



THE Rio Rotarian

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." - Milton Berle



HELENE MADERE BRIDGE

"Having fun helping others...watering the rosebuds"

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

Pres. Dave calls the meeting to order as 7 a.m., with Jon leading the Pledge and Gil, Rotary Grace. Dr. Ted leads the Club in, "King of the Road," by Roger Miller." Despite their tardiness, neither Eddie or Cub miss out on their carbohydrates. Cub spins the wheel and receives a \$2 fine, while Eddie lands on #1 and is fine free.



Guests & Visiting Rotarians

The Club enthusiastically welcomes Rene Duddy, President of Vaca Valley Eventide Rotary Club; with Rene introducing her friend, Susan Moore. Danny welcomes his girlfriend Pocket, while Dr. Ted announces a man that needs no intro, Member Cole Felt.

Treasurer's Report

Sec. Leon delivers the Treasurer's report, noting that the raffle has exploded to \$1,400. Dr. Ted clarifies that the Club does not require a 501(c)(3) status for donations to qualify as tax deductions for donors.

Birthdays & Celebrations

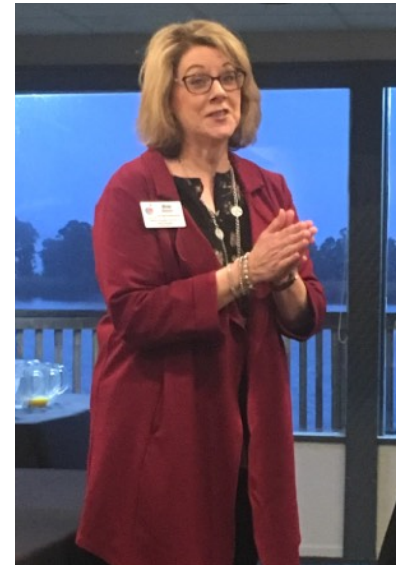
Having returned from his vacation, Sec. Leon winds back the clock to announce that Cub celebrated his birthday on 12/16,

An Utterly Fabulous Presentation

Our distinguished guest and speaker, Rene Duddy, joined the DVSR Rotary in 2009 as a founding member/board member. But, work managed to get in the way of participating, with her needing to resign in 2013. When she moved to Vacaville, she was excited to rejoin the Vaca Valley Eventide Rotary Club in 2016, where she served as their president from 2017-2018. During her term, she restructured meetings, and nearly doubled membership from 10 to 18 members. She now serves as our Asst. Governor Elect for our District—which includes Vacaville (3 clubs), Dixon and Rio Vista. Her Club meets each Wednesday, at 6 p.m. at the Vacaville Holiday Inn.

While their Club is not large, what they provide to Vacaville is huge. Their signature program, "Blessings in a Backpack," is done in association with the Boys and Girls Club of America. Each Friday, the Club places lunches in the backpacks of needy children. By placing them in the packs directly, children avoid being embarrassed around peers. Their Club also works with the fundraising efforts of the Boys & Girls Club. Their next Bowling fundraiser will be March 23.

At the district level, Rene spoke of several valuable upcoming events, including the Rotary Assembly that will be held April 6 in Fairfield. The focus will be to work on the quality of programs. On January 19 will be Rotary Foundation Day in Woodland, which will provide effective grant writing training. Rene is the Executive Secretary and Grant Manager. She is a good resource for writing grants. Further, you can visit the www.dacdb.com site to participate in the Grant Writing Training program, which can be viewed via Zoom.



Rene discusses numerous valuable upcoming programs.



Utterly Fun Beer Run is a mere .5K, so there are absolutely no excuses.

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Hector on 12/28, Tom on 12/17 and Jack on 1/02. Bob (36 years), Ken (23) and Danny (6), each celebrate their Club anniversaries.

Confessions

- Pres. Dave announces that there are two spaces available for Camp Royal applicants, but if there is higher demand, requests can be made by 1/15.
- Chair Patrick has scheduled the Rotary Golf Tourney for May 15. More information will follow, with sign-up sheets circulating by the next meeting.
- Tom’s High School Scholarship Committee is ramping up. If you’re interested in helping, please contact Chair Tom.
- Tequila Y Mas. Hector announces that Danny will help, and Cub will co-chair. Late Breaking News: Ed. Edwin will co-chair with Cub.
- Pres. Dave, Lee and Cub will coordinate schedules and deliver a check to Paradise soon.
- On April 17, Human Trafficking Education and Awareness Summit will be held at the Veteran’s Hall.

Marble Draw

Pres Dave has the right number, but pulls the wrong marble!



Newsletter Team
Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

Interact Takes the Week Off

School is back in session January 14, and the Club looks forward to their Student Report.

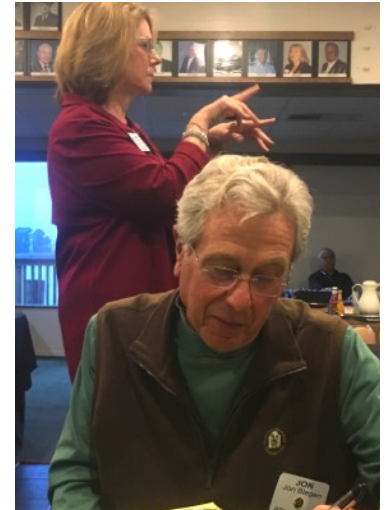
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Sec. Leon returns from a 15-day cruise on the Grand Princess, where he claims there is no internet. He offers \$100 to the Harvey Felt Scholarship Fund for the cruise, and another \$50 to the General Fund for going into an internet blackhole.

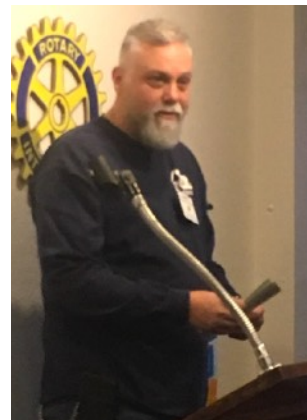
Hale purchases a car from Abel, and Cub picks up the \$20 fine.

Danny takes a diving class in Catalina, and donates \$50 to Interact for the missed meeting.

Dr. Ted, pays a Lion-type fine of \$5, advising the membership that he’s taking his travel trailer for a test run this weekend.



Newsletter Team Member Jon, writes his impeccable notes in an inexplicable trancelike state of mind.



(left) Pres. Dave does not appear pleased when he pulls the incorrect marble.



(right) Past Tequila Y Mas Chair Hector, can deliver the tequila, but needs a new Chair to step up.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
January 18	The Camp Fire	Lee Williams
January 25	TBD	Ken Wudel
February 1	Montezuma to the Rescue - D Schindler	Eddie Woodruff
February 8	TBD	Bob Bard
February 15	TBD	Gil Labrie
February 22	TBD	Jay Huyssoon