



# ROTARY CLUB OF BENICIA

Club founded in 1967

## Reg Page wins Award for Most Hawaiian Outfit



## Eric Hوجلund wins Award for Most Classy Outfit



## Dr. Lessenger, I Presume?

Yes, today was the day that Dr. Jim Lessenger ran his first official **club meeting** as our new Rotary president. He was accompanied by his lovely wife, Leslie. He also had asked all Rotarians to wear his/her Hawaiian shirts. Those of us that failed to do so were fined \$5. That would be me...as well as a few other members.

Dr. Lessenger introduced our 2018-2019 year by presenting an overview of his four major goals:

1. to have fun and fellowship
2. to provide service to our community
3. to add new members to our club
4. to maintain our financial stability

He listed the names of his board members for 2018-2019 and talked about each area of focus. He also explained how our club is organized: as a club, and also as a foundation — and from a

## Susan Hurl wins award for Most Artistic Outfit



## Diane Smikahl wins award for Most Colorful Outfit



## Bob Triglia wins award for Least Thematic Outfit



legal, tax, budgetary and accounting standpoint, these are actually two separate entities.

Jim discussed our overall club expenditures: meetings and parties, meals, dues (to district 5160 and RI), the Chamber of Commerce, PETS, website and supplies, our trailer, and Youth Protection training and certification. Our overall fundraisers include: club pledges such as fines, happy dollars, etc., our August golf tournament at Blue Rock Springs, the Peddler's Fair, the Benicia Main Street Waterfront Festival's (tips and Downtown Dollars), the Oakland A's Game (donated by Steve Moore), and John Blunts' candy and coffee sales.

The Rotary Club of Benicia Foundation has provided donations to Liberty High School, Merit Awards (scholarships), the Benicia Wolf Pack, BHS Golf, BHS Softball, Camp Venture and Camp Royal Scholarships, the President's discretionary fund, holiday dinners and gift cards, the Native Sons of the Golden West, RI Youth Exchange, and our local Interact Club.

Jim spent a few minutes talking about his presidential project, which we will refer to as the "**Museum Fund.**" The funds for this project will provide a chance to recast parts of the Benicia Historical Museum. Other club members are also involved in this great project.

For his finale of the meeting, Jim's wife, Leslie, had been watching and recording the Hawaiian dress worn by some of our members. **Five of our members "won" awards!** (see insets on page 1 and 2)

There were **Happy Dollars**, too. Martha Christopher had a birthday in June, Darrell Doi had a birthday in July, Alex Lobban celebrated his 5th anniversary in July, Steve McClure was happy to be at Rotary and **not** be president, Reg Page had a revelation about attention span of doctors (referring to Dr. Lessenger), Scott Reep saw fellow Rotarians/lawyers in court, Bob Triglia's daughter is expecting again, and Jim Trimble was fined as Triglia wants to be more gentle and more popular than Trimble was as Sargeant-at-Arms.

