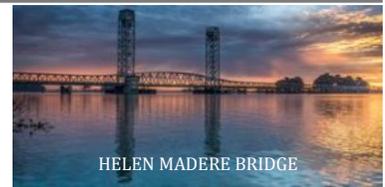




THE Rio Rotarian

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



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

Not surprisingly, the meeting is called to order at exactly 7 a.m. by Pres. Dave. Surprisingly though, the Rotary Bell is in attendance for its second straight meeting. Jimmy Mac leads Pledge, and Interact selects, "You Are My Sunshine," with Jimmy Mac hyping-up the performance. Never too late, Molly gracefully leads our prayer.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Danny invites his girlfriend Pocket, who's up for a membership vote. Jimmy Mac welcomes back Jim Lira, who's visiting from the "Palm Desert Sunrise Club."

Treasurer's Report

No changes to finance—other than the Raffle Fund being drawn down to \$0 by Mr. Blegen.

Birthdays & Celebrations

Sec. Leon reports that there are no birthdays or celebration this week. Ed. Note: Jack Krebs is pleased that the club singing, "Happy Birthday" for him. He'll gladly pay his fine.

Committee Reports

- Cub is still working on a check-list for Tequila Y Mas, but has set the event for July 27. Hector has a few vendors committed, with others interested in supplying Tequila.
- Tom is holding a Scholarship Committee meeting on Tuesday (6:00 p.m.) at Foster's.

Vice-Versa Dance is On (maybe)!

In sports, wrestling is in full swing with a league tournament in town on Saturday, with three seniors participating.

Their sections will be next week. Wednesday night will be soccer

night. If the boys win their next few games, they will go on to playoffs. No such luck for the girls. In swimming, they begin the season on Monday, with high hopes for a successful season. Last year they won the championships and ½ of the team was All-League. Finally, in basketball, all the squads lost to San Juan on Tuesday, and today they are playing Highlands. Rumor has it that they lost.



Ingrid Gellardo, Zoe White, Kaitlyn O'Conner, Destanie Rendon and VP Brooke Okamura listen attentively to Pres. Gabe De La Rosa. Brooke is missing her shoes today.



Jimmy Mac says that dances should be free for all, and buys 10 tickets to Vice. Casie Mortimore drops by for a visit.



Casie Mortimore, a sophomore at San Jose State (SJS), bought season tickets to the Sharks this year. Her hard earned wages from Trader Joe's, has finally paid off the tickets. She is excited that SJS has nearly completed building a new gym, which she's looking forward to using.

The Vice-Versa dance is tentatively set for February 9th, but if fewer than 70 tickets are sold (at \$10/ticket), it will be canceled. Jimmy Mac does some quick math, and offers to buy 10 tickets, with Hector, Cub, Patty, Rob, Jim Lira and Leon jumping on board. All 70 tickets have now been purchased, so the dance is on. People are asked to write checks payable to Rio Vista High School and bring to the 2/8 Rotary meeting.

Committee Reports

- Molly notes that six Camp Royal spots are paid, and encourages students to apply. The Camp is the second week in June.
- Molly also reminds us that Charter Night is March 9 at The Point in the Garden Room. There will be a fantastic taco bar, and a speaker that Lee is finalizing.

Confessions

- Jet-setter Derek attends a 4-day jazz/blues festival in Jamaica where he coughs up \$1,880 to listen and meet his favorite musicians. Without hesitation, Cub donates \$100 to "wherever."
- Eddie returns from a 10-day trip to the Caribbean, boasting of wonderful weather and beautiful islands. The only downside was returning home via Chicago, where they were experiencing severe weather. The Rotary Coin saves him of a fine.
- Co-editor Jon, after winning at Rotary, he surprisingly wins a second raffle at the RV Museum Annual Meeting. Jon donates \$50 to the Dictionary Fund.
- Tom is auctioned The Coin for \$50.

Marble Draw

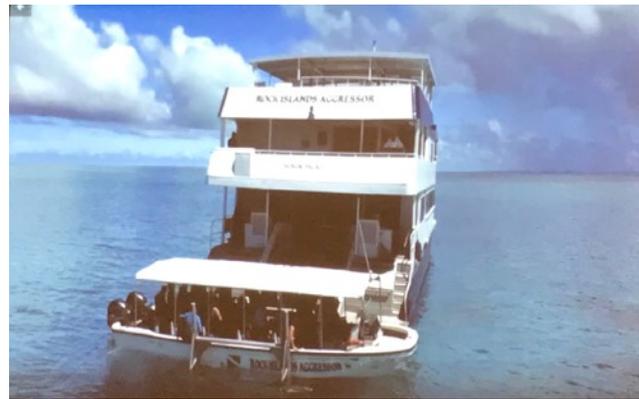
Pres. Dave has the ticket, but Casie does not pull the lucky marble.



Newsletter Team

Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

Dan Dives With Sharks



Fifteen divers shared "Rock Islands Aggressor" for 7 days at sea.

Having recently visited Palau, one of the most beautiful diving venues in the world, Dan opts to narrate a promotional video, rather than attempt to describe his experience with words.

During this 7-day trip, 15 divers (mostly

from Solano County) took 25 dives in 84 degree waters—a far cry from the 60 degree waters in our region.

Surprisingly, while diving, it was not the sharks that were aggressive, but the mating Bump Head Parrot Fish, which needed to be

avoided. They enjoyed riding strong Pacific currents, and also being tethered while watching sea life pass them in the strong currents. Dan found this \$6,000 experience well

worth it—giving Dan valuable time to bond with his son.



Pres. Dave is awestruck by Molly's early morning energy.



Dan Schindler passionately speaks of diving in Palau.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
February 8	Rene Duddy - All you ever wanted to know about DACdb	Bob Bard
February 15	Ben Neely - Contract working in Afghanistan	Gil Labrie
February 22	TBD	Jay Huyssoon
March 1	I-Program Round II	Serdar Gurel
March 8	No Meeting - Charter	Dave Mason
March 15	Update on AFS	Molly Coito