



THE Rio Rotarian



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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

OH MY.....President Dan attempts to open the meeting, but can't find the Official R.V. Rotary Bell. He retreats to a little ding-a-ling kindergarten teacher's bell which we could hardly hear. Then after the Pledge, we have 2 minutes of silence to honor Hank Tussy, Rio Vista's famous Outstanding Rio Vista Rotarian who passed on last week. To honor Hank, Gene leads us in one of Hank's favorite songs, "God Bless America." Molly comes in late and has to spin the infamous Rotary Wheel.

Guests of Rotarians

Lee introduces Leanne Durham who does mobile Microderm facials in Rio Vista. Leon welcomes former Rio Vista Mayor, Jan Vick who is our guest speaker today.

Celebrations

Sara, the spouse of Tom Donnelly celebrates a birthday and Tom scores hubby points by declaring his Bride is just turning 39. "Is it the truth?" President Dan celebrated his birthday on May 2nd. We know he is over 39.

Committee Reports

Tom reports that the Scholarship Committee has reviewed and scored the 7 applications that were submitted, and the Board will announce the awards.

The Abel Corvette Car Show is scheduled for May 19th, 9am to 2pm. Over 500 cars have registered.

Ryan McPherson Meets Interact Club



Samuele Franceschetti, Marko Dupuis, Ryan McPherson, Liam Smith and Kiara Agan.

Our Interact Club at RVHS had the exclusive pleasure of meeting with Jimmy Mac's son, Ryan McPherson, who graduated from RVHS in 2000. Ryan was a guest speaker in three classes and then spent some quality time with our Interact students. He came to RVHS to speak because one of the students in the yearbook/newspaper class was doing an article on him, since he has become one of the famous and successful graduates. He spoke to the students about his career, which is as a cinematographer, and how he got into the business, as well as all the adventures in which he has embarked.

Recently, he came back from a trip from India, where he followed a group of doctors from the U.S. who were traveling there to practice medicine on the people in the small region of Zanskar. The trophy Ryan is holding in the above picture is an Emmy he won for best cinematography. He has worked on shows such as "Deadliest Catch," "Wicked Tuna," "Alaskan Bush People," etc. He shared with our students that his home away from home is Brazil, and that he loves being in the jungle out there. Out of all the dangerous creatures he has encountered, the one thing he can't stand is bees. Ryan did a great job of speaking to the students and encouraged them to chase their dreams. Jim McPherson should be very proud of his son. "Like father, like son."

Student Report

- Next week is Spring Rally Week. Each day has a theme. One day is the "Power Puff Derby," where the girls play football.
- The Interact new officers are Gabe DeLaRosa, President, and Emma Okamura, Vice President.
- Samuele was one of the key athletes in the recent RVHS Swim Championship achievement.

Confessions

- Patty and Jay confess to a 5 week road trip, driving almost 10,000 miles to see their kids and drop off their junk that they left behind. There was lots of snow and rain. Jay has no money, but Patty steps up and donates \$100.
- Leon goes to Reno and wins \$70, which he donates to the Harvey Felt Scholarship Fund.
- Gil is proud of his grandson's achievements at William and Mary University and donates \$50.
- Jimmy Mac, as a proud parent tells, about his son Ryan's visit to RVHS, and offers another \$100 to Josie's Paul Harris.

Marble Draw

Edwin Kingen has the right number, but the black marble is not to be had. SO SAD!



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Update on Highway 12 Projects



Jan Vick, Chairwoman of the Highway 12 Association.

Leon Guzenda introduces Jan Vick, past RioVista Mayor and now Chair of the Rio Vista Highway 12 Association. Jan provides us with a topic in which we are very interested since we all travel on Highway 12 every day.

The Association was established in 1975 to exchange information on highway safety and projects. The focus is on improving safety along Highway 12, which has a long history of frequent accidents and fatalities.

The Association has supported various safety projects that have greatly improved safety. They have been active in passing on project announcements from Caltrans, particularly bridge repair, road maintenance and construction. Concerns from citizens are also conveyed to Caltrans and other agencies for resolution.

Jan gives us an update on the planned roundabout for Hwy 12/I13 beginning at the end of 2018, as well as improvements to Hwy 12 in three projects from Currie Road to the Bridge, including the Church/12 intersection. Meetings of the Association are held in Jan, Mar, Sept, and Nov. at the Point Restaurant at noon on the third Thursday. All citizens are welcome. Also attending are Representatives from numerous governmental agencies, CA Highway Patrol, Caltrans District Representatives, as well as City, County and State elective Representatives.

To report the need for repairs, pot holes, missing signs, litter and any other problems, go to the District 4 web site (www.dot.ca.gov/d4) and click on the "Contact Us" link. This will allow you to complete the request and submit to the District. The Association maintains a mailing list for meeting notices and an "alerts" list for disseminating information from Caltrans relative to upcoming activities along the corridor.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
May 18	Dan Dailey - Rio Vista Police Chief	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	Sam Meints - Rio Vista Coast Guard	Ed Kingen