



# ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

## Shawna Gilroy — Great Signage for Vallejo!

Shawna Gilroy is the president-elect for the Rotary Club of Vallejo. Today she spoke to us about her project for this next year — creating great signage for the City of Vallejo — to let people know what Vallejo is all about and to show off what Vallejo has to offer. Did you know that Vallejo has 26 service organizations and associations?

This is how the project began. Shawna investigated different cities and how the cities displayed information about community groups, such as Rotary. The city that has the BEST town entryway signage (by Shawna’s standards) is Chico, CA. Shawna started meeting with different groups and organizations, as well as large companies, and bottom line, these organizations agreed that this was an excellent project for Vallejo — a project that could really help Vallejo make a mark!



Shawna’s vision is to have FIVE signs that would be placed at the city limits. The total estimated cost of these signs is approximately \$300,000. The goal is to have the first sign completed and in place by the year 2020, or earlier — just off of the Carquinez Bridge on I-80 eastbound. Shawna has asked various organizations to consider contributing \$5000. The Rotary Club of Vallejo has also been given \$1500 for the upcoming Waterfront Weekend in Vallejo go toward this project. This project has also been awarded and granted \$79,000.

Shawna works for the *Vallejo Times Herald*. Through some connections and investigative work, Shawna was able to contact the original architect of the signs in Chico that were first created in 1979. When she contacted the architect, who is now in his mid-80's, she offered to pay for the original blueprints and renderings. However, the architect was so thrilled that he has sent the blueprints and renderings to Shawna for FREE, and has offered to be available to assist anyone who needs help in creating the signs, more information about the signs, or even his architectural expertise. Once the signs are installed, the City of Vallejo has offered to maintain the signs for the first five years. The signs will hopefully be placed on private properties (if easements can be obtained) which would circumvent CalTrans and the much dreaded red tape approval process.

Shawna was extremely excited about this project. She has given this same presentation to numerous groups, and it has been well received. Today, was no exception. Thank you, Shawna, and good luck with this great project for your upcoming presidential year!

## Happy Dollars

- \* **Bill Warren** had a birthday and an anniversary recently. He said that both of them added up to almost be 100, so he contributed \$100 today! Jim Trimble sang a solo birthday song for Bill — the birthday song by “Sheriff John.” Bill queried as to whether it was actually worth it!
- \* **André Lewis** celebrated his 51st birthday this past weekend. His birthday day: get up, run 6 miles, spend 20 minutes in the pool, and then head back to bed! He contributed \$20 for his special day, and felt that Jim’s song for Bill Warren was sufficient so he didn’t need one.
- \* **John Blunt** participated in a BlackJack tournament in Reno this past week, and placed 7th in the tournament. His winnings: \$1000. John contributed \$100 today toward the Museum Project.
- \* **Alan Schwartzman** just returned from Oregon and was happy that he was able to get rid of his burn piles! Organic debris had been piling up on his property, and he only had a brief burn window. He was successful and contributed \$5 for his happiness.
- \* **Jim Trimble** was \$20 happy as his downstairs in his home is now repaired from the earlier pipe burst.
- \* **Bob Triglia** was \$10 happy because he recently drank Jim Trimble’s wine at John Laverty’s home during family dinner night. (John Laverty’s son is married to Bob Triglia’s daughter.)
- \* **Sue Fisher Jones**, who is actually on “leave” from our club, has officially moved to Oregon and has most of her major moving completed. Furthermore, her birthday is later this month. She donated \$100 to the foundation.
- \* **Steve McClure** offered 4 A’s tickets to this Sunday’s game against the KC Royals. He was hoping to donate the tickets and whatever money was contributed (or bid upon) would go to the club. Unfortunately, there were no takers — probably because this next weekend is a very busy one here in Benicia.
- \* **Darrell Doi** missed Jim Trimble’s question about the bulletin. He paid \$2.

- \* **Scott Reep** missed Jim Trimble's question about the bulletin. He paid \$2.
- \* **Sue Hutch** (that's me) answered Jim Trimble's question correctly about the City Bulletin. Jim paid \$2.

## Noteworthy

- \* **John Blunt** had lots of goodies for us to purchase today. All money goes towards the Museum Project which is Jim Lessenger's presidential project for this next year.
- \* Our annual **Rotary Golf Tournament** is Friday, August 17 at Blue Rock Springs. Paper brochures are available, electronic brochures are available, and the forms can be downloaded from our website. We need sponsors, players, and helpers! Mark your calendar now!!!
- \* Our Rotary Club of Benicia received a letter of appreciation from **Benicia High School** for our three merit scholarships that we provided to three students. Overall, a total exceeding over \$1.4 million of scholarships were presented last week at Benicia High School's Awards Assembly.
- \* **Arts Benicia** wrote our club a thank you note for our \$500 donation toward this summer's *EcoArt Camp* provided by Arts Benicia. This camp will be held at Joe Henderson School.
- \* The **next board meeting** will be Tuesday, June 12 at 7:15 AM at Huckleberry's. This will be a joint meeting between this year's board members and next year's board members.
- \* **Sue Fisher Jones** who is on a leave of absence from our club will officially be transferring out of our club soon as she is moving to Redmond, Oregon.

## Demotion Dinner



Steve McClure is leaving his presidency — it's the end of his year! We are celebrating his presidency on Tuesday, July 10th at 5:30 PM at Estey Real Estate with a DEMOTION DINNER. Fun, fellowship, and food for Rotarians, significant others and friends. It is also Steve's 50th birthday! More

information to follow, but mark your calendars now. We will NOT have a noontime meeting on July 10. This Demotion Dinner is a different format from previous years — no video presentation. Plan to join the fun!