



THE Rio Rotarian

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



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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

Pres. Dave opens the meeting with an inaudible ringing of his bell, asking Patrick to lead the Pledge, and Ted, Grace. Ted follows by recommending a song from the 60's. No more than 5 people recognize, "Oh Where Can My Baby Be," by The Cavaliers.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Gary welcomes our speaker, Sal Evola, asking members to holler, "Hi Sal."



Clarksburg Rotarians Katherine Turner (past president) and Karen Coffee pay us a visit, expecting to deliver a report on their Guatemala project. Unfortunately, with Dan fighting fires, no one was aware that she'd be in attendance. She promises to return, and to give Dan grief. We look forward to her presentation.

Celebrations

Bob stands, as the Club sings Happy Celebrations to recognize his wife Marian's birthday.

Treasurer's Report

Our depleted marble draw fund is at about \$105.

Jack Krebs Reminds Us of 4-Way Test

Not on the agenda, Jack wastes no time getting to his point after donating \$211 to the Club (\$111 of which was from his March Madness winnings).

Having been a member of Rotary International since the '50s, Jack is concerned that we have ignored our charter, and have become a breakfast social club. We have not done enough to teach the Rotary way to new members. When he joined decades ago, he recalls his indoctrination: 1) If you accept an invitation to join, you always answer "yes" to requests for service; 2) You attend all meetings, and; 3) You adhere to Rotary's 4-way test. (see page 2 sidebar)

As we look to our future, we are urged to place service above self, as many of our past members have done. Jack reminds us of the time Hank Simonsen reactivated the effort to rebuild the City pool, offering \$150K. He asked Jack to support him, and he accepted without hesitation. Many past members have put service above self, resulting in countless projects both locally and globally.

Jack is disappointed that we have not followed our own bylaws for elections, and strongly recommends that we follow a process. It's not too late though. Secretary Leon agrees, and advises that he will set the nomination process in motion immediately.

Recycling, and the Future of Organics

Sal Levolo, has been with Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery since 2010 as their Director of Environmental Affairs. Also, as a fourth-generation Pittsburg resident, he has followed in the footsteps of his great, great grandfather; great grandfather; and grandfather; each having served as the Mayor of Pittsburg. Sal is currently Pittsburg's Vice Mayor, but has also served as their Mayor on three previous occasions.

In years past, domestically we consumed nearly all of our recyclables (newspapers and cardboard). As these markets domestically disappeared, China began accepting our recyclables. Unfortunately, this year it came to an end when China created unattainable standards. For instance, while our state allows 10% contamination of materials (i.e. an uncleaned ketchup

Confessions

- Sec. Leon wife’s grandson celebrates a birthday and receives his purple belt in kendo. Apparently, he comes from a “real” samurai family. Leon offers \$50! Editor’s note: Editor hails from the Sakai Samurai Clan in Japan.

Announcements

- Sgt.-at-Arms Patrick shares a letter from Montana Olsen. She thanks Rotary for her amazing experience at Camp Royal, where she began her journey with emotions ranging from terrified to eager. She gained valuable life skills, built friendships and learned to embrace who she is.
- Lee reports that Past Pres. Dan was dispatched to Susanville, and then, less than 24-hours later, was off to the Carr fire. We await Dan’s safe return. Thank you, Danny!

4-Way Test

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair to all concerned?
- Will it build good will and better friendships?
- Is it beneficial to all concerned?

Marble Draw

Not sure who had the number, but needless to say, the marble is not pulled. The pot grows.



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bottle), China only allows .5%. While consumers could previously place mixed papers, and all plastics into their blue cans, the only acceptable items are glass, aluminum, newspaper, cardboard and plastics labels 1 and 2 can be recycled today. The remainder is diverted to landfill. Sal recommends that we read “The Dirty Truth Is Your Recycling May Actually Go to Landfills.” (Huffington Post)

Recently, Senate Bill 1383 was also adopted, with the objective of reducing the amount of food in landfills—which is a large source of methane gas. Using 2014 as their baseline, the State now requires food waste be reduced in landfills by 50% in 2020 and 75% by 2025. One solution, is to require us to begin scraping our plates of food waste into our green waste bins. While this may be appealing to a few, the overwhelming majority would not comply—with many challenged with simply keeping up with current recycling guidelines.

They are proposing a more leading-edge approach, whereby consumers continue placing their food in with their garbage. The center would then run the garbage across a line where a machine would clean up the material and then force it through a press (which could best be described as a large garlic press). The resulting cake material would then be sent through a sewer system, and converted to renewable energy. Based on their studies, they could divert 5X more food waste, at ½ the cost less then the process of having the rate payer managing the separation of food from garbage.



Sal Levolo, Gary Lazdowski and Katherine Turner talk “garbage.”

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
August 3	Ben Neely - Surviving Hurricane Julio in 2014	Gil Labrie
August 10	Rotary Area Governor	Jay Huysson
August 17	Afterglow - 50th Year Anniversary	Gene Resler
August 24	Glen Martin - Update on Liberty Island	Edwin Okamura
August 31	TBD	Jon Blegen
September 7	TBD	Derek Abel

Tequila Y Mas a Huge Success!

Last week, Hector pleaded with the club to sell more tickets. With a mere 60 sold, he advised we may break even. His efforts paid off, with final ticket sales expected to top 150. Silent auction sales will be icing on the cake. Thank you, Hector for your Service-Above-Self efforts!



Don Felix rolls a cigar for a grateful customer.



Sarah and Tom Donnelly pose in their beautifully coordinated outfits.



Edwin enjoys his favorite tequila with Juan Carlos of Don Pilar.



Cub Abel and Jim Lira take a break from volunteering and sipping tequila.



Shirley Lira and Evelyn Wilson proudly display a few of the many tequilas.



Lee Williams and Michelle Carter are all smiles for photographer Bob Bard.



Sec. Leon and Verna Guzenda appear ecstatic that the festivities carried on without a hitch.



Chair Hector and Stefanie De La Rosa celebrate a successful event.



Tony Coito, Doris Gilmore, Kathi Bradley, Mari Tejada, and Molly Coito take in the scenery.



Patrick Byron and Chelsea Taylor enjoy the amazing spread of food.