



THE Rio Rotarian



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

Jim McPherson proudly leads us in the pledge, followed by Jack offering a thoughtful prayer to bring peace to the world, asking how we might each participate in this effort. In the words of the Rotary motto, Jack says that we should, "Act with integrity, serve with love, and work for peace." Amen.

Gene stands to congratulate Pres. Dan on his win at the Lions-Rotary Poker Tournament. Appropriately, he suggests we sing the chorus to *The Gambler* by Kenny Rogers.

No Guests or Celebrations

Unless we count Jimmy Mac's ex-wife's birthday. Nah.

Announcements

The Christmas Dinner is December 7; 5:30 cocktails and 6:30 dinner. Those signing up will be charged \$38/person on their account. Molly pleads for us to be creative if participating in the gift exchange. She also emphasizes, "shop local!"

Patty announces that the Toy Drive is picking up steam. There will be announcements for the next 3 weeks in our papers. They are accepting NEW unwrapped gifts.

Hector begins hyping the Club up for Tequila Y Más. Pres. Dan will need committee support on this event! Other than the R&D Committee, which is accounted for, it's wide open at this point.

Treasurer seeks truth

Jay reports that he's learned that the Club has six accounts, however, he was aware of only four. More investigation is occurring and it will be resolved shortly. Going forward, each check will require two signatures, with Gary, Leon, Jay and Pres. Dan as the authorized signatories. Jay and Patty are near completion of their member accounting project, but Jay suggests that his rule is, if we pay too much, the Club keeps it, and if we pay too little, they come after us.

RVHS in playoffs!

With only Sam and Gabriel in attendance, there is not much to report on, but it's big. There's a rally today, followed by the Rams' playoff game against Woodland. If Rams win (later, they did win 39-3!) this will be their first in 12 years going to the finals. Saturday will be Wrestling. Sam will play football Friday, and wrestle Saturday. Next week school is out.

Rotary wrestles Lion down

The Annual Rotary-Lions Poker Grudge Match took place Wednesday evening, Nov. 15, at the Poppy House. Attendance was somewhat lighter than usual, this year, but the intense rivalry was palpable. After countless hours (about 3) of cutthroat gambling with play poker chips in a non-smokey room, Rotary once again claimed a hard-fought victory, with all of the \$20 buy-in funds (less snack costs) directed to charity.



Photo above, left: the Final Table, clockwise from far right: Robert Cattet, Ted Schulz, Gene Resler, Molly Coito, Lee Williams, Pat Byron, Al Lunn, and Dan Schindler.

Onlookers, clockwise from far left: Chelsea Taylor, Medora Simi, Dave Hastings, Hector De La Rosa, and Jon Blegen. Photo above, right: winner, Rotary Pres. Dan Schindler on left with runner-up, Lion Al Lunn.

Confessions

- Dr. Ted confesses that he made it to the Final Table, but assures us that it's not fineable. He says that, "he felt like he was at the activities room of a nursing home," after observing numerous poker blunders.
- Twitchell Island Sunrise Club member Jimmy Mac recounts a fantastic 10-day trip to the Caribbean, and 5 days in Key West. He proudly donates \$100 to Josie Hamilton's PHF account.
- Cub heads to Vegas for SEMA (specialty auto equipment trade show) and car racing. While the race was mired in politics, it is offset by an incredible 3-hour Elton John concert he attends. He donates \$50.
- Eddie calls out Pres. Dan for not confessing his poker win, with Sgt.-at-Arms Pat fining \$50. Attorney Jon then weighs in on his little-recognized participation, and donates \$20 to Harvey Felt's Scholarship Fund. Dan belatedly thanks him and adds \$40.
- Leon donates \$20 to the Dictionary Fund, rather than his gin and tonics fund.

Marble Draw

Betty's number is pulled, but the marble eludes her.



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City Manager Hickey Tells All

During a recent dinner with Patty and Jay, CM Rob was asked by Patty to speak at Rotary. Believing it was a joke, he readily accepted the invitation— learning today that it was no joke. Unfazed, Raconteur Rob stands to deliver a behind-the-scenes look at City projects. For a good part of this year Rob arm wrestled Gary Lazdowski over the City's Franchise Agreement with RV Sanitation. As the state can fine a city \$10K a day for not implementing a green waste program, they fortunately came to terms. Ironically, we are the only town in CA with BROWN bins for GREEN waste and GREEN bins for garbage.

- Two streets in the business park were named after Stan Simi and Richard Brann. Other streets required naming, so Rob appropriately recommended Norman Richardson St. and Harvey Felt Court. Great tributes!
- Many years ago, a Lighting and Landscaping District was established in Trilogy. As time went on, Trilogy felt the City was charging too much, and asked to take it over. The City was okay with the idea, as the funds collected are rarely enough to cover the actual costs. Now, they question whether the "outside" of the wall is the City's responsibility. Rob's response was, "No, it's on private property." While an emotional issue, it's a 56 cent/month issue for residents of Trilogy.
- Rob explains that Water Meter projects are never enjoyable. No one is a winner when you're proposing tearing up yards, digging up flower beds and cutting off water. Couple this with contract disputes, exorbitant change orders, and you have plenty of unhappy people. Despite the challenges, it should be completed by year's end, with a website that accepts credit card payments.
- With the passing of prop 64, the Council approved Cannabis operations in our business park. To participate, applicants are required to put a \$5K deposit to start process; another 20% down to lock in a parcel; then, must get approved by the Planning Commission and Council. Four businesses have closed or are in the process, and another 3 or 4 are in escrow. The conditional use permits have strict guidelines on odor and security (like high fences, cameras, etc.).
- LGI (out of Houston, TX) will break ground on 220 homes in the January 2018 timeframe. Unlike most builders, they build first, and then sell, versus sell, then build. Their target audience is renters.



*City Manager, Rob Hickey.
(Photo from archives.)*

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
November 24	Happy Thanksgiving	No Meeting
December 1	Tales of Arabian Nights	Hale Conklin
December 8	TBD	Jack Krebs
December 15	TBD	Gary Lazdowski
December 22	Christmas	No Meeting
December 29	New Years	No Meeting