



# THE Rio Rotarian



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

*-Dr. Ted Schulz*

## Welcome

Following the opening formalities, we open in song by belting out "Country Road...take me Home"with new lyrics.

## Guests Rotarians

Visiting Rotarian Diane Kyser from Juneau, Alaska is in town helping her sick brother. Patrick introduces his guest, Amanda Jenni from the Rio Vista Center for the Arts.

## Announcements

Dr. Ted announces that Hank Tussy is not doing well. He is in Room 15 at John Muir Hospital.

## Celebrations

We celebrate the April Birthday Boys, Jim McPherson and Ted Schultz. Rob Hickey has logged his one year anniversary with our club and Ken Wudel celebrates 42 years with his bride. We all sing "Happy Celebration"

## Student Report

Interact V.P. Mariko reports that there is only 30 days left of school and that the senior class is planning a trip to Universal Studios in So. Calif. Emma reports that the Swim Team continues winning and that the Swim Championship Plus is next Saturday at the Highlands pool. Sam tell us that he had a very fun time at the Senior Prom. Gabe reports that he is going to Camp Royal this Summer. Next week Interact runs our meeting..

## Danny Boy Tries To Wake Up



## Then Alaska Visits Rio Vista Rotary



*Diane Kyser from the Juneau - Gastineau Rotary in Alaska presents the friendship flag to President Danny.*



*Mariko, Emma, Sam and Gabe give Student Report.*

## Committee Reports

- Ed Kingen indicates that we are in the "red zone" with just 2 weeks out from our Annual Golf Tournament. Last week we had a 200% increase in foursome signups with one new foursome joining. Ed has been out beating the bushes for additional players.
- Edwin Okamura announces that he has "ball drop" tickets for sale at a special price only for today.
- Molly reminds everyone that their gift baskets or \$50. is due next week. She is also selling tickets to the Tequila event in July .

## Confessions

- President Dan confesses that he is very tired after his last dive trip to So. Calif. It was not a very fun trip he did all the driving, he got a ticket and he donates \$45. to the general fund.
- Dave has a confession, but where did he go?

## Marble Draw

Golf Chairman Ed has the ticket, but draws a clear marble. He wonders is there still a black marble in there.



## Newsletter Staff

**Co-Editors:** *Edwin Okamura, Dick Burkhart*

**Executive Editor:** *Bob Bard*

## Delta Roots Collective



Patrick Byron presents an update to the current state laws, taxes and market conditions affecting Cannabis in the State of California. The State's Cannabis economy has been valued at \$7 Billion and local taxes could end up being \$1 Billion annually. The top 5 brands control 52% of the concentrates market and 42% of the edibles market. The legalized market could support 103,000 jobs.

Cannabis is licensed in CA. by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) for cultivation, nurseries and processing; by the CA. Dept. of Public Health for manufacturing and and edibles; and by the CA. Dept. of Consumer Affairs for Storefronts, Microbusiness and Testing. The breakdown of CA. Marijuana licenses by activity are: Distributor 417 licenses (12%), Dispensary 316 licenses (9%) Medical, Retailer 258 licenses (7%), Delivery 112 licenses (3%),, Microbusiness 96 licenses (3%), and Testing 23 licenses(1%). What's new in the industry is that the State of CA. has combined the Adult Use and Medical Use regulations under SB94. Rio Vista has passed regulations to allow additional business types, but limit the number of businesses with onsite retail. Some of the challenges facing the Industry are high local taxes, and income taxes. Barriers to entry are forcing many producers to stay in the unregulated market. We are effectively creating a pay to play system that benefit large corporations while criminalizing the activity for your average person. There are a lot of Corporate Takeovers happening. Bayer and Monsanto could create a monopoly on marijuana seeds in the same way we have seen them do with corn and soy. Hawthorne has already purchased four of the largest ancillary product manufacturers in the business and is ahead of Miracle-Gro. Hawthorne now possess the most technologically advanced supply chain in the industry.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
April 27	Rio Vista - Glimpses of the Past	Eddie Woodruff
May 4	Golf Tournament	No Meeting
May 11	Jan Vick - HWY 12 and Army Base	Leon Guzenda
May 18	TBD	Rob Hickey
May 25	Rebecca McDonald - Solano/Napa Meals on Wheels	Hale Conklin
June 1	Bob Dias - North Bay Hospital Wine & Jubilee	Patty Huyssoon
June 8	TBD	Ed Kingen