



THE Rio Rotarian



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome



Rotary Gavel misses Pres., but does enjoy the freedom, and cake.

The meeting is called to order at 7 a.m. by Pres. Dave. Following the Pledge, Serdar sings a patriotic Turkish song, which, I believe, translates to "March of Ismir." Well done

Serdar! Molly follows with Grace.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Dr. Ted introduces his guest, David Murray; Patrick and Danny, each welcome their girlfriends, Chelsea Taylor, and Pocket; and Serdar introduces his wife of 35 years, Hande.

Treasurer's Report

Marble Draw fund is roughly \$450.

Birthdays & Celebrations

Jamie Wilson celebrates her birthday, while Derek Abel celebrates his 14 year anniversary, and Cole his 4th in the Club. Gurel and Hande celebrate 35 years of bliss, while Danny makes it to year one with Pocket. Members join in to sing, "Happy Celebrations!"

Correspondence

Emma Wright writes the Club to report that she's joined a Sorority, and made many friends at Chico. She thanks us for investing in her future!

Confessions Dominate the Meeting

Tom celebrates his 33rd anniversary with Sarah in Bodega Bay—dining at Michelin 2-star, Terrapin Café, viewing Elephant Seals and outrunning the storm back home. On the work front, Tom is ecstatic that his Denver Airport Concourse project is expanding. With coin in-hand, he avoids a hefty fine.

Derek believes he should be fine free, considering he saw Bob Seger last night, yet made it to Rotary this morning. He adds that last week he played at Legends in Fairfield to a crowd of 230 people—the DAB brand continues to grow. He offers \$100 to whatever needs it.

Leon somberly announces that a friend of 45 years passed away. His friend was in the British Army and was awarded the British Empire Medal—an honor just shy of being a Knight. He owed him a few beers, so he donates \$50 to Interact, and \$50 to the Dictionary Fund.

Hale resorts to his Lion-ways, and "rats out" Edwin for, "blatant family promotion," noting that not only is Edwin's picture in the paper regularly, but his daughter, as well. Brooke wins Lira's "Athlete of the Week." He recalls 3 photo infractions, and strongly suggests that Edwin fork over \$15. Stunned, and at a loss for words, Edwin submits.

Danny travels to Catalina for his 1 year anniversary with Pocket, and they participate in Project Aware, a program where diver's clean up the Harbor. He notes his son was in the paper for Rio Vista Farms. He offers \$40 for the trip, and another \$10 for the photo in the paper.

Jim Lira, succinctly announces that he bought a trailer, and headed to Moss Landing with Shirley. He offers \$50.

Derek, I believe, offers another \$100 for his Chamber "Business of the Year" award. He then auctions the coin, which Gil picks up for \$50.

Ted fesses-up that he's not paid a fine for his new trailer.



Pres. Dave looks on as Pres. Gabe De La Rosa, Ingrid Gallardo, Zoe White, Kaitlyn O'Connor and Jesus Rivas deliver their weekly report.

Committee Reports

- Charter Night March 9.

NO MEETING ON FRIDAY, MARCH 8. CHARTER NIGHT BEGINS AT 6:00 p.m., Garden Room.

Student Report

- Seniors will begin receiving their acceptances to UC's, while State Universities have already accepted many students. Packets for local scholarships are now available for pickup.
- Interact's Service Project will be a can food drive. Zoe spoke with teachers, and they are willing to give extra credit to motivate kids to donate. They have yet to decide where to deliver their donations.
- Jesus announces that Radio Rio did a national broadcast. Ms. Griffin is going to allow kids to do programing after school.
- Their first swim meet will be on the following Monday, at Highlands. The meet will be large.
- Ms. Surla found tickets for "Hamilton" for \$10, which typically go for \$300. There is curriculum that is associated with it.

Marble Draw

Pres. Dave pulls the ticket, but does not pull the marble. The pot grows.

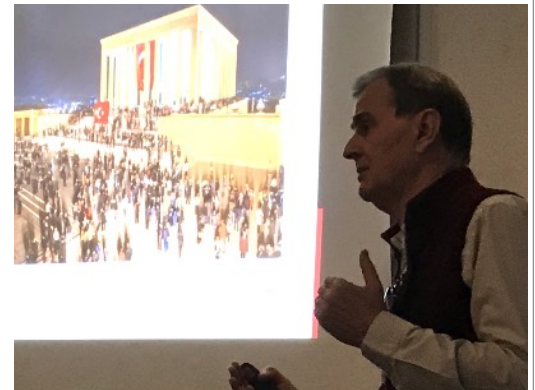


Newsletter Team

Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

Serdar Delivers Round II of his I-Program

Serdar's story began 200 miles to the west of Istanbul, where he was born in 1955 in Cankkale, Turkey. From there, he went on to graduate from Istanbul Tech University in Mechanical Engineering, and received an MSc in 1980. He would later receive his MBA from M.E. Tech University in Ankara. Not to be outsmarted by him, his wife, Hande has a Phd in Education, and taught at various universities before her retirement. Both of their sons are equally brilliant—as will be their granddaughter, Luna.



Serdar speaks passionately of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the founder of Turkey.

Professionally, Serdar has spent his 43-year career manufacturing and marketing valves, pumps and filters. He currently has a European and Turkish patent on an amazing, self-cleaning water filter. It will soon be patented in the US.

Serdar has been a member of Rotary since 1987, when he joined the Kirikkale Club, and was a two-term president. After a move to Ankara, he changed Clubs and, once again, served as a Rotary president from 2007-2008. In his various capacities, he's managed programs ranging from a Peking Duck program to "Tomorrow's Leaders of the Globe"—where they target students interested in education. He served as Asst. Governor from 1994-1995.



Serdar and Hande Gurel celebrate his presidency in Cankaya. Circa 2008.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
March 8	No Meeting - Charter Night	Dave Mason
March 15	Update on AFS	Molly Coito
March 22	Stephanie Cobb - Sharks Swim Team	Jon Blegen
March 29	TBD	Gene Resler
April 5	Dr. Dorota Korta - Dermatology	Hector De La Rosa
April 12	TBD	Derek Abel