



THE Rio Rotarian

As a child, my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.
—Buddy Hackett



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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

"Two Bell Danny" heeding to member complaints that, "we could not hear the opening meeting bell", decides to try ringing two cheap bells instead of one. Ringing the meeting to order was hardly heard and the members slowly started to rise. Molly lead us in Rotary Grace and Dr. Ted, surprised by a Danny song request, picked the first song that came to his mind as he looked at our "Fear the Tree" Rotarian, and led us in a lively rendition of "Hale, Hale, the Gang's All Here."

Visiting Rotarians

Hale introduced his guest speaker, Laurie Hartmann from the Fairfield Rotary Club.

Committee Reports

- President Dan reported that the Rotary Pentathlon swim competition was another huge success, funding the Rio Vista City Pool for another year. Rotary has put on this event for the past 32 years. Over 200 swimmers participated. There were 20 major sponsors at \$500 each.
- Cub reported that the Able Corvette Car show was the best ever thanks to our Interact club and Rotarian volunteers. The Rotary food booth was very busy and made \$1,645 in profits. A BIG Thanks to Jim Lira.
- Jimmy Mac reported that Demotion Night will be at The Point Restaurant on Friday, June 29th. UH-OH, Dan!
- Hector has 8 Tequila vendors for the July 28 Tequila Y Más event at the Point. The event funds scholarships.

Fairfield Rotarian is Guest Speaker



Hale poses with his guest speaker, Laurie Hartmann, from Meals on Wheels.

New Interact Officers Take Charge



Gabe and Brooke are looking forward to Camp Royal and a great new Interact year.

Confessions

- Molly confesses she has missed some meetings due to her pneumonia. She fines herself \$20.
- Ed Edwin Okamura confesses that he missed events and then published the wrong date for the Demotion, (but he got the date off of the Rotary SLAC site.) He fines himself \$40 for the General Fund.
- Danny also confesses he missed events due to graduation and a dive scheduled at Catalina Island. Our Sgt.-at-Arms fines him \$50 to the Gen.Fund. "It would have been less of a fine if he had not talked for so long," explains Sgt. Patrick.
- Jimmy Mac auctions off the Fine-Free Medallion to Eddie for \$65.

RVHS Student Report

- This is "Senior Week Send Off," and all the Interact seniors are on a trip to Universal Studios.
- Gabriel De La Rosa is the new Interact Club President, next year, and Brooke Okamura is V. P.

Marble Draw

Laurie pulls Jimmy Mac's number, but she cannot deliver the black marble, even after Jim offers to donate all his winnings to Meals on Wheels. ALERT.....Very few marbles. remain.



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Meals On Wheels - Solano/Napa



"Where's the Beef?" Laurie Hartmann's organization lost major Federal Government funding for in-home food delivery.

Laurie Hartmann, Executive Director of Meals On Wheels, Solano County, gives an eye opening presentation on the challenges of delivering 190,000 meals per year. Meals on Wheels, is now in its 41st year in Solano County and the program is critical to the health of seniors. By working together they can help keep seniors healthier, happier, in their own homes, and feeling more connected to their community as they age. Many of the seniors they serve live in poverty, are isolated, and rely on the volunteers to provide nutrition and daily interaction. To be in the program a recipient must be at least 60 years old and unable to drive a car.

Meals On Wheels is funded by donations from organizations such as Genentech, First Northern Bank, and Kaiser Permanente They also receive funds from the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo and the counties of Napa and Solano. A large portion of their funding comes from the Federal Government, but the in-home delivery funds were severely cut back during early 2018, which required them to scale back the operation.

They now, for the first time, have a waiting list of 114 seniors to get onto the program. For many seniors the home delivery program is the only meal they get each day. Some service clubs are starting to step up and help with additional funding. There continues to be more and more demand for food as seniors are living longer and have a desire to age in their own home.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
June 1	Bob Dias - North Bay Hospital Wine & Jubilee	Patty Huyssoon
June 8	Sam Meints - Rio Vista Coast Guard	Ed Kingen
June 15	TBD	Lee Williams
June 22	TBD	Ken Wudel
June 29	No Spears Just Fun - Danny's Demotion	No Morning Meeting
July 6	TBD	Dave Mason
July 13	TBD	Jay Huyssoon