

# Rotary Club of Benicia

Service Above Self

January 31, 2017



## Arianne Whiting — Teacher of the Month

Arianne Whiting isn't new to teaching. She has been in Benicia Unified School District for a few years – mostly at Benicia High School. But when district enrollment numbers changed a few years ago, Arianne found herself as an elementary school teacher – not what she wanted to do at all, nor what she felt capable to do. She said she didn't even know how to talk to elementary kids!

But life has a way of throwing us curveballs – and now, Arianne has grown into her position as a third grade teacher – and realizes how much she LOVES teaching and especially teaching third graders. She said that this position has changed her life – all for the better. Her principal, Wendy Smith, spoke quite highly of her as a teacher, and as a leader at Mary Farmer Elementary.

Congratulations, Arianne, as a Rotary Teacher of the Month!



## Odds 'n Ends

Our Rotary club donated over \$2000 in 2016 to *Go Philanthropic*.

Michael – our inbound exchange student for 2016-2017 – is interested in attending *Western Safari* in June, but needs to raise about \$2000. As a club, we can help!

Scott Reep has created a Facebook page dedicated to the *Benicia Youth Exchange* program.

## These Rotarians Were HAPPY Today



Scott Reep had a birthday! He asked Steve McClure to sing to him....solo.

Jon Dwyer spent two weeks in Maui. Plus he and Bonnie are hosting an exchange student from Austria!

Jim Lessenger went to Mexico for a few days and visited Guadalajara!

Steve McClure's business was selected as a Business of the Year!



**Our OPPORTUNITY drawing is up to \$994!**