

ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

DUBLIN ROTARY CLUB

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Rotary Club of Dublin, founded in 1971, has a long tradition of providing services to the Dublin community. Although Dublin Rotary is an active participant in several world-wide service projects, we are focused on providing services to the students and residents of our City. In 2019, our community projects included the following:

- *Presented Student of the Month recognition awards to deserving students. A certificate, cash award, and prizes from local merchants were presented to students and their parents.
- *Sponsored the Rotary Interact Club at Dublin High School to encourage, guide, and mentor students to provide community service. Provided scholarships for incoming Interact officers to attend leadership training retreats. Provided \$5,000 in funding for DHS students to gain leadership development at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and Enterprise Leadership Conferences.
- *Made a dramatic increase in scholarship awards to DHS and VHS graduating seniors, presenting \$16,000 in scholarships to deserving students honoring the legacy of community leaders and former Rotarians David Burton and Ted Hoffman.
- *Supported Frederiksen Elementary teacher Catherine Brown's new read aloud program, One School, One Book, which is now a successful District-wide program, One City, One Book.
- *Hosted student Lisa Kawada from Japan, providing meals, lodging, and support for the school year.
- *Sponsored a Speech Contest for DHS students. The local winner advanced through a series of contests with winners from 50 Bay Area Rotary Clubs. This year, our winner advanced to the semi-finals.
- *Through the Build-a-Bike program, we purchased 60 unassembled bicycles, worked with Fallon Middle School students to build the bikes, and then donated them to deserving Dublin families.
- *In addition to these youth-oriented activities, Dublin Rotary serves the community in other ways including honoring and recognizing local military veterans at a Shannon Center luncheon. Honorees included active military personnel and reservists from Camp Parks.
- *Hosted the Community Superstars luncheon to recognize high achieving staff members of the City of Dublin, DUSD, as well as the Dublin Police and Fire departments.
- *Provided grants to other non-profit organizations who also serve the community. This year's honorees included Dublin Partners in Education, Open Heart Kitchen, Ability Now Bay Area, Children's Emergency Food Bank, American Heart Association, Wells Middle School PFC, HERS Breast Cancer Foundation, and Fallon Middle School's future Interact Club.
- *Donated \$1,000 in gift cards at the holidays to Dublin families.
- *Donated \$2,500 to CityServe of the Tri-Valley to aid Dublin seniors and veterans.
- *Supported the business community by hosting a Chamber of Commerce mixer. Dublin Rotary raises funds to make these awards and donations through a variety of activities including our Lobstermania event, and by partnering with the Wells Band and DPIE to sell fireworks at multiple booths. We are honored to be selected to conduct beer and wine sales at both the St. Patrick's Day celebration and at Splatter. These events represent hundreds of volunteer hours by Dublin Rotarians. We are pleased to have the opportunity to serve the community in these significant ways.