



THE Rio Rotarian



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

*"Having fun helping others...watering the rosebuds"
-Dr. Ted Schulz*

Welcome

Gene leads us in Jack's favorite song, "America the Beautiful." Then, Pres. Dan invites Rob to play "Spin the Wheel" on the way to his seat. Rob gets to part with \$5.

Our Guests

Patty introduces Norm Weitzel, who will later discuss ambulance service. Dave introduces his son, Travis.

Celebrations

We remember Neil and Wayne while we mutilate "Happy Birthday" to Jay, who sadly is now too old for jury duty. Jay is so happy to still be alive that he pleads for a \$70 fine, but Danny is too shy, and sets fine at \$5.

Confessions

Dave asks, "Where's the *real* medallion?" He visited Dominican Republic, saw volcano, drank beer & rum all day, and pays a \$5 fine. Hale allegedly kept the medallion for his Arabian sojourn.

Danny & son skin dive at Catalina 4 days, experience tire malfunction, see 900 lb. sea bass, do 16 dives. He pays \$50 to General Fund.

Lee apologizes for not helping set-up and tear-down of Linguica booth; he was called out of town. He pays \$40 to Harvey Felt Fund.

Ted enjoyed gourmet dinner at Blegen's, Monday, as winner of Golf Tourney auction; he donates \$100 to Gen'l Fund in Danny and Amy Origel's name.

Linguica booth a huge success...again

Treasurer-in-chief Patty says that we made \$2,000+ this year selling linguica sandwiches, and no one complained of heartburn!

Rotary supports Riverview Garden

Danny passes around a thank you letter from students for \$300 donation.

Christmas party planned

Thursday evening, December 7, we'll join with the Lions for a joint Xmas event with Molly in charge. Molly says "it's going great." Last year a mole ratted Danny out when he snubbed the Rotary Club's Xmas celebration in favor of the gay and exuberant Lions members. So, to accommodate Danny's strange and erratic behavior, Molly will arrange for a dual Xmas gathering, this year. Inspired by talk of Lions and the elderly, Cub tells a story that elicits numerous moans, groans, and calls for a fine.

Beer booth busy

Gene reports that people were going crazy for Modelo, a really smooth import from south of the border. Danny adds that next year we're going to bring back Tequila Why Más in July, 2018, eliciting an immediate response from Hector, "You mean I haven't rubbed off on you yet?" He informs our Pres. of the correct pronunciation, "tekeelah ee mahs." *Editor's note: in Spanish, "y" means "and" and "más" means "more." Tsk, tsk.*



Interact Club reports

Above: Kiara Agan, Markio Dupuis, Samuelle Franceschetti and Gabe Da La Rosa

Announcements

Molly says 3 Mile Brewery is now open, Wednesdays, 3-10 p. m.; they had to hire 2 more employees. Following a few guffaws, Danny imposes \$5 fine for advertising.

Poker Tourney & Horse Races

Danny circulates signup lists. Poker party will be held Wed. evening, Nov. 15, and Rotary at the Races will take place at Golden Gate Fields on Sat., Nov. 18.

Thanks for the program, Dennis

Danny presents a belated gift to Dennis Elliott for his illuminating talk on bitcoins, last week.

Gary hits the jackpot!

Proudly claiming his hands are too large to fit in that tiny marble pouch, Gary asks for a “hand,” and Edwin picks him a winner! Shouldn’t E O get the prize?



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Newsletter Staff

Co-Editors: *Edwin Okamura, Dick Burkhart*

Executive Editor: *Bob Bard*

Our students report that next week at RVHS is “Spirit Week:” Monday is Disney Day, Tuesday wear Halloween costume, Wednesday is Día de los Muertos, Thursday is Dad’s Day, Friday is Ram’s Day with the last football game & Seniors’ Night. Tonight, they play San Juan, and Monday was last Volleyball game for Senior Girls.

Today’s program

Patty introduces Norm Weitzel, Education and Training Manager for Medic Ambulance for our area. He speaks on EMS and its role in our community. Their job is to evaluate the ill and injured, treat any life threats, hopefully make the victim feel a little bit better and transport them to a hospital for definitive care. Their default destination is an emergency room, but that may change.



Patty Huyssoon presents Norm Weitzel.

With the exception of Vacaville, all 911 calls in Solano County are answered by Norm’s company.

Medic Ambulance started in 1979; they are contracted by Solano County, and the contract must be renegotiated every 10 years. Response time is the major factor considered for ambulance services. Another is supporting local fire department paramedical training. Depending on the local jurisdiction, the ambulance must arrive within 9 to 12 minutes, a challenging proposition for Rio Vista. To comply, they maintain an ambulance in Isleton. Jack asks what they do if the bridge is closed down, and Norm responds that they generally will let emergency responders through.

A large part of their job is evaluating the victim’s mental status by asking questions. Norm advises us to provide access to our homes and maintain health info on paper (not on your electronic device) on your refrigerator. Most of their calls come from Trilogy, and the medics are equipped with clickers to get in quickly.

Hector mentions that victims must be treated within 4 minutes for the best chance of survival, and Norm says that’s why accessibility to external cardiac defibrillators is important, following up his response saying, “I hope I respectfully dodged your question.”

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
November 3	Mark Urdahl, CEO, Young Blood Institute	Leon Guzenda
November 10	To Be Announced	Ed Kingen
November 17	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
November 24	No Meeting—Happy Thanksgiving	Tom Turkey
December 1	Tales of Arabian Nights	Hale Conklin