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Stop Waste!



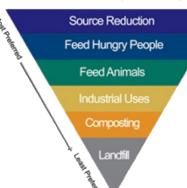
Tommy Fenster, an energetic and engaging staffer of Stop Waste, an Alameda County agency striving to reduce waste, educated a large group of Rotarians and guests recently. We have at least three choices – Tommy says – compost it, recycle it, or trash it. Stop Waste's goal is to drastically reduce the amount of material sent to landfills that could either be recycled or sent to the compost pile. And they have been very successful – reducing improper landfill dumping from 60 percent in 2008 to a goal of 10 percent in 2020.

The steps to preventing waste, says Tommy, are to reduce food waste, reduce household toxics, stop junk mail and buying green. There is a tremendous amount of food waste because folks don't buy with specific meals in mind. We should store our food better to keep it fresher for a longer period of time. For example, set your refrigerator at 40 degrees, store vegetables separately from food, use plastic bags and containers to prevent drying, and don't wash berries and grapes until they are eaten. Unripened fruits and vegetables should be ripened on the counter, then refrigerated. Put your asparagus in a glass of water and store on the counter; separate bananas from the bunch and store outside of



the refrigerator. Many items can be stored in a cold, dark place to preserve them – potatoes, melons, pineapples, onions, garlic, etc. The idea is to shop and store foods wisely.

Food Recovery Hierarchy



Tommy asked Rotarians to Take the Green Bin Pledge, to pledge to compost food scraps and food soiled paper in green bins. Most of the Rotarians in the room took the pledge and were happy to wave those pledges.

Students today many challenges today, some of which earlier generations did not: Prescription drug abuse, sex, drinking, pornography, social media, sexting, heroin overdose, etc. Depression and suicide are very common; a recent suicide of a 15-year old Pleasanton student is only one of many.



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Around the Room

Question – Who coined that term, around the room? None other than long time Shamrock writer Stacey Shurson, now [reverse] commuting daily to her position as Corporate Vice President for M. J. Hall and Company in Stockton from her home in Livermore. We can't write that headline without thinking of Stacey!



While President Rich was Floridating recently, Dennis Miller and Ron Mazur handled the gavel. Recognizing that traveling Dublin Rotarians are expected to bring a gift to the President, Rich did that. He presented special gifts to Dennis and Ron, one of whom was actually present. Although Dennis willingly accepted the gift from the Players Tournament that Rich attended, he volunteered that he personally doesn't bring gifts, because no one brought him gifts when he was club president. However, Dennis, that was in the previous century, and most club members have moved on.















Janine was proud to show the prize ribbon from son Jon for winning first place in the AAU basketball tournament in Reno. Larry has that look because he needs for Rotarians to honor their pledges for the Rotary Foundation donation for this year. Pay up by next Tuesday, he is saying, to meet the month end deadline. President Rich, sporting his new fancy headband, presented

special awards to the lineup shown: Larry for his successful blood drives, Shamekka for the best ever club website, Patty for stepping up to serve as President, and Tinarsha for major help and helpers at the Shamrock event. Here is Tinarsha, fresh from a trip to Japan gifting the Prez with an authentic headband; you can see he wears it well. Also Patty Pringle still wants us all to sign up for the Amazon Smiles program, which contributes funds back to Dublin Rotary.

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Rotary Scholarships Awarded

The Rotary Club of Dublin Foundation has awarded \$7,000 in scholarships to six deserving students. The Foundation contacted the three local high schools including Dublin High, Valley High and Valley Christian High inviting graduating seniors to apply for scholarships. Sixteen applications were received and the students were ranked based on the following:

- ✓ Academic success
- √ Community service
- √ School participation
- √ Financial need
- ✓ Likelihood of future success

The scholarship committee, consisting of Harold Ceizler, Don Biddle and Chris Kinzel, had a very difficult time selecting the winners because all applicants were highly qualified. The winners of the \$1,500 David Burton Scholarships were Loic Alini and Kevin Hom of Dublin High School and Joshua Choi of Valley High School. The winner of the \$1,500 Ted Hoffman Scholarship, awarded to Interact Club students is Joseph Liu of Dublin High School. In addition, a Dublin Rotarian anonymously funded \$500 special scholarships to two applicants who were well qualified and with significant financial needs.

As shown in the photos the scholar-ships were presented to students at each school. President Rich Boschetti attended the Dublin High School senior awards presentation ceremony and Chris Kinzel made a presentation at the Valley High commencement ceremony. Thanks to the committee and to Mona Dunlop for the beautiful framed certificates, to Bryan Benton for school coordination, and to Leann Nobida, Kevin Grier and Liz Buckley at the schools.



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State of the Schools



School Board President Megan Rouse was our featured speaker on Tuesday, bringing us up to date

on the state of the Dublin Unified School District. DUSD has a budget of about \$100,000,000, or about \$10,000 for each of its 10,000 students. Eighty five percent of the budget is expended on employees. The state of California sends DUSD about \$8,100 per student. The District is expecting enrollment to increase by about 6-7,000 more students in the next few years. There are 11 schools – two high schools, two middle schools and seven elementary schools.

In the past year, three schools won coveted Gold Ribbon Award recognition from the state – Dublin High, Wells Middle and Fallon Middle.
Only 17 secondary schools in Alameda County received these awards.
Dublin High School has been totally rebuilt in the last few years, but will soon have a new engineering and science building as well.

Because of growth within the district, DUSD is devoting much of its attention to new facilities. The newest school, recently named Cottonwood Creek, will serve K-8 students and serve around 1,000 students. It will be located in the Jordan Ranch area, east of Fallon Road and will open in the fall of 2018. The next school coming on line is likely to be the one planned for the Boulevard development located north of the east BART station in the portion of Camp Parks that is currently being developed for housing, ultimately planned to accommodate about 2,000 new homes and a community park. After that, demographers indicate one more elementary school may be needed, but Megan indicated that it is too early to know for certain.









School District potentially

There are about 2,500 students at Dublin High School; a peak of an additional 2,500 may occur in the next 7 to 10 years, then

subside. The school board is currently working with the community in determining where a new high school can be built. Since growth in Dublin is in the east, most sites being considered are in that location. The Board just held a contentious public hearing on a site along Gleason Road just south of the new Alameda County Courthouse, which is also south of the Santa Rita jail. Vociferous opponents of the site claimed that this location would expose future high school students to dangers related to its proximity to the jail; the Board voted to turn down this location on a 3 to 2 vote. Megan says she is not sure what will happen next. The Gleason site was the least expensive and was available from a willing seller; although the Board can call upon its powers of eminent domain to purchase any site, this approach would likely result in a long and drawn out exercise with unknown courtdetermined costs. Unfortunately, any location selected by the Board will undoubtedly be faced with stiff neighborhood opposition justified by its equally creative rationale.

Overall though, Megan says the District is doing well as it supplies the community with quality education.

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And take a look at the beautiful bench donated by Dublin Rotary to the Dublin Military History Center at Camp Parks which opened over the holiday weekend. Thanks to Janine for the pic.

For your calendar: Demotion Night is coming so we can show El Jefe know how much (or little) we think of him. It's Tuesday June 27 at Cattleman's at 6 p.m. Bring a friend, it's only \$25 a person. Beginning the next day, Dublin Rotary Fireworks Sales: June 28 to July 4. We'll need multiple shifts from every Rotarian!



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