



THE Rio Rotarian

It's hard to beat a person who never gives up—Babe Ruth



HELENE MADERE BRIDGE

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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

Following our Pledge of Allegiance, members habitually begin reciting Rotary Grace, only to learn we had pledged to a tattered Lions Club flag. After locking it back in the closet, Gene selects a crowd favorite, "America the Beautiful," for our morning song.

Guests of Rotarians

Ed Kingen introduces our speaker, CO Sam Meints of USCG Station Rio Vista.

Celebrations

Sgt.-at-Arms Patrick celebrates a birthday, along with Jim Lira's wife, Shirley. Patrick is delighted to have the Club sing Happy Birthday to him.

Announcements

- Bylaws. Leon is hopeful that we have all now received the proposed changes. Next week there will be a vote.
- Tequila Y Más. No new updates, but we need to sell tickets for the July 28th event—\$40 now and \$45 at door. Ask prospects, "How many tickets to event do you want?"
- Cub thanks Interact for their much needed support at Abel's All-G. M. Car Show. He's pleased to announce that a check for \$938 will go toward Interact programs.
- Principal Turk informed Pres. Dan that all seniors received a yearbook this year, and that surplus funds would be used to help seniors in future years.

Rotary Scholarships Aboard

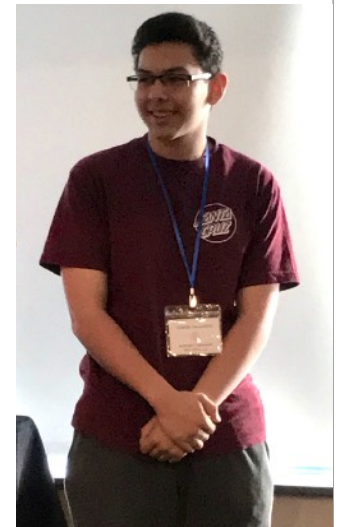
Today we celebrate a full house of graduating seniors anxious for their next chapter in life. Seniors thank Rotary for their scholarships and outline their college plans.

- Brianna Summit will be attending San Diego State, majoring in Business Management.



Brianna Summit, Mariko Dupuis, Tilly McTeer, Kiara Agan, Guadalupe Ruiz, Kendra De La Torre and Emma Wright proudly display their scholarships.

- Mariko Dupuis receives the Inouye Hechtman Scholarship and will attend UC Davis, studying Animal Biology.
- Tilly McTeer receives the Jon Lewellan Scholarship and will attend San Diego State, studying Graphic Design.
- Pres. Kiara Agan is attending Sacramento State, studying Kinesiology.
- Guadalupe Ruiz heads to UOP, majoring in Exercise Science.
- Kendra De La Torre will attend St. Mary's College, studying Bio Chemistry, with aspirations of becoming a Pediatric Surgeon.
- Emma Wright receives the Harvey Felt Scholarship and will attend Chico State, studying Industry Management



Incoming President Gabe De La Rosa reports that he'll be attending Camp Royal on June 10.

Confessions

- Ted confesses to camping, while noting, “Ken does it all the time,” somehow inferring that he need not confess or be fined. He begrudgingly departs with \$10.
- Lee recounts losing his mother in November, and that today would have been his parent’s 59th wedding anniversary. Being reflective, he also realizes he graduated from Rio Vista High 39 years ago. He donates \$100 to Ted’s Dictionary Fund.
- With prodding from Lee, Molly fesses up to missing last week’s meeting. She was busy moving to Grand Island, but emphasizes that Rio Vista remains dear to her. She offers \$25.

Marble Draw

Hector has the number, but, as you can see, does not pull the black marble.



US Coast Guard Station Save Lives

Ed Kingen introduces Sam Meints, CO of the US Coast Guard in Rio Vista. Sam and his family have lived in town for nearly a year, having traveled from the east coast, where he was on patrol boats in New Jersey, Michigan and New York. While



apologizing for not having a formal presentation, he provides a wealth of data on our local Coast Guard Station, which houses 35 active duty members and 11 reservists. Active duty members do 48 hours on and 48 hours off shifts, but are available 24-7.

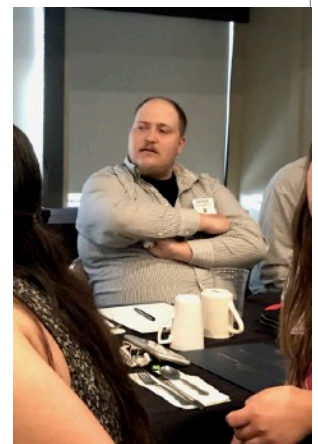
During a year, they handle approximately 250 search and rescue operations that span 1,500 miles of river and sloughs in their jurisdiction—going as far north as Sacramento, east to Stockton, south in the direction of Tracy and Vallejo. The next closest operations are out of Vallejo and, surprisingly, Lake Tahoe.

CO Sam Meints outlines the role of the US Coast Guard in Rio Vista.

Sam reports that while they conduct

approximately 300 law enforcement boardings each year, the majority are focused on interacting on boating safety—and not fining people. He sadly reports, that of 5,100 boating fatalities, 85% were a result of people simply not wearing life jackets.

Members jumped at the opportunity of a Q&A, peppering Sam with numerous “hypothetical” scenarios, with Cub and Patrick learning about everything from possession of cannabis to whether their boats can catch a jet ski. When asked by Hector about pursuing illegal immigrants, he clarifies that their focus is on human trafficking.



Sgt.-at-Arms pays close attention to our speaker’s answers regarding cannabis.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
June 15	Your Fabulous Solano County Fair	Lee Williams
June 22	TBD	Ken Wudel
June 29	Pres. Dan’s Unfortunate Demotion (evening meeting)	No Morning Meeting
July 6	“The Rest of the Story” Eddie Woodruff	Danny Schindler
July 13	“Growing up in Rio Vista”	Jim Lira
July 20	“Heeer’s Rotary!” Golf, Camp Royal & Rotary History	Bob Bard



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