



THE Rio Rotarian



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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

The meeting is called to order at 7 a.m. by Pres. Dave, who asks Gabe to lead Pledge and Patrick, Rotary Grace. The Club joins Gene in singing, "You Are My Sunshine."

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Ed. Edwin introduces his guest and speaker, Ryan Reeves of Comcast; and Members heartily welcome former Rio Vistan, Tandy Vasquez.

Treasurer's Report

With little report, other than the Marble Pot growing to \$350, Treasurer Jay resorts to trivia. This week we learn that a father and son die at the Hoover Dam a generation apart. Later in the meeting, we also learn that Jay joined the Marine Corp, 53 years ago.

Birthdays & Celebrations

Bard celebrated his 80th birthday, and wedding anniversary; while Don Beno celebrated a birthday on 2/19. Edwin's wife, Vera, celebrated her birthday on 2/18. Members sing to Edwin, and collect his fine.

Committee Reports

- Patrick requests we assemble our non-perishable gift baskets for the Marta Dron Golf Tourney by the end of March. If not, we'll be billed \$50, and the Club will assemble one for us. He also asks that we get our foursomes together.

Interact Seeking Camp Royal App's.

Writing and Math Day were on 2/20. Students who need help were tutored by other students. Pres. Gabe advises that Interact met with potential Camp Royal participants on 2/21. Juniors who were interested, learned from past participants their experiences.

In sports, Gabe lost his wrestling matches, but most of his teammates won at least one match; swimming will have their season-opening meet on March 4, with a team of 25—the largest ever; and in softball, girls will have two games today. Students are now preparing their animals for May Fair. Gabe is meeting soon with Interact members to determine their service project for the year!

Faster Internet on the Horizon!

Ed. Edwin opens his program with a brief overview of his personal frustrations with Internet service providers in Rio Vista. He then asks Sec.

Leon to join him to talk about the Rio Vista Internet Improvement Coalition (RVIIC), which Leon began 3 years ago.



Pres. Gabe De La Rosa, Kaitlyn O'Connor, and Destanie Rendon deliver their Student Report.



Sec. Leon is all smiles, as he poses with Ryan Reeves of Comcast and Pres. Dave.

Committee Reports

- Hector has two committed vendors for Tequila Y Mas, and awaits response from a few others.
- Charter Night is March 9.

Confessions

- Patty calls out Molly for not putting away our flag the previous week, so Molly steps up and pays a \$2 fine.
- Hector spent his Valentine’s Day having dinner with his female boss at Graystone Steak House in San Diego, amongst Valentine’s decorations, and adoring couples ordering King & Queen meals. They opt for the less expensive Prince & Princess meal, and whip out their laptops to do work.
- Ted attends a veterinarian conference in Las Vegas. He was so (un)impressed with the Town, that he exited a day early. He most disliked: 1) The price of coffee, 2) Attorney billboards, 3) Helicopter traffic at night, 4) Black water from his trailer spraying on him. Six days out-of-state worked out to an \$18 fine.

Marble Draw

The marble is not be found this week by Patrick.

The objective of RVIIC, is to investigate each of the Internet Service Providers in town (Comcast, Frontier, AT&T, etc.) and to find more reliable solutions. In each case the challenge for providers was simple—there were not enough people in our town to make it financially viable.

Internet Planet, operating out of Vacaville, was the only provider offering a high-bandwidth option, but it was only available within Trilogy. Leon notes that they are currently working on setting up antennas for Homecoming and downtown.

Ryan Reeves of Comcast, an Area Sales Manager, recognizes the frustration that we’ve experienced, and excitedly announces that faster speeds are around the corner. Their limitation has been the size of the pipe into our town, and they have finally drawn in fiber, which should increase speeds exponentially. To date, we have not only had slower speeds, but were not offered all the services that other communities enjoyed.

Once the switch is flipped, he and other representatives will be available in town to support Comcast ramping-up. Based on our service plan, we could see speeds up to 1GB. We have not been receiving better than 12 MBS. Get your HD TVs ready for the changeover!



Outstanding members Molly and Hector welcome past resident Tandy Vasquez.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
March 1	I-Program Round II	Serdar Gurel
March 8	No Meeting - Charter Night	Dave Mason
March 15	Update on AFS	Molly Coito
March 22	TBD	Hector De La Rosa
March 29	TBD	Gene Resler
April 5	TBD	Jay Huyssoon



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