



# 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

The meeting is called to order by Pres. Dave promptly at 7 a.m. Jimmy Mac leads us in Pledge, and Jon Blegen, Rotary Grace. Our Club talent fumbles through song selections, with Cub settling on, "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire." Lee stumbles in late, spinning the wheel and landing on 8, which calls for him to simply apologize –which he does so willingly. While doing so, it's humorously noted that he should probably remove the sales tags from his new jeans!

## Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Sgt-at-Arms Hale introduces Lions Ron Jones and Frank Reid, who make their annual visit-of-shame to Rotary. Danny welcomes Pocket.

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jay reports that the Marble Fund is about \$1,200 today, the Camp Fire Fund has topped \$12,500, and the Fire Truck Fund is up to about \$15,000.

## Birthdays & Celebrations

Molly, Evelyn, Hector's wife, and Sec. Leon's wife each celebrate birthdays. Don Beno, who has been missing in action, celebrates 5 years in Rotary. Jimmy Mac and Gary each spin the wheel for speaking out of turn. Gary spins the wheel, landing on 14. He chooses to pay \$10, rather than join the fire department. Jim spins the wheel and lands on 8, so he simply apologizes.

## Turkey Trot a Success

Bob announces that he came in second in his age group, and donates \$10 to the Camp Fire Fund. Jon proudly proclaims that he was first in the same age group, of which there was a field of three participants. Howard Lamothe was third place. He donates \$25 towards the Fire Fund. Bob ups his donation to \$25.



*Jon edges out Bob, and Jimmy Mac (former Rio Vista High School Cross Country standout) finishes strong.*

Jimmy Mac advises members that, back during his nimble high school days, he ran cross country for years and was the only member to medal in their Division Sections! Despite this former feat, he barely beats Bob Bard. Jim adds \$25 towards the Fire Fund.

Edwin thanks everyone for participating in the race, and donates \$25 to the Fire Fund. He stands again to say how impressed he was with Dennis Ortega, the first "old" guy to cross the line. Edwin adds another \$25.

Danny completed the 5K in 33:39.3 minutes, and follows the norm, donating \$25. Leon donates \$25 to the Dictionary Fund because he was NOT able to run this year. We learn that he was a national-class runner in his younger years. Pres. Dave confesses to spending the week in Monterey, and pledges \$25 to the Interact Club.

Patty finds the medallion, and auctions it to Pres. Dave for \$50.

## Interact Club Report

In sports, the wrestling team has a tournament today; girls and boys soccer began their season, losing both games; and in Basketball, they beat Delta, but lose to Buckingham, yet stay alive in the tournament. The Cross Country team is in the process of painting and reconditioning the snack shack. AFS is working on the boat parade and soliciting donations for their upcoming trip to Massachusetts. The radio station has received the equipment needed for offsite broadcasts.

UC applications are due today, but the CSU system's deadline is not for another two weeks.

## Confessions

- Gil spends Thanksgiving week in Virginia, where his grandson is in his second year of an MBA program at Williams and Mary—the oldest college in the United States. He also takes time to visit Yorktown and Jamestown. It was a fascinating trip. He donates \$50 towards the Camp Fire Fund.
- Cub spends his Thanksgiving in Hawaii, relaxing and scuba diving. Hector, always attentive to hair, harasses him on his short haircut. Cub also donates \$50 to the ever-growing Camp Fire Fund.

## Announcements

Frank and Ron recognize Eddie as the Rotary–Lions Poker Tournament winner, and present him a hefty check for \$500, payable to Rotary. Twelve Rotarians and ten lions participated this year. Frank also provides a status on their Sign project, given Rotary donated \$1,000 towards this worthy cause. The project received City approval, and now awaits County approval. Emblems on the sign will include Lions, Rotary, Soroptimist and the Chamber of Commerce.

## Marble Draw

Gary has the winning ticket, asking Interact Pres. Gabe to pull the marble. No luck.



### Newsletter Team

Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

## In Other News

- Gary painfully reports that 35 out of 37 employees living in Paradise lost their homes.

His company is doing what they can to help them out.

Derek shared his conversations with the Paradise high school principal on his return flight from Hawaii.

- Dave announces that he knows of two people that are interested in joining Rotary. He sponsors one, and Bob offers to sponsor the other.
- Lee reports that he was on duty searching for survivors in the Paradise fire, which was not a preferred job. Fortunately, they only found one person, and it was a woman that came walking out of her home. Her



*Eddie is congratulated by Frank Reid of Lions.*



*Pres. Gabe De La Rosa, Ingrid Gallardo, Zoe White, Destanie Rendon, Jesus Rivas, and VP Brook Okamura update the Club on high school affairs.*

husband, dog and cat, all survived the ordeal. He donates \$50 towards the Camp Fire Fund.

- Patty reminds the club to bring tip money for our server on December 7.
- Jimmy Mac reminds everyone of the toy drive from 10 to 2 at City Hall on December 1. 100% of toys collected will be distributed in Rio Vista. The event was sponsored by the Delta Drifters Car Club, the Yacht Club and Lions.
- Danny reminds members of our joint Christmas Party with Lions on December 15.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
December 7	“1” Program	Tom Donnelly
December 14	No Meeting-Christmas Party on 12/15	Molly Coito
December 21	Gary Lazdowski “1” program	Dan Schindler
December 28	No Meeting-Holiday Time	
January 4	TBD	Eddie Woodruff
January 11	TBD	Patrick Byron