



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 at 7 a.m., give or take few seconds, with Jimmy Mac leading Pledge, Hector reciting Rotary Grace and Gene leading us in, "America the Beautiful."

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Catherine Lindstrom from Castroville, drops in, and Patty introduces her guest speakers, Staff Sergeants Mortimore and Rodriguez, from Travis Air Force Base.

Treasurer's Report



Breaking from tradition, Treasurer Jay delivers his report from the front of the room, so as to be crystal clear about how funds are being used for the Fire Truck.

Unfortunately, he sidetracks himself on an email discussion, and doesn't quite finish. Raffle Fund is \$700, and we may net \$2,000 from Bass Derby.

Birthdays & Celebrations

Neil Hamilton's wife, Elaine, celebrates a birthday, and Wayne Woodward and Connie have an anniversary. Hale, being the only member in attendance, is sung, "Happy Birthday."

Student Report

Pres. Gabe announces that it was spirit week, with a unique theme each day: Pink-out, Costume, Super Hero/Villain and Royalty Day. In sports, Erick is proud to report that the boys cross-country team won their League

Championship, with Aiden Mayhood winning the entire meet. Aiden takes All League MVP.

Jesus reports that the radio station will be broadcasting RVHS' game against Vacaville Christian this evening, and if all goes well, it will be the norm at all games next year.

VP Brooke notes that it will also be Senior Night at the football game. Each senior is recognized, and their families are introduced. Today, seniors were supposed to dress in togas, but it doesn't appear that memo got out. Jokingly, on Super Hero Day, Brooke admits she did not have an



(from left) Pres. Gabe De La Rosa, Jesus Rivas, Can Yilmazer, VP Brooke Okamura and Erick Galleno relax after delivering their report.

"costume," but tells her teacher that she IS a super hero—her mother!

.5 Billion Toys for Tots!

Since the launch of Toys for Tots in 1947, Toys for Tots has gathered 500 million toys, benefiting over 200 million children. The program is primarily run by the Marine Corps, but



Patrick stands to discuss having a 4th of July music festival, as Molly considers the thought.

Announcements (Cont.)

- Delta Drifters, Yacht Club and Lions will team up for their 10th Annual Toy Drive on 12/1.
- Molly announces that our joint Rotary-Lions Christmas Party will be held at The Point on 12/15, 5:30 p.m.
- Sec. Leon calls for the appointment of a nominating committee to put together a list of candidates for the upcoming December ballot. Lee Williams, Ken Wudel and Ed Kingen were selected, and willingly accepted their duty.

Confessions

Following last week’s marathon confession session, members are apprehensive, with only Jim Lira coming forward. Jim, and his family, fly to Texas for the Texas vs. Oklahoma football game, and he’s amazed by the energy level of the fans. Jim also spends time in Monterey playing golf at Poppy Hills, and looks forward to the 49ers vs. Raiders game this upcoming Thursday. With his confession complete, he donates a staggering \$250.

Marble Draw

S-a-A Hale did not lose his marbles this week, and tickets are distributed flawlessly. Sec. Leon has the number, but pulls a clear marble.



Newsletter Team
Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

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because Solano County does not have a Marine base, over 20 years ago Travis Air Force Base recognized the need, and began a program. In 2006 the Marine Corps officially recognized Travis’ efforts, and integrated it as part of the *Toys for Tots* program. Last year, nationally, the program gathered 17 million toys, which were distributed to about 8 million children. In Solano County alone, 11,000 toys were collected and distributed to 8000 children.



Staff Sergeants Mortimore and Rodriguez proudly discuss their successful Toys for Tots program.

Toy drop sites are located throughout the County, with major booths at most of Walmart stores. The toys, which must be NEW, are picked up and delivered to a large warehouse, where they are sorted by gender. Typically, children receive two gifts and a stocking stuffer on the Monday before Christmas. Applications may be submitted online by individuals or



Members are ecstatic to have Evelyn attending meetings.

organizations. Patty has sent information out to our papers, and offers to meet with applicants at the fire station, to help complete the form. Jay and Patty have personally been involved with the program for 10 years.

The program is also geared to help victims of disasters. Unlike other programs, 97% of the every dollar donated to *Toys for Tots*, goes toward getting toys.

Proud of all they do, Jim Lira, generously steps-up (once again) with a donation of \$100, when Sgt. Rodriguez asks for support driving gifts to their warehouse.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
November 2	TBD	Edwin Kingen
November 9	TBD	Rob Hickey
November 16	Joe Miner, F&M Bank (né Bank of Rio Vista)	Evelyn Wilson
November 23	No Meeting	
November 30	TBD	Hector De La Rosa
December 7	TBD	Tom Donnelly