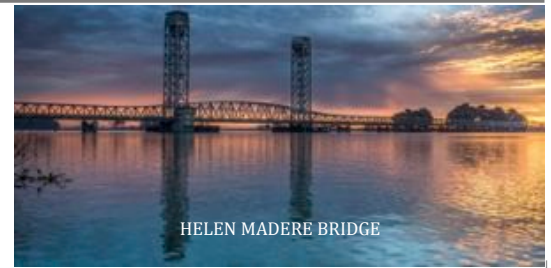




THE Rio Rotarian



HELENE MADERE BRIDGE

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

—Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

The meeting is opened with the beautiful ring of our recently found Rio Vista Rotary Bell, BUT, with an old used Lions Club gavel. Ed leads us in the Pledge and Jimmy Mac, feeling very patriotic, leads us in the singing of "America the Beautiful."

Visiting Rotarians

Corinne Corley joins us for breakfast. Her claim to fame is that she attended the last International Rotary meeting in Atlanta.

Celebrations

Jack Krebs celebrates his birthday. The LA Dodgers are proud of this young-at-heart dedicated fan.

Confessions

- Danny confesses that he spent four glorious days deep sea diving with his dive instructor friends in the waters of Catalina last week. He generously donates \$40.00 to the Interact Club at RVHS and he spins "the wheel".
- Leon just got back the results from his ancestry.com DNA search app. The report told him that his wife was 33% British. Go Figure. He donates \$40.
- Molly informs us that Sam, our Rotary Exchange Student from Italy is moving from her house to the Francis' home.

Gene Taps Outstanding Speaker



Gene introduces Joe Scheimer, Raven 42, who has logged 1,005 combat hours in Vietnam and Laos.

Thank you, Gene, for securing this brave man as our featured speaker. Joe tells his incredible story of how he earned 12 Air Medals and 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses from his 24 years in the US Air Force. After his Air Force career, Joe joined Rotary and has served District 5180 as Asst. District Governor and many other leadership positions.

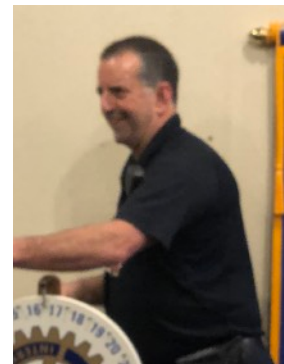
Interact Student Report



Emma, Sam, Gabe, and Austin Francis look on as Interact President, Kiara talks about the RVHS "Battle of the Sexes."

Samuele reports on the Wrestling Team's victory. The cap and gown ordering for seniors will start Feb 1st. Kevin Hays, who jumped off the Golden Gate Bridge and lived, came to RVHS to speak on the value of life. Only 1% of people who jump off that bridge live to tell about it.

President Dan Spins the Wheel



Announcements

- It was announced that the Senior Center was looking for a new city representative. It was suggested that they try at the Lions Club since most of their member are over 80.
- Hector announced that the Tequila Y Más event for 2018 is in the planning stages. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 25th, at the Point Restaurant. Gary is donating Cuban Cigars for the event.
- Tom announces that there will be a meeting of the Scholarship Committee on Tuesday. The committee consists of Tom, Hector, Dan and Dick.
- Jim reported that the 2018 RVHS Booster Dinner at the Portuguese Hall was a huge success. A lucky attendee won \$800. On the reverse raffle the Booster Club got \$5,000 from the Silent Auction, as well additional dollars from other events. Jimmy Mac counted ten red shirts at breakfast, so he donated \$100 to Josie Hamilton's Paul Harris award.
- Our treasurer announces that we are still solvent.

Where IS That Black Marble?

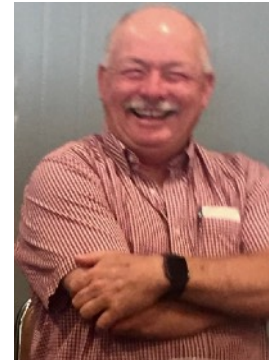
Next year's Pres. Elect Dave has the right ticket, but no right marble.



Dave Mason reports that plans for the Golf Tourney are going "GREAT"!!!



Molly updates us on Sam's new home.



Jimmy Mac reports on the RVHS Booster Club dinner.

JOE'S VIETNAM STORY



Joe's story was featured on Public Television KVIE



Joe shows his 18 Karat Gold bracelet which he was issued to use to trade for his life in the event of capture by the enemy.

Rotarian Joe Scheimer kept us on the edge of our seats as he told his story of being code name "Raven 42," dressed in civilian clothes, and dropped behind enemy lines in Laos. He was Squadron Commander of a secret mission to help our Air Force in bombing Laos and Vietnam. If he ever got caught, the US Govt. would disavow any knowledge of him. He was issued a fake passport and given a bracelet for ransom. He was to tell the enemy that he was just a forest ranger looking for fires. The Vietnam conflict was unnecessary, lasting 30 years, thru 5 American Presidents, with 58,000 American Troop Casualties.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
February 2	Jim Wheeler - Big Move for Chamber	Edwin Okamura
February 9	TBD	Jim McPherson
February 16	TBD	Ted Schulz
February 23	Charter Night No morning meeting, today! Choice of Salmon or Prime Rib \$35—You may bring favorite beverage	Evelyn Wilson, Arrangements Lee Williams, Program