



# THE Rio Rotarian



*"Having fun helping others...watering the rosebuds"*  
-Dr. Ted Schulz

## Welcome

Pres. Dan rings the opening bell with his old beat-up Lions Club Gavel, Jon leads us in The Pledge, Hector is asked to do Rotary Grace and Gene, because of Baseball Spring Training, helps us all sing a rousing version of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

## Visiting Rotarians and Guests

Corinne Corley from a Kansas City Rotary Club presents us with a banner from her club. She is moving to the Delta and wants to join our club. Dr. Ted introduces Alan Freese, Rancher and Owner of the Freese Ranch in Birds Lading who is also interested in joining our club.

## Celebrations

Tom Donnelly celebrates his 32nd wedding anniversary. We all sing "Happy Anniversary." Then, Pres. Elect Dave awards a special "thank you" award to Bob Bard for his long service to the Rio Vista Rotary Club.

## Treasurer's Report

Financials remain healthy. We have \$14,614 in the General Fund and \$4,828 in the Charity Fund.

## Announcements

- Ed Kingen announces that on Friday, April 6th we will have a joint three-club Rotary meeting with Walnut Grove and Clarksburg Rotary Clubs at the Grand Island Vineyards starting at 5:30PM.

## Quiet Rotarian with Strong Roots



*Dave, fresh from PETS training, awards Bob Bard.*



*Bob proudly displays his newly awarded "Quiet Rotarian" pin with inscription "Without its strong, silent roots there would not be a tree."*

## RVHS Student Report



*From left: Interact V.P. Mariko Dupuis, Gabriel De La Rosa, and Samuel Franceschetti report.*

Next week is midterms week and the end of third quarter. The "Battle of the Sexes" rally was held last week, where it was the boys against the girls in a series of games that proved who was the weaker sex.



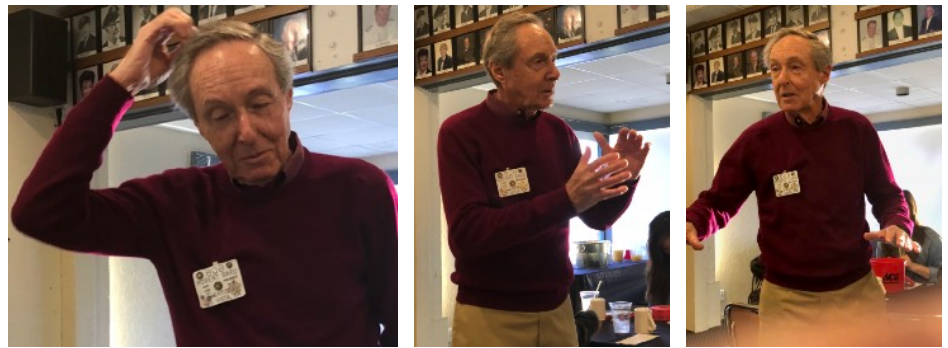
*Ken Wudel spins the infamous wheel to determine how much he will have to pay for his transgression.*

## Announcements Continued

- Dr. Ted reminds the club that the annual Dictionary Giveaway will be April 4th. First responders are being recruited to come and read to the kids. This is the 22nd year that the Rio Vista Rotary has done this program for the children.
- Also, the evening of April 4th will be our club's annual Appreciation Dinner for our first responders, military members and local farmers. Our club picks up the tab for all members and guests on the list.
- Friday, May 4th will be the Rio Vista Rotary Annual Golf Tournament at the Trilogy Rio Vista Golf Course. Bob Bard has printed up the announcement flyers and registration forms. Jim Lira will be providing the meat again.
- On May 19, Derek Abel will be hosting his 10th Annual Car Show. Derek needs Rotary volunteers to sell the tri-tip sandwiches, chips and drinks to the crowd. Last year, Cub had 464 Corvettes, and this year he expects over 500. This is a great fundraising opportunity for our Rotary Club.
- The 36th Annual Rotary Pentathlon swim meet will also be on May 19th.
- Tom Donnelly reported that the Scholarship applications are all in and that they are now being reviewed for student selection by the committee.

## Students Report

- Seniors are hearing back from Colleges; they need to pick a school & send a letter of intent to register.



*Bob is puzzled on how he should start his confession, but once he gets into it, he becomes very animated and reveals to our club an amazing, hair-raising story of ill-advised golf cart pilotage.*



*Tom gives us an update on the RVHS Scholarship selections.*



*Edwin Kingen, right, proposes a 3 Rotary Club joint function at the Grand Island Winery.*



*Corinne Corley presents Kansas City Club Banner.*



*Tom Donnelly visits with Alan Freese after the meeting to discuss Rio Vista club membership.*



**More Announcements**

- RVHS Swim Team had a swim meet last Thursday.

**Terror on the Golf Course**

• Bob is disappointed to report that golf carts don't fly very well, and when they do, the landings are a little rough, but as they say, any landing you can walk away from is a good one. Sadly, he didn't have the time to file a flight plan or get a clearance for takeoff or landing prior to his golf cart's departure. Moments before takeoff, he was at full throttle on a steep downgrade with limited visibility of the terrain ahead. When a bunker suddenly appeared at the last nanosecond, he carefully applied the brakes, but it was too late. The wheels locked up and effectively became slick, wet rubber skis, accelerating the cart into an uncontrolled skid. Pilot and cart were gloriously airborne for about 5 or 6 feet before executing a perfect 4-point landing on the hard-packed adobe lining the "sand" trap, leaving incriminating skid marks. Bob's screams could be heard for several hundred yards.

**Marble Draw**

- Patty Huyssoon has the number, but the black lucky marble can't be found.

**Program: Nike Missile Site (Marin Headlands)**



Program Chair, Bob, presents Dave Kreutzinger, owner of the Concord Lexus dealership, to speak on the decommissioned Nike Missile Site located on the Marin Headlands. It is now a national park, being the only fully restored Nike site in the country. Dave was stationed there when it was an operating part of our air defense

system. During the tense years of the Cold War, from 1953 to 1979, the United States Army built and operated close to 300 Nike missile sites in the United States. These sites were designed as the last line of defense against Soviet bombers.

*Clockwise from above: "Welcome" sign at missile site, Dave gives talk, Dave's security placard, Dave describes H-bomb chain reaction theory and construction details.*

As an added bonus, Dave explained in detail how to build a hydrogen bomb, and described the devastation of the electromagnetic pulse it may generate.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
March 16	D. Mahoney, Community Swim Program	Jon Blegen
March 23	John Krauskopf, Western Railway Museum	Dick Burkhardt
March 30	Amanda Jenni, Center for the Arts	Patrick Byron
April 4	Rotary Dictionary Day & Appreciation Night	Ted Schulz & Lee Williams
April 6	3 Rotary Clubs Meet at Grand Is. Vineyard	Edwin Kingen