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What A Year!

By Rich Boschetti



First of all, I want to say Thank You for allowing me to serve as your president in the past year and for all each of you did to help make the year successful.

As I come to the end of my term as President of the Rotary Club of Dublin, I have very mixed emotions. I am thrilled that so many of our members embraced the idea of being **"Rotarians in Action,"** and with all our club was able to accomplish as a result of our members gifts of their time. I enjoyed the leadership role that a President plays in an organization and I've learned a great deal about myself, others and life in general (who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks?). But I will admit, that I'm also a bit frustrated that I was not able to do more to help lead our club to a higher level of participation. In the end, I've learned that actively engaged members are the heart of successful service clubs.

I am thankful for all members who made the time to come to weekly meetings and who give so much of themselves to make a difference in our community. Showing up for meetings does make a difference to a club's health. Sharing time together allows us to share our ideas, to laugh together often and to sometimes cry together if needed. More importantly attending meetings allows our club to build the kind of relationships that bond us together as individuals and as club members. Strong working relationships are the fabric of any successful organization.



It takes hours to put together agendas for our club meetings and I know first-hand it makes a difference when people are there to actively participate in the meeting. So if you haven't been attending on a regular basis, I'm hoping you will prioritize attendance on your weekly calendar. I ask you each to be involved and to make a positive difference. You will get out of Rotary, what you put into it.

Our Rotary club is as only as effective as the commitment our members. So as Patty gets ready to take on the job of Club President, I ask each of you to examine why you joined Rotary and find a way to make our club better in the year ahead. If you need ideas for how to get involved, ask me and then let Patty know what you will do to help our club continue to thrive.

Things We Accomplished in 2016 & 2017

- **Blood Drive**—Set new record level for collection which was led by Larry "The Blood Sucker" Damaser.
- **The Build A Bike Program** was driven by Ron "The Mechanic" Mazur. 70 bikes were built & distributed to families in need in the city of Dublin



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- Established the **Ted Hoffman Foundation Donation Drive** & Don "The Enforcer" Price raised \$7,400 in year one which was twice his goal. I guess he made offers we couldn't refuse.
- Once again our club led **Veterans Day and Community Super Hero** celebrations thanks to the efforts of Melissa "The Politician" Strah and Janine "We Are Farmers" Thalblum.
- **Monthly Alternative Social meetings** were introduced to the club which well attended. We held alternative social meetings at Berevino Cucina & Wine Bar, Three Sheets, McKay's, Coco Cabana, 8 Bridges Brewery & my backyard. Thank you Bev "Let the Good Times Roll" Herrera for helping to coordinate those social meetings.
- **Camp Parks Historical Center**—Our Club contributed \$3,300 to help open the Historical Center.
- **Educational programs**—Our club contributed more than \$10,000 toward educational programs to support families in need in the DUSD.
- **St Paddy's Day** event raised more than \$25,000 and was an example of what can be done when virtually every member of our club contributed to the effort.
- **Fundraisers**—more than \$60,000 was raised through various fundraising efforts during the year which allowed our club to contribute **more than \$20,000 to our Dublin Rotary Club Foundation**.
- **Facility Use Fee**—Implementation of the new fee helped our club pay the true cost of food services for the year and was not a drain on our budget.
- **Rotary International Foundation**—As of the writing of this message our club members has contributed more than \$10,240 toward the Rotary International Foundation and we still have two weeks left to collect payments.
- **Polio Plus**—Our club contributed more than \$1,000 to the District 5170 Polio Plus Flash Campaign.
- **Carryover**—Due to budgeting efforts, successful fundraisers and the engagement of our club members, our club will end the year with a significant carryover for the first time in a few years.



Special Recognition and Thanks to the following Rotarians in Action:

- **Chris "Edward R Murrow" Kinzel** for single-handedly producing our Club Newsletter every two weeks. He truly does an outstanding job not only in capturing our meetings in writing, but his many pictures provide us with a visual story. Thank you Chris for your efforts to help keep all members abreast of what's happening with our club.
- **Bryan "Fountain of Youth" Benton** for helping revitalize the Interact club at Dublin High School. More than 50 students were involved in this year's club. They made regular presentations at club meetings and helped with club fundraising efforts.
- **Bill "Money Man" Moy and Tim "Fireworks" Delaporte** for their efforts to run and coordinate the Rotary Fireworks booth. Bill has worked on this project for 27 years and has helped our club raise thousands of dollars. Tim protects our pyrotechnic products by spending the entire week during our fireworks sales by staying overnight in the RV. Both of these gentleman have demonstrated their commitment to our club's success each and every year.
- **"Bulldog" Bob Tucknott**—For his cooking efforts each year to make our Lobsterfest a successful and fun-filled event for our members and guests. He contributes his time and energy each year without complaint. Thank you "Bulldozer" Bob for your continued contributions to our club.
- **Kamal "Big Heart" Della**—for always being there to lead and plan events like Lobsterfest. I know our fundraisers would not be all they could be without the heart he shares with our club so willingly and openly. Kamal you make a difference.



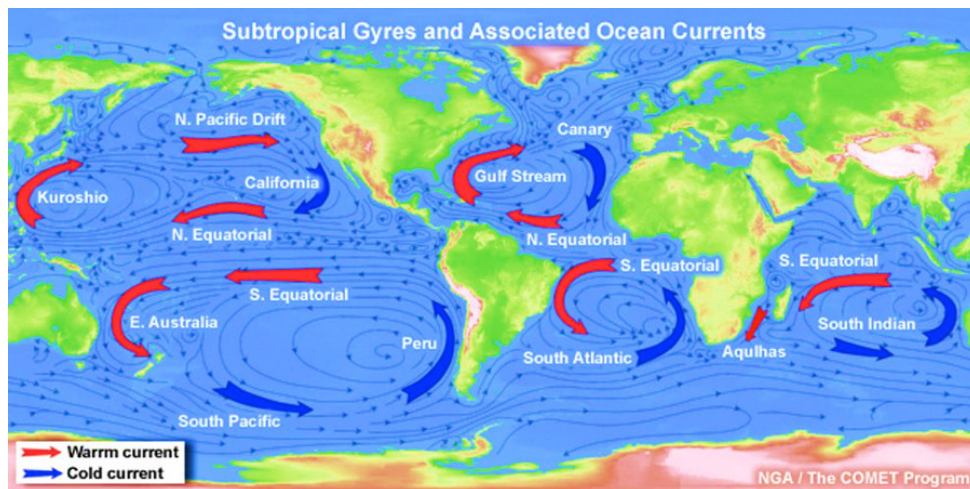
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- **Don “Want to take a ride in my RV” Price**—His support for our club is unending and he does it without complaint or fanfare. Just to name a few of his contributions, his \$5,000 El Monte RV sponsorship of our club. His annual donation of RV's to our auctions that generates an additional \$5,000 for our club. His involvement with the Club Foundation Board and taking responsibility for the inaugural Ted Hoffman Foundation donation program. For serving on our club's board for more than 10 years, serving as our club secretary for at least the last 5 years and for always being one of the first to step up to the plate when our club needs help.
- **Ron “The Godfather” Mazur**—for the endless hours he put into coordinating the Build A Bike Project and to Ron & **Dr. Dennis “The Manipulator” Miller** for their behind the scenes work in helping coordinate both the Splatter and St. Paddy's Day fundraising events. There was more work than you can imagine and they did it without complain. They both also served on our Club's board and helped in the Budget building process for my year.
- **Linda “The Hammer” Smith**—For helping us find a venue for our weekly meetings that was no cost to our club and for all the help she says she never provided to our club. We appreciate all you don't do on our behalf.
- **Megan “The Orator” Rouse**—for her constant search to make sure we had an entertaining speaker for each of our weekly meetings. This is not an easy job, but who we have present to us can literally make or break our meetings.



Gyres and Plastics



What's a gyre? An ocean gyre is a large system of circular ocean currents formed by global wind patterns and forces created by Earth's rotation. But, as recent speaker Patrizia Materasi, a Scotts Valley Rotarian described, gyres attract floating garbage, which is almost always plastics.

One example, the Great Pacific garbage patch, also described as the Pacific trash vortex, is a gyre of marine debris particles in

the central North Pacific Ocean discovered between 1985 and 1988. It is characterized by exceptionally high relative concentrations of plastics, chemical sludge and other debris that have been trapped by the currents of the North Pacific Gyre. Mostly plastics, says Patrizia.



A lot of plastic is designed for limited use, say one day, but lasts forever. Plastics include garbage bags, water bottles, baby bottles, CDs, food cans, lip stick, perfume, and dozens of other items. In the US, 2.5 million plastic bottles are thrown away every hour. Americans use 102 billion plastic bags per year, about 500 per consumer. Do the math – three bags every other day. You can't compost plastic, so half of it winds up in landfills, a fraction is recycled, and some of it goes out to see the sea, frequently settling in a gyre. Many birds, marine mammals and fish die of suffocation, ingestion or entanglement.

How can we change this, asks Patrizia? We can refuse disposable plastics, volunteering, educating and making sustainable decisions. Government can enact legislation, improve waste management, and fund research. Business and corporations can be environmentally and socially responsible, and design products that consider their entire lifecycle and are biodegradable.

Around The Room



Rich Bennett contributed \$20 to describe his recent experience with a shaman which has produced a major change in his life. Among other things he has a new diet, cancelled his wine club memberships and stopped drinking! **Marelyne** is happy to be in attendance and **Pam** is celebrating 10 years in Rotary, back in the original room. **Dr. Dennis** appears happy to be gavel wielding again, while **Melissa** wants us to save the date – Saturday October 7, 2017 – for the Dublin Rotary Octoberfest, to be held in the Mercedes showroom. **Bryan Benton** is Rotarian of the Quarter for his outstanding work with the students at Dublin High. Congratulations, Bryan!



Two of our Rotary International Foundation stalwarts, **Dennis** and **Larry**, encouraged Rotarians to fulfill their pledges and to top it off with a contribution of \$26.50, commemorating the original RI Foundation pay-

ment. **Mona** wants everyone to sign up on-line for Demotion Night on Tuesday June 27 at Cattlemen's. **Kevin** and Liz Buckley help to celebrate Valley High School student Kevin Mincey is honored as Student of the Month and Student of the Year. Congratulations to Kevin.



Dublin Rotarians attended the recent memorial service for Rotarian Dave Cherry. Big O Dave was an outstanding person and Rotarian and always attended Dublin Rotary's major fundraisers. Finally, don't forget to sign up for fireworks sales.



DHS Mentors Freshmen



Maureen Byrne, the first-year Principal of Dublin High School, described the program that helped the school win the Gold Ribbon Award presented by the State of California. The Gold Ribbon

awards recognize California schools that have made gains in implementing the academic content and performance standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Schools applied for the award based on a model program their school has adopted that includes standards-based activities, projects, strategies, and practices that can be replicated by other local educational agencies. Byrne earlier described the program, "Dublin High School is proud to offer our students a unique and model program. With our Freshman Mentor Program, Freshman Seminar and the GAEL period, we offer students daily support to be academically successful and emotionally healthy."

Rotarians were impressed with the breadth and depth of the DHS program. The school has more than 2,500 students and is rapidly growing as the District

searches for property for a new east Dublin secondary campus. It's easy for freshmen to get overwhelmed in a large and growing school; this program is aimed to ease them into high school and provide them the necessary support and skills for their success.

The school changed its schedule to include seven class periods and a 60-minute lunch hour. Three days a week, all freshmen attend a Freshman Mentoring Program. Some of the issues described on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays include 1) Who Am I? How do I define success? What are my passions, values, personality, strengths, skills and aptitudes? 2) What do I want? Starting with my budget, what are costs for housing, transportation, clothing, food, entertainment, recreation, vacations, child care, health care, furnishings and savings? 3) How do I get it? Students conduct research on careers, they create a working resume that accurately identifies the values, strengths and skills, and 3) Practice interview skills including dress, making eye contact, proper handshakes, etc.

On the other two days of the week students have the choice of working in a small group, working on directed homework assignments, or going to



the HUB (library) to work with a tutor in any problem areas. There is also a class on health one day of the week. Any students that have multiple Ds and Fs have mandatory sessions in the HUB that are well organized and monitored. They learn about note taking, study strategies, homework completion and access to tutors throughout the school. Tutors are skilled and deal with a variety of specialties, covering most subjects. Some are other students, but many are parents and other skilled practitioners.



While the frosh are dealing the issues described above, the rest of the students use the period for student activities, counseling, appointments with teachers, off campus appointments, making up missed tests, online courses and independent study.

It is clear that the DHS program to care for their students is worthy of gold ribbon status.





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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Realtor
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Dentist
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Educator
Travel
Retired
Education
Education
City Council Member
Telephone Wizard
Realtor
Family Law
Dentistry
Real Estate
Retired
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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