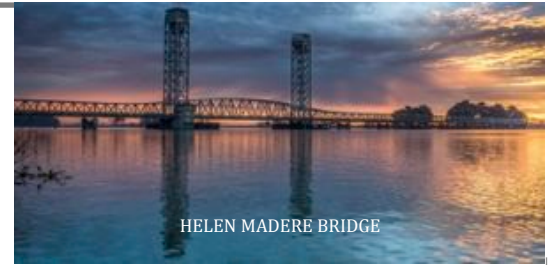




THE Rio Rotarian



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

—Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

We say the Pledge and then Acting Past President, Hector calls on his son Gabe to lead us in grace. It was a "deer in the headlight" moment for Gabe as he stood speechless, not knowing what to say. We got thru it with the help of nearby Rotarians. Cub is then chosen to lead us in a song and muses, "more people break up on Valentine's Day." Someone shouts out, are you talking about your personal life?" He choses a sad song "Tears" by the Cavaliers and we all sign, "oh where oh where.....can my baby be."

Guests of Rotarian

Jimmy Mac introduces his girlfriend Denise.

Celebrations

Tom Donnelly celebrates his 32nd wedding anniversary. He took his bride up the river to Guisti's for a celebration dinner. We all sing happy celebration to him.

Confessions

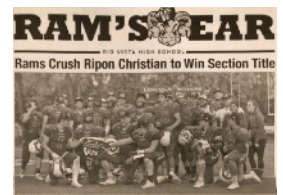
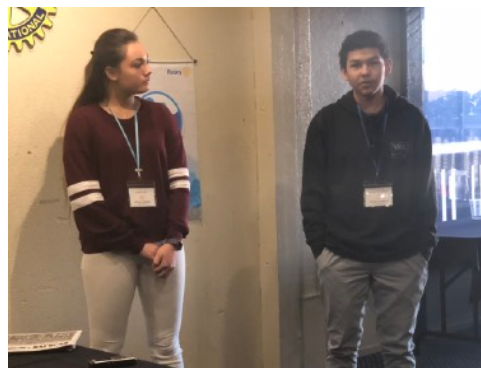
- Leon confesses that he violated the 4 Way Test which he just posted on the wall this morning and donates \$20.
- Jimmy Mac confesses that his dad passed away 24 years ago, so in his memory he donates \$200. to Josie Hamilton's Paul Harris award.

Gavel Returns Without President Dan



Danny Boy is missing in action, but we are graced with a visit from his missing gavel which we have not seen all year. The Official Rio Vista Rotary Gavel has been on a wonderful tour of Rotary Clubs up and down the State of California and returned to Rio Vista for a special reunion with President Dan, but alas there was no Dan. Past President Hector saved the morning by presiding over our Friday breakfast meeting. The Gavel liked Hector's crisp leadership style and firm grip.

Interact Student Report



Interact President Kiara passes out the RVHS newspaper which features Liam Smith #1 in Wrestling competition and Gabe talked about Baseball starting up and the Sadie Hawkins dance that will be in a few weeks.

Tequila Y Más

Hector reports that Tequila Y Mas is scheduled for July 28th at the Point Resturant and will be the biggest and best Tequila event yet. A professional cigar roller will be demonstrating. 150 people are expected to attend. Target is \$10,000. to be used for scholarships. Eight vendors have already signed up and Hector is shooting for a total of 16 brands.

Confessions

- Edwin Okamura donates \$40. to the General Fund for Leon not running him over this week.
- Dr. Ted donates \$20. because he knows his program next week is going to suck.
- Hector confesses that he and his wife went to Newport Beach last week leaving Gabriel home alone and is amazed that the dogs are still alive. So he donates \$100. toward Gab's Paul Harris Award.
- **Announcements**
- Tom Donnelly announces that the Applications for Rotary Scholarship have been delivered to RVHS and are due back in the next few weeks.
- Hector suggested to Tom to look into combining our scholarship awards with other service clubs in Rio Vista.
- Lee announces that our Charter Night celebration will take place at The Point Resturant on February 23rd. No breakfast meeting that day. It is \$35.00 per person for either Salmon or Prime Rib. BYOB and there is no corkage fee except for Hector's Tequila.
- Lee also announces that on April 4th the Montezua Fire Fighters will have their annual appreciation dinner for farmers, ranchers, police, fire and public safety folks.
- Patrick reports on behalf of President elect Dave, "the Golf Tourney is going GREAT!!
- **Marble Draw = No Winner**
Hale has the right ticket, but fails to pull the black marble. SO SAD! The POT grows and grows.

Jimmy Mac and the Booze Brothers



Speaker Jim talks about Friendship, Community Service and the 3rd and 4th parts of the 4 Way Test.

The "Booze Brothers" became a household name in Rio Vista. One year they dressed up as "Fruit of the Loom" underwear and another year as the Batman and Robin characters. The fun never stopped and the money kept pouring into our community. Then came Captain Care and the "Carettes" which was another popular group created by Jimmy Mac and Kevin Gram. Another fund raiser was the famous Rio Vista Care Quarter Auction for the Quarter Plaque.

This money making tradition started one night when they ran out of items to auction. Kevin says to Jim, "here sell this" and it was a quarter that he had pulled out of his pocket. So Jim hid it in his fist and held it up as a secret mystery item to be auctioned. He told the audience that Kevin had donated it and that it has value. The winning bid was \$360 for a 25 cent piece of silver. To commemorate the event they took this quarter and put it on a plaque and auctioned it to R.V. businesses each year.

Rio Vista is a very generous city according to Jim. Rio Vista Care asked Jim to start a golf tournament in his dad's name to raise needed money in 1999. For the second golf tourney in 2000, Jim got his buddies together as the "Booze Brothers," to do the auction for Rio Vista Care and after the dinner they sold "Sugar Daddy" ties for \$150. each. It got more crazy each year as they all dressed up in wild costumes for the auction and the donations just kept growing and growing. By 2006 the group they had perfected their "stick" giving out beads for donations. One night they dressed up in Scottish Kilts and fined folks \$100 for lifting Kilts.



Famous Quarter Plaque that was awarded to R.V. Business.



(Upper Left) The Booze Brothers pose for a rare Photo Op.

(Upper Right) The No.1 Booze Brother without glasses.

(Lower Left) And what a lovely group they are, cheering for more donations. (Lower Right) Batman and the Joker want \$\$.



Rio Vista Soap Box Derby



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COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
February 16	T B D	Ted Schulz
February 23	Charter Night, 6pm Social, 7pm Dinner at the Point (No morning meeting, today!)	E. Wilson & Lee
March 2	T B D	Derek Abel
March 9	Dave Kreutzinger, Engineer History of Nike Missile Site, Marin Headlands	Bob Bard