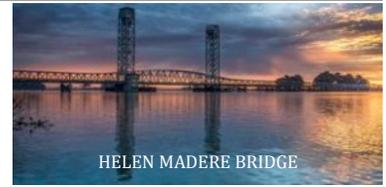




# THE Rio Rotarian

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



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

*-Dr. Ted Schulz*

## Welcome

Pres. Dave calls the meeting to order at 7 a.m., and without bestowing the Pledge or Rotary Grace on a member, tackles them on his own. Gene leads us in, "God Bless America."

## Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Danny introduces Pocket for possibly her final meeting as a guest.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jay returns from a short trip, and advises that the raffle is around \$1,400. Interestingly, this is what it was last week—so there may be a few more dollars in the pot.

## Birthdays & Celebrations

Cole is not in attendance to celebrate his birthday, but we sing, "Happy Anniversary," to Patrick, having made it 2 years as a Rotarian. MIA Wayne Woodward celebrates #16!

## Announcements

- Pres. Dave will be visiting his mother this coming week, and will have Dr. Ted take the helm Friday.
- Molly notes that our Club Charter is on 2/15, but we won't celebrate until Sat. 3/9 when the Point's available. Sign-ups will begin next week.
- Molly advises that we are looking for applicants for Camp Royal. Leon will post the application on our website.
- Gary reports that the previously postponed Horse Races have been rescheduled for Saturday, April 13.

## School's Back in Session

Student's report that non-seniors have signed up for their Fall 2019 classes and that MAP testing will be next week. Also, thanks to Aiden Mayhood's efforts, seniors have the option of eating lunch off campus beginning January 22.



*Pres. Gabe De La Rosa, Zoe White, Ingrid Gellardo, Jesus Rivas, and VP Brooke Okamura are ready to tackle 2019.*

In agricultural news, it's reported that pigs were delivered for FFA this week, with more animals to come soon.

In sports, wrestling lost their match to linden, but they're looking forward to hosting a tournament February 2; boys and girls soccer teams lost their games on January 14, and their Wednesday game was cancelled due to weather; boys and girls Varsity and JV basketball played Highlands, with the JV girls getting the win. Brooke reports that the Highlands fans were very disruptive.



*Pres. Dave is awestruck by the talented Interact students.*

## Lee Reports on Paradise

Lee Williams and Derek Abel take a road trip to Paradise to deliver a check for \$15,100 to Pam and Brian Gray. Most will recognize Pam as our previous District Governor, and Brian as the current Paradise Club President. Lee notes the following heart-wrenching data points on the fire:

## Confessions

- Gene misses the past few meetings—one from illness, and the second for being a great son and visiting his 95-year old mother in Prescott AZ. He offers \$25 to the Harvey Felt Scholarship Fund.
- Patty and Jay take a trip to New Mexico, visiting Jay's 95-year old mother. Patty jokingly tells the membership that it was a, "very, very good visit for the first time in 95 years." They pledge a whopping \$95 to the General Fund.
- Pres. Dave purchases a new truck from Abel, paying a \$5 fine.

## Marble Draw

Evelyn Wilson pays a visit and draws the winning ticket—but her luck runs out. There are no more than 3 or 4 balls remaining. I suspect members will begin attending the next few meetings!

See below our 2019 Rotary Logo



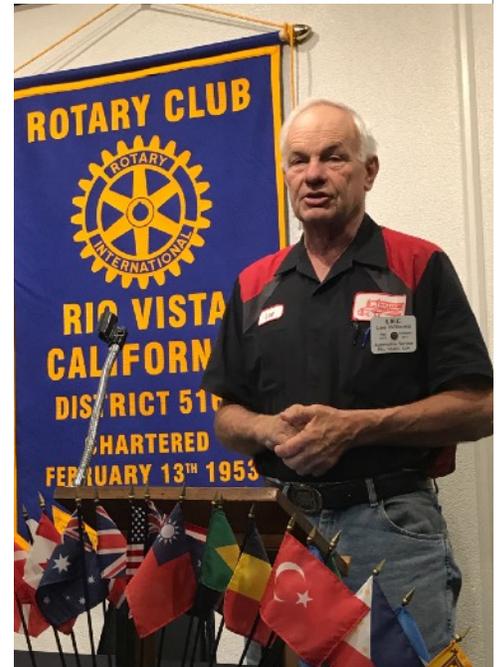
### Newsletter Team

Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

## Paradise Continue

- 60% of the Paradise Rotarians lost their homes.
- \$30 billion was the cost to fight the fire.
- 150,000 acres were burned.
- 18 buildings (besides homes) were lost.
- 86 confirmed fatalities, with people remain missing.
- 6 million tons of debris—taking 10 years off the life of the landfill.

And that was the Paradise fire. Past Pres. Dan and Lee recount other fires this past year, suggesting that fire season is now year around.



*Lee recounts his time on the fire and his recent trip to deliver the funds raised.*



This year alone, Northern California suffered from the Car Fire, Mendocino Complex Fire (500K acres), Ferguson Fire and Modoc County Fire. With this came the death of six brave firefighters.

But, through all this turmoil, Paradise has learned how giving Rotarians can be. In total, Rotary has raised approximately \$1,000,000 for victims.

*Rio Vista Rotary is always excited to see these two exemplary members!*

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
January 25	TBD	Ken Wudel
February 1	Montezuma to the Rescue - D Schindler	Eddie Woodruff
February 8	Rene Duddy - All you ever wanted to know about DACdb	Bob Bard
February 15	TBD	Gil Labrie
February 22	TBD	Jay Huysson
March 1	I-Program	Serdar Gurel