



The Rotary Club of Dublin, CA 2019-2020

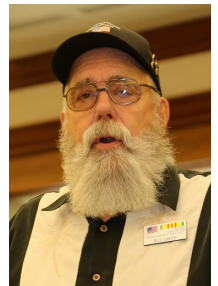
The Dublin SHAMROCK

Veteran's Day Celebration A Great Success



Dublin Rotary's annual tribute to Veteran's Day was held last week at the Shannon Center. Once again coordinated by Melissa Hernandez, the event featured recognition and awards to many service men and women stationed at Camp Parks. Guest speaker Bill Green recounted his personal experiences in Viet Nam. His organization, the Viet Nam Veterans of Diablo Valley seeks to improve the image of Viet Nam veterans and to foster

patriotism and loyalty to the USA. The event was highlighted by the recognition of the outgoing Camp Parks Commander. Don Price helped to preside over the event and President Michael made an impressive presentation to Blue Star Moms, along with cash gifts to the VFW and the Dublin Choir. The choir was extremely impressive with offerings including patriotic and spiritual songs.





Club Tales



Can you believe the Dublin Rotary is singing again? Well, maybe not, but a serious attempt is being made. Two times, yet. **Rich Boschetti** is



happy of the progress being made by new member **Dominick** to advance from red to blue. Way to go, Dom! **Megan** brought a guest, Pastor **Randy McGrady-Beach** of



John Knox Presbyterian church in Dublin. We are awaiting induction of our first corporate member, **Dr. Dave Marken** of DUSD. **Bryan Benton** is awarded another star in his Paul Harris crown by Don. **Janine** has moved away from East Dublin. It's OK, she has just moved to West Dublin, whew! **Dr. John I.** now has absolutely no excuse to miss any club meetings—his son is a new

dentist and has moved into John's office. Congratulations to both! Good news/bad news: **Stacey Shurson** is back in Rotary. But...it is in north Stockton, near her M.J. Hall office, where she is in her fourth year as corporate Vice President. Congratulations to Stacey and Stockton North! Here is a photo of her installation.

Welcome to Shawn Kumagai



We recently welcomed Shawn Kumagai into membership in Dublin Rotary. Shawn has been volunteering to work at

Dublin Rotary fundraisers for the last year, and finally made a full commitment. Shawn was elected to the Dublin City Council last year. He is a third generation US veteran, having completed 18 years in the Navy,

10 years on active duty and eight years as a reservist. Shawn quoted one of Longfellow's dreamy thoughts: "The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service." Welcome, Shawn!



Dublin Firefighters visited Rotary to demonstrate their equipment recently.



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It was an **Eventful Tuesday!**



Our Greeter, **Kamal**, provided some his background: a former engineer who is now a real estate investor and a resident of Pleasanton with his wife Rima. He is big into soccer coaching at high levels; he has friends and acquaintances from throughout the soccer community. He has been a member of Dublin

Rotary since 2011 and since joining has been extremely active in Rotary at both the club and District levels. He led the very successful Lobster event last year, has served in various officer roles and will be club President in two years following **Megan Rouse**. On Tuesday, he announced that will be curtailing his district leadership roles as he prepares to ascend to his presidency. This year he is both the District International Service chair and the District Speech Contest chair. He is a great and active member!

We had three visitors on Tuesday – **Mike Rosen**, **Jeff Wedderburn** and **John Chan**. **Mike** is a Rotarian from the Seattle area who has relocated to Dublin while **Jeff** and **John** attended as guests of new member **Dominick Piegaro**.



More Kamal moments—he gifted **President Mike** with a fine bottle of French wine from his recent trip to Lyon. In turn, **Mike** decided to auction it off to raise funds for the Dublin Rotary Foundation. Guess who was the high bidder? None other than **Kamal**, for \$100 yet! We usually take two photos so subjects don't stare at the camera, unsmilingly. Unfortunately, **Don Price's** recognition of a new Paul Harris fellowship for **Bob's** grandson Levi only involved one photo, reminding the cameraman to always take two!



Glamorous **Mona** told us we have only until next Tuesday to purchase drawing tickets benefitting the Coaniquem Burn center. **Janine** was Happy that Dublin Rotary should be proud of two high-achieving members who are City Manager and Deputy City Manager respectively – **Linda Smith** and **Coleen Tribby**! Congratulations. **Megan** called attention to the Polio Plus matching campaign and the great event last week under the direction of **Melissa**. She, in turn, was quick to point out key assistance from **Linda**, **Patty**, **Namrata** and **Jennifer**, among others. Wow, Dublin Rotarians, we have a bunch of high-performing women members!



Mr. Nan Su Speaks on Chinese Culture



He was an interesting speaker, but even more interesting was what he didn't say at our meeting on Tuesday. His topic, "The Wisdom and Humanity from Ancient Chinese Culture," traced Chinese philosophy down through the ages from Taoism to Confucianism to the current situation. Confucius was a bright

guy who started education for the common man, not just the royalty which had previously been the case. He lived about 500 B.C. and emphasized personal and governmental morality, correctness of social relationships, justice and sincerity. Whereas westerners are guided by religious beliefs, Su noted that Chinese are guided by philosophies, not religion. Confucius developed many sayings that are still relevant today, reading a bit like excerpts from the book of Proverbs. (Proverbs was written about 900 BC by a gentleman named Solomon.)

If you google Nan Su you can see that he speaks to lots of Rotary Clubs and other groups. What he didn't get into in his presentation, but touched on it in Q&A, was the current situation in China. If you read the biographical information that President Mike emailed all club members earlier in the week, you may have noticed that he was one of the coordinators of the Human Rights Torch Relay in 2008 just prior to the

Beijing Olympics. It visited 135 cities around the world including its first stop in the US in San Jose, for which visit Mr. Su was instrumental.

In China, an important philosophy that developed in the late 1980's was a movement that came to be known as Falun Gong. According to Wikipedia, Falun Gong is a modern discipline combining slow-moving exercises and meditation with a moral philosophy centered on the tenets of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance. It was founded in 1992 and there were soon several million followers in China. Following this rapid growth, the threatened Communist Party launched a campaign to "eradicate" Falun Gong in July of 1999. The authorities launched a massive public relations campaign but there were also reports of systematic torture, illegal imprisonment, forced labor, organ harvesting, and abusive psychiatric measures. Some have called the widespread torture, killings and other crimes "genocide." Organ harvesting was an especially terrible crime.



The Human Rights Torch Relay was organized to call attention to government practices to eradicate Falun Gong and other similar practices. Mr. Sun certainly has strong feelings about Communist practices, even describing them as combining communism, capitalism, and socialism to suit their goals. He implied that negotiating with the Chinese communist government leads to a dead-end street since "there are no moral or ethical standards."

Rotary Foundation Recognized

For the 12th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from **Charity Navigator**, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The **Foundation** earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 12 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

"Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that The Rotary Foundation exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work", says Michael Thatcher, president and chief executive officer of Charity Navigator. "This exceptional designation sets the Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.





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 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•

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 Attorney

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 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•
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