



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

For the third straight week, Pres. Dave rings the official Rotary Bell promptly at 7 a.m. Not interested in spreading the love, Dr. Ted takes on Pledge, Rotary Grace, and leads the Club in "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head."

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Rene Duddy is welcomed back from Rotary Club of Vaca Valley Eventide. Danny introduces his girlfriend, Pocket. Tom pops in a few moments late, and spins the wheel. While he's the offender, everyone at his table pays a Lions Club-level fine of \$1.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jay notes that the Marble Draw is being replenished, and is about \$100. He encourages members to pay their dues, so donations can be properly credited. Hector reminds members that Tequila Y Mas is a fantastic event, and that all proceeds are earmarked for the Scholarship Fund.

Birthdays & Celebrations

Wayne Woodward (we miss you!) celebrated his birthday on February 4. Tom and his wife, Sarah, celebrate a wedding anniversary.

Committee Reports

- Patrick confirms that the Golf Tourney is 5/15. Serdar has been recruited to manage the ball drop, and the Sharks will be asked to sell ball-drop tickets.

Sports Dominates the News!

In sports, both boys and girls' basketball made the playoffs, with round one beginning on Thursday; boys soccer made playoffs, but unfortunately girls did not; Wrestling began their sections today; swimming begins its season with 26 members, many of whom are freshman; and JV and Varsity Baseball are looking forward to a great season. Our baseball teams are envious of Linden HS, which had all their warm-ups supplied by Aaron Judge of the Yankees. Aaron is a graduate of Linden.

The Vice-Versa dance is happening without the need for funding from Club members. J. Mac will inquire with the school whether last week's raised funds can possibly support Prom or some other school activity.

Brooke advises that Rio Vista Rotary's six spots for Camp Royal are the most she's seen from any high school. Diverging from her school report, Brooke exclaims that her dog was sprayed in the face by a skunk this week. Not only does her entire home smell, but Brooke owned up to smelling like a skunk at school. Her new jacket was not spared.

District & Club Database

Bob enthusiastically introduces Rene Duddy, who returns for her second round in a month. In this session, Rene educates the Club on the benefits of the DACdb, and how to access the database in a few simple steps:

1. Your username is your registered email address, and the password is our Club's zip code.
2. Switch on new interface
3. Click on our Club, which will provide contact information.

On the site, you may post fundraisers on the District Calendar. With regards to Grants, simply select the Grants icon, and you will be shown where to direct questions (Rene Duddy or Walt Schafer).

Areas of focus are: Promoting peace; supporting education; promoting clean water; fighting disease; saving mothers and children; and growing local economies. Nineteen grants have recently been awarded, with only one grant being rejected because there was not enough information provided.

Committee Reports

- Tom advises that details for the scholarship are ready to be delivered to the high school. Applications will be due towards the end of April.
- Molly reports that web links for Camp Royal were sent to Principal Turk, and Counselor Yessina. Applications due back by March 1.
- Charter Night is March 9 at The Point. If you don't already know, there will be an awesome taco bar. Lee's working on the speaker.

Announcements

- Gene announces that the Human Trafficking Awareness Meeting will be held at the Veteran's Hall on April 17. They are requesting a donation from our Club.

Confessions

- Buck, Jimmy Mac's father, passed way 25 years ago, today. He offers \$100 to Paul Harris. He also speaks of the passing of Stephanie Ahart, and offers another \$100 in her memory. Jim asks that both sums be drawn from the excess funds donated to Josie Hamilton's Paul Harris, and be placed in his soon-to-be-born granddaughter's name.

Marble Draw

Tom wins the number, but misses the marble.



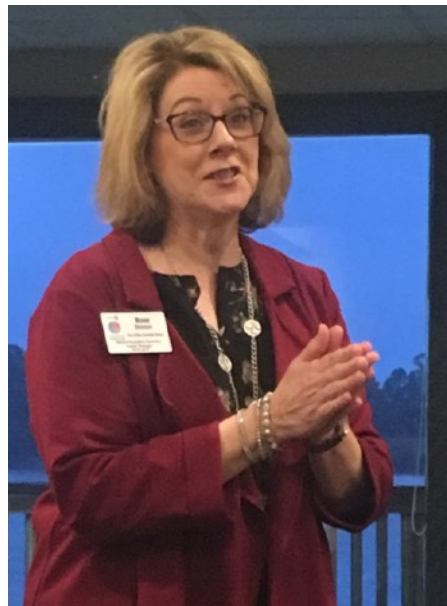
Newsletter Team

Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

The application process is clearly defined:

1. Rotary members must put money into the Rotary Foundation and attend a Rotary Foundation Training Day.
2. These monies must have been donated to the Foundation at least three years prior to becoming available for a grant.
3. Finally, the project must be beneficial to the community, and must fit within one of the focus areas.

If approved, the Foundation provides \$1 for every 50 cents (plus interest) that our Club has contributed to the Foundation.



Rene Daddy (Image from 1/11), educates the Club on leveraging DACdb.



COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
February 15	Ben Neely - Contract working in Afghanistan	Gil Labrie
February 22	Faster Internet Coming?	Edwin Okamura
March 1	I-Program Round II	Serdar Gurel
March 8	No Meeting - Charter	Dave Mason
March 15	Update on AFS	Molly Coito
March 22	TBD	Hector De La Rosa