'Oh No, we worked so hard to secure a viable person for that position, and now she's stepping away, essentially abdicating her position? She and her husband told the world that their presumed future role was not what they really wanted to do, and they wanted to achieve financial independence? 'That makes sense', we thought, after all that's what financial planning is all about. Little did we know that the awesome responsibility of serving as President of the Rotary Club of Dublin could cause someone to consider backing away from the challenge. But no, it is not true, Meghan may have toasted herself, but not our Megan! She continues to step up to the plate, grab the ring, and strive to get the H out of here! Way to go Megan



Dublin Rotary Still Growing!

On Tuesday **Jeff Wedderburn** was inducted into membership by Megan. Jeff has a rich background as a mortgage consultant, as a solar expert, a youth sports coach, and more. Look for a detailed biography in the next issue. Congratulations to Jeff and sponsor Dominick!



We filled up more squares on the Happy/Sad board. Don P. is happy that he got to accompany his mother to Mexico and also moved to a new home He's sad that a former officer of El Monte died an early death recently. Bob is happy to be recovering from a knee repair and is happy that his brother in law is attending to him. Pam is happy to be here again and we were all happy to welcome newish members Matt Campbell and Marilyn Hoffman. Larry was very happy that his wife has completed all her cancer treatment and he'll be with us more regularly on Tuesdays. Janine welcomed her mother and guest Steve Kau.





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Coming Events

This Thursday night the Dublin Chamber has its monthly mixer from 5 to 7 at 3 Park Place. We are all members and we are all welcome. On Saturday the District 5170 International Expo 2020 will be held in Milpitas. You can sign up at the District 5170 website. This 9 a.m. to noon event is showcasing Rotary International projects sponsored by District Clubs. Rich Bennett is one of the speakers. Most importantly, it is headed up by our own Kamal Della, who is the District International Chair. Several of us are planning to attend!

In two weeks, the Club Speech contest will be held in the Library. Youth Chair Bryan is making all the arrangements and it promises to be an outstanding event. Speaking of Bryan Benton, he and President Mike stepped up to the plate when they heard of a local student



who needed a laptop and purchased one! Good work, guys! And, on Thursday February 20th an Area 4 benefit will be held for the Open Heart Kitchen. Dubbed “Hearty Har Har”, it’s a comedy benefit at Tommy T’s (Hopyard and Owens in Pleasanton) at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Drinks and snacks are available to purchase. Dominick will sell you a ticket (whether you ne or not!)

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Speaking of Dominick, the Club Board presented his daughter Shelby’s organization at UC Irvine a check for \$500 to help aid their efforts to fund a free dental clinic. The presentation was at the club’s Christmas party shown on another page; here the check has been magically shrunk but happily received by the grateful and giving students. Those twin daughters of his are pretty clever – even though they don’t attend the same school, one of them received the check and the other is shown here. Congratulations to the proud dad.





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