



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

Filling in for Pres. Dave, Dr. Ted calls the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. by ringing the "real" Rotary Bell. Hale is asked to lead Pledge, and Rob is honored to lead Rotary Grace. Gene proudly leads the Club in, "This Land is Your Land."

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

The Club welcomes Molly's husband, Tony Coito.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jay reports that the Marble Draw pool is over \$1,480, and growing. Members are also provided a detailed report on the Club's financial position.

Birthdays & Celebrations

Sec. Leon announces that Jack Krebs celebrated his 92nd birthday on 1/24. In his absence we enthusiastically sing, "Happy Birthday Jack!"

Announcements

- Molly reminds Members that Charter Night is March 9 in the Point's Garden Room. Sign up now, and look forward to a delicious Taco Bar.
- Molly secures 6 spots to Rotary's life-changing Camp Royal program.
- Walnut Grove Reverse Raffle Dinner will be held February 23.
- Dixon Rotary's Crab Feed is February 23.



Pres. for-the-Day Dr. Ted appears larger than life as he takes control of the meeting.

Interact Students Deliver Quality Report

On the Scholastic front, MAP testing was conducted for 9-11th grade students; 8th graders will be visiting the high school for an orientation; and students with better than 97% attendance will receive a free hot dog or hamburger today.

In sports, wrestling brings down San Juan; the swim team meets and begins practice next week; baseball begins next week as well, with their first game at the end of February; in soccer, boy win 1 of 3 games last week; and boys basketball will play Golden Sierra today.

VP Brooke expresses thanks to Bob for the new water dispensaries at the high school. Bob points out that this was a Rio Vista Foundation project, to which Rotary contributed. He also emphasizes that Principal Vickie Turk was also instrumental.

Feeling talkative, Brooke continues on about seeing Pres. Gabe sitting at the back of their Spanish class eating raw lettuce.



Pres. Gabe De La Rosa, Jesus Rivas, Ingrid Gellardo, Zoe White, Andrea Villasenor, and VP Brooke Okamura deliver their weekly report.

It's suspected that its part of a regimen to "tighten up" for wrestling. Brooke only notices because she rarely eats anything that is colored green.

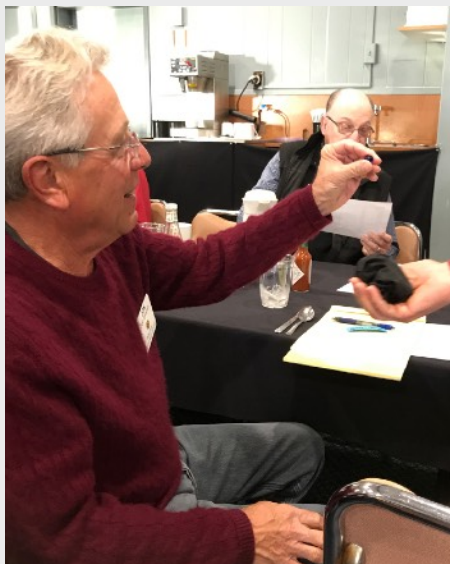
Jesus Rivas reports that he'll be Radio Rio's DJ during the 4th period.

Committee Reports

- Scholarships. Tom is scheduling a meeting for Wednesday evening.
- Golf Tournament. Patrick reports that the tourney is set for May 15. They are now accepting raffle items. Committee will begin meeting each Friday, following our regular meeting.
- Dictionaries. Ted reports that 76 fourth graders have signed up this year. Due to his retirement, he suspects this may be his final year—unless someone is interested in taking over.

Marble Draw

Co-Editor Jon Blegen briefly stares in disbelief at the black marble, not fully comprehending that he won! Congratulations!



Newsletter Team

Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

I-Program Preview: Serdar Gurel

Ted uses his appointed executive power to strong-arm Serdar into providing a preview of his I-Program, ahead of his official scheduled date. Good heartedly, he agrees, and delivers a program, without any visual aids.



Dr. Ted presents an Einstein bobblehead to our newest amazing Rotarian, Mr. Gurel.

Serdar recently moved from Turkey to Rio Vista, finding our town quite “nice.” His decision to move to town was influenced by his two sons, that live in San Francisco. One son is a graduate in computer engineering from MIT; and his other son graduated from Stanford in mechanical engineering, following in his father’s footsteps. Not surprisingly, his wife earned a PhD in education. Jimmy Mac jokingly blurts out, “underachievers!”

Serdar previously was a member of two Rotary clubs in Turkey, and has served as President twice—once in each of the clubs. Unlike the US, where religion and political affiliation have no bearing on membership, in Turkey religious affiliation can impact whether people are comfortable with joining Rotary.

While we are part of the larger Rotary International, different countries and local clubs have unique fundraising strategies. In his former Club, members were simply assessed fees based on their projects. It was not voluntary. Also, unique to Turkey, women may participate in projects, but cannot become members.

In closing, Bob rambles on about Serdar’s “technological” prowess, until finally a member begins humming a violin tune. Sudar is thanked for his impromptu presentation.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

| DATE | SPEAKER/EVENT | PROGRAM CHAIR |
|-------------|--|----------------|
| 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 Huyssoon |
| March 1 | I-Program | Serdar Gurel |
| March 8 | Interact | Molly Coito |