



THE Rio Rotarian

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door." - Milton Berle



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

- Amazing, beautiful sound is heard by all as President Dan miraculously finds the official missing Rio Vista Rotary Bell and rings it one last time with his beat up old Lions Club Gavel. Tom then leads us in the Pledge, and then we say "Rotary Grace". Gene then reminds us that the longest day of the year was yesterday and Summer is almost here. Because of that we should honor Hawaii, and we sing, "Tiny Bubbles." Wait....the high school kids were not singing along...Do they not know the words to this song?

Visiting Rotarians

- Jim Lira thought he was a "visiting Rotarian" until he got the assignment to be our speaker July 13th.

Guests of Rotarians

- Hector introduces his daughter, back from college. Ken introduces Peter Bradbury, our guest speaker for today. Dan introduces Neil Hamilton and his family.

Celebrations

- Gene celebrates the birthday of his better half, Pat.

Treasurers Report

- Our Treasurer, Jay, reports that we have \$10,657 in the Charitable Fund, \$10,440 in the General Fund, and \$2,525 in the Raffle Fund.

Full house at Friday morning meeting



Conversation is very loud as we pack them in and prepare for President Dan's opening bell at his last official meeting.

Neil Hamilton's Honorary Membership



Neil Hamilton talks about his time in our club.



Neil is surprised and visibly shaken and honored as he waves back to members.



Members of R.V. Rotary give Neil a "Thank You Standing Ovation"

Neil Hamilton is joined by his Son and Daughter at our Friday meeting as he is awarded a special "Honorary Rio Vista Permanent Membership" in our club. The Hamilton family has a long history in Rio Vista. Neil's Grandfather came to the Rio Vista area in the late 1800's and settled in the Montezuma Hills just outside of town. Neil had two brothers, Burrows (Pep) and David. All the brothers attended Rio Vista schools. Pep passed away several years ago. Pep and his wife,

Announcements

- The Demotion of President Dan is scheduled to take place at the Point Restaurant Friday evening June 29th. Cocktails at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, with the main event after we finish eating. The theme is a Dean Martin Roast. Will Danny Boy find the Official Rio Vista Gavel by then?

Confessions

- Co-Editor Edwin confesses that he missed last week's meeting because he was picking up his daughter Emma from college. As he was helping pack up her things he came across a giant jug of Sangria. When he started to throw it away, Emma stopped him and said that she was planning to take it home to Rio Vista. Edwin says, "I think that sums up her year at college." He contributes \$20 to the General Fund.
- Jon confesses that he does not know how to change the band on his watch. When he has to fix his watch, he simply takes it over to Ken Wudel at the Pharmacy who fixes it ever time. He donates \$25 to the Dictionary Fund.
- Jimmy Mac confesses that last weekend he went down to Santa Barbara to pick up his girlfriend's daughter who graduated from UCSB. He donates another \$100 to Josie's Paul Harris Award. He then asks Leon, "Am I getting close to achieving Paul Harris status for Josie?"
- Lee confesses that his secretary missed his wife's anniversary for which he took some heat. He donates \$5.00.

Neil Hamilton (Cont.)

Pat, raised two sons, both of whom live in the Rio Vista area. One son, Peter, is a teacher at Riverview Middle School, and the other son, Richard, and his wife, Stacie, live and farm just outside of town at the Hamilton Ranch. Our former Interact President, Josie Hamilton, is one of their kids.

Neil was attending Cal Berkley when his father suddenly died, and Neil, being the oldest son, returned home to run the farm. The Hamiltons farmed the Montezuma Hills and Ryder Island and were involved in several farming Partnerships. They raised sheep, grains, asparagus, sugar beets and other crops. Neil served on the Sugar Beet Board. Neil married Elaine Olson, and they had three children, Neil Hamilton III, Owen and Sarah. They have many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Neil's father-in-law, Walter Olson, was also a member of our club for many years. Neil was very active in the community. He served on the school Board of Trustees. Jimmy Mac received his 8th grade graduation certificate from Neil. He was active in his church, the First Congregational of Rio Vista, the Rotary Club and the local Masonic organization. Neil joined Rio Vista Rotary in 1969 and served as President, board member and always volunteered for any project the club was involved in. He also served as Rotary Information Chairman for many years. Neil was involved in the fire department. He was on the Board of the Montezuma Fire District and a volunteer fireman. Neil is very well known, and respected in Rio Vista and the surrounding area. He is known as a "Farmer's Farmer." He is certainly very deserving of the special Rio Vista Rotary Club Honorary Membership Award.

Camp Royal Report



Gabe DeLaRosa, fresh back from Camp Royal, gives his impression of Camp Royal, as Brooke Okamura, Destanie Rendon, and Jesus Rivas look on.

Our club sent six of RVHS's top students to Camp Royal last week for special leadership training that will equip them for life. Seventy other Rotary Clubs in No. CA District 5160 also sent their best students to Camp Royal, totaling 140 in all. The camp is located in the Trinity Alps near the town of Weaverville, CA. One of our members, Cole Felt, was a counselor for the week. Lee Williams was a bus chaperone and got to observe some of the

activities. Our students opened up with enthusiasm as they described what they learned. They came back energized and motivated, having formed life-long friendships.

Confessions (Cont.)

- Hale confesses that he is back from taking two trips, one, a two and a half week cruise around Cape Cod, and the other, a 5 day trip to Nevada City. He also visited Cape Kennedy to celebrate the 50th anniversary of being the Project Manager on a Space Launch. He donates \$100 to the Harvey Felt Scholarship Fund.
- Hector confesses that he will be celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary next week and donates \$25 to the General Fund.
- Molly confesses that she celebrated her 15-year wedding anniversary and her husband bought her a house.
- Jim Lira made a quick trip to Las Vegas and donates \$25 to the Dictionary Fund and \$25 to the Harvey Felt Scholarship Fund.
- President Dan confesses that last week he took a party bus to a Country and Western Concert and donates \$25.

Marble Draw

Leon’s number is drawn, but he does not find that elusive black marble. Hey, Patrick, are you sure you remembered to put the black marble in the sack?

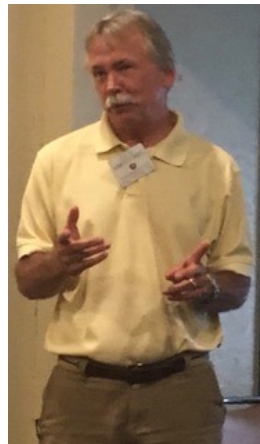


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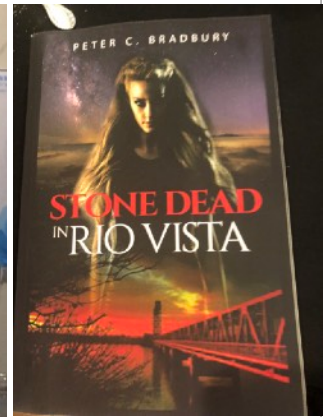
Butler to the Rich and Famous



Ken Wudel Introduces Peter Bradbury



Author and Butler, Peter Bradbury shares his life story.



Peter Bradbury’s newest fiction is about a murder in the Trilogy Compound of Rio Vista.

Peter C. Bradbury is an Author and a Butler from Manchester, England. Now living in Northern California, he has just released his sixth book which is a fictional thriller genre that takes place in Rio Vista. Ken Wudel is selling Peter’s book at his Delta Pharmacy. The book is almost like a true story with names being changed. It goes into all the problems with the Nines/Sir Flairs Restaurant and the Trilogy Golf Course. Peter has been working at the Nines Restaurant and also the Grand Island Mansion. Peter came from a poor family background in Northern England. His early career started in London at 17 years old when he took training to be a butler and then took a job as a butler for the head of the appellate court in the United Kingdom. He worked in a mansion consisting of over 25,000 sq. ft. helping the judge dress, preparing his meals and doing errands. In 1994 Peter came to the U.S and married his wife. Because he worked for the upper crust in England, he does not do well when a restaurant patron tries to throw his weight around and give Peter a bad time. This is why he is very outspoken about all the bad things going on at the Nines/Sir Flairs.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
June 29	Pres. Dan’s Unfortunate Demotion (Night Meeting)	Jimmy Mac
July 6	Eddie Woodruff / “The Rest of the Story”	Danny Schindler
July 13	Growing up in Rio Vista	Jim Lira
July 20	Heeer’s Rotary—Golf, Camp Royal, & Rotary History	Bob Bard
July 27	State of Recycling...China and Organics	Gary Lazdowski
July 28	Tequila Y Más at The Point Restaurant	Hector DeLaRosa