



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

Pres. Dave calls the meeting to order promptly at 7 a.m., asking Bob to lead the Pledge, and Evelyn to recite our Rotary Prayer.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Today's speaker, Charlie Hamilton is introduced, as is Gene's wife Pat; Danny's girlfriend Pocket; and Bob's brother-in-law, Ed Gionetti. Katherine Turner of Clarksburg drops by, and AG Angela Spease visits from Rotary Club of Laguna Sunrise—offering Pres. Dave a jar of Elk Grove honey. Members are ecstatic to have Neil Hamilton Sr. and Jr. drop by.

Financial Report

Our raffle fund grows to \$580. While most of our accounts remain stable, the Charitable Fund account will be depleted by \$15,000, as the Board approved the purchase of the fire truck for Guatemala.

Birthdays & Celebrations

Jay and Patty each celebrate birthdays. Neil Hamilton celebrates 71 years of marriage bliss to Elaine!

Announcements

The 4th Annual Turkey Trot is being hosted this year by RioVision, on Thanksgiving morning. The proceeds support cross country at Riverview and the HS. Ed. Edwin also reports that the Anderson's, Bill Mortimore, and Warren and Julie Gomes, made generous donations to the FTF.

Bass Derby = Many Confessions

Having missed the past meeting waiting for "pots" (plural) at home, Jay offers \$50 to Fire Truck Fund (FTF); Derek pledges \$500 towards FTF, and an additional \$50 for the support of his band at Bass Derby—where plenty of beer flowed; Jimmy Mac had his hands full with the Soap Box Derby, but sends \$50 to Ted's Dictionary Fund. Gary, disappointedly, misses Bass Derby for the first time in many years, but donates \$100. Without missing a beat, Gary also welcomes back Evelyn, offering \$50 to Interact in her name! Dan too, misses Bass Derby, opting for a diving trip vs. helping at the Bass Derby beer booth with Edwin. He offers \$50 to FTF.

Sec. Leon, shuts down fake news reports on NextDoor. Feeling guilt for wielding his authority, he offers \$100 to FTF. Hector heads out of town for a Tequila function, but does help with the set-up of the Linguica booth. Before finishing, he exclaims how fascinated he is by the progression of hairstyles donned by the Interact men (see photo below)—ranging from a styled poof, to man-bun, to a corporate cut. Satisfied that he's embarrassed his son sufficiently, he offers \$50. Molly voluntarily spins the wheel after interrupting Cub's confession—opting to pay \$5 vs. kissing the missing gavel. Despite a number of excuses, Eddy spins the wheel for being tardy, and donates \$5 to the Dictionary Fund.

Student Report

In sports, Erick reports that cross country's next meet will be the championship at Angel's Camp. Brooke notes that their volleyball teams lost to Linden, but both Varsity and JV football teams were victorious against the same school. They boast records of 7-1 and 8-1. Jesus advises that he'll take Rotary news on Friday and have it announced on Radio Rio.



(lft) Pres. Gabe De La Rosa, Erick Galleno, Jesus Rivas and VP Brooke Okamura deliver an impeccable report. (rht) Jon Blegen kneels in front of the an awesome crew of Interact students.

Announcements (Cont.)

- Kathy Suvia from Rotary Club of Mt Shasta will be our DG for the 2021-2022 Rotary year.
- Patty says that the Toys for Tots boxes are in place.
- Lee announces Poker Night with Lion's Club is 11/14.
- Gary reminds the Club that the Rotary Day at GG Fields is 11/17.
- Pres. Dave reports that Rotary and the Lion's Club will have a joint Christmas Party again.
- Tom takes a moment to thank all who assisted in the Linguica Booth at Bass Derby, and gives a special "shout out" to Jim Lira for all his support.
- Katherine thanks Lee for getting the fire truck ready for its trip to Guatemala. Danny reports that the fire department had donated 21 hazard materials to travel on the truck.

Marble Draw

Hector cries foul when he observes that he shares the same numbers as Edwin. Rattled, Hale quickly resolves the issue, and Bob's guest, Ed Gionetti has the number. The black marble alludes him.



Newsletter Staff

Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

Charlie & Brittany: The perfect blend

The Club welcomes Charlie Hamilton, a 5th generation Rio Vistan, with open arms, to learn about Pressley Vineyards—named after Burrows Presley Hamilton, Charlie's grandfather.

Charlie's day job, is as a PCA with an emphasis on wine grapes, where he consults with the growers across six counties. All other hours of his day are spent running the Vineyard with his wife, Brittany, where he's in charge of farming operations. Brittany, was born and raised in St. Helena and learned to make wine from her mother at an early age. Brittany's day job is as a Wine Sales Representative, and her remaining day is as bookkeeper, grape production manager, and Charlie's right-hand lady for all-things Pressley Vineyards.



Charlie Hamilton plans to travel the world seeking other varietals to grow.

Brittany, got Charlie interested in winemaking and in 2014, and they started making their own wine at home. Presently they are producing Pinot Noir and Albarino, with plans of Rose. Their Pinot comes from Jeannie McCormack's property, and the Albarino comes from the Gomes' property on Andrus Island. Thanks to the generosity of the Lira's, their Pinot (\$23) and Albarino (\$17) are available at Lira's Supermarket.

They look forward to traveling the world and experiencing other countries wine cultures, and ultimately picking up new varieties of vines to expand their production. For more information, please visit their website and get on their mailing list: <https://pressleyvineyards.com>.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
October 26	SSgt Rodriguez from Travis AFB	Patty Huyssoon
November 2	TBD	Edwin Kingen
November 9	TBD	Rob Hickey
November 16	Joe Miner, F&M Bank	Evelyn Wilson
November 23	No Meeting	
November 30	TBD	Hector De La Rosa