



THE Rio Rotarian



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

Welcome

Without pause, Gene recommends that in the spirit of all the support that is being provided in Texas and Florida we sing, "Stand by Me." Still in a singing mode, Club Cheerleader Jimmy Mac enthusiastically announces that RVHS beat Delta, and got the Bell—which prompts him to burst into the RVHS fight song. It's rumored that Jimmy may have written the original fight song.

Our Guests

No guests are announced, but Ed. Edwin spies Alyssa De La Rosa hiding amongst the Rio Vista High School students.

Birthdays & Celebrations

Following a bit of sorting out, it's determined that it's Jay & Patty's anniversary, and Hales & Sue's. Following a Lions' Club tradition, Jay and Patty donate an un-Lions-like \$100 to the Library Fund. We sing *Happy Celebrations*.

Confessions Called Out

- Jon calls-out Mr. Lira, by announcing Shirley won the Woodbridge Invitational Golf Tournament. Jim fesses up and also notes that he returned from a 4-day trip to British Columbia where they golfed and toured. Lee then prods Jim to also fess up that Lira's just celebrated the retirement of 50-year

Student Report

Homecoming activities were in full swing, with floats, and the homecoming court being announced at Friday's game. Saturday, festivities will conclude with their Candy Land-themed dance. In other news, their new counselor will begin helping seniors on college applications and scholarships; AFS students are selling See's candy to raise funds for their trip to North Carolina; and the academic decathlon team will begin meeting next week to gear up for competition. In sports, JV won their volleyball game, but Varsity did not fare so well.



Pres. Kiara says their goal is to have two new Interact Members attend each week—this week is VP Mariko, Ingrid, Ryan, Gabe and Liam.



Pres. Dan asks Ingrid of Interact to use her multilingual skills to translate a thank you letter from our Mulegé Student Scholar.

I-Program: Patty Paves the Way

Patty grew up in Rodeo, but did her schooling in Crockett—with her most memorable moment being when a Richmond police officer visited her school. It was at that very moment she decided her career. Following high school, Patty enrolled and completed Police Science.

Confessions Continued

employee Danny Oglesby. He donates \$100 to the Harvey Felt Scholarship Fund.

- Ken takes a kayak trip with Dr. Ted (who's MIA today). The fishing was okay, but they had great fun. He offers \$25. He also turns in his truck for a new Abel vehicle, with Cub gladly picking up the fine.
- Jimmy Mac, announces that it's been 50 years since playing Rio Vista Little League, and now he will be the President. He donates \$100 to Josie's Paul Harris.

Committee Reports

- Bass Derby is coming soon, Gene is seeking beer garden gate watchers, and Tom is offering the "opportunity" to work the Rotary Linguça booth. Sign-ups are available for both. Jimmy Mac is pleased to announce the Soap Box Derby will be happening, and thanks Ken for allowing the Derby to overtake his parking lot again.
- Kevin Graham Tourney coming September 29, tee-off at 9 a.m.

Illusive Marble Draw

Sgt. Pat draws Leon's ticket, but Sec. Leon is unsuccessful at pulling the marble.



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The problem? Patty was not a 5' 8", white male—which was the base criteria for patrolmen in the 60's. Fortunately, her other qualifications far exceeded that of her classmates, and she was brought on as a reserve. Three and a half years later, she would become the first-ever police officer in Antioch. It did not come without its challenges. She not only dealt with an all-male culture, but was blasted in local papers, and was even required to ask her husband's permission to work at the time.

Patty progressed to investigations, where she handled homicides, narcotics, sexual assaults, and ultimately also handled hostage negotiations. With this broad skill set, she continued on to become a Field Training Officer, where she was responsible for rookie training.

Little did she know that she would meet the love of her life one memorable Sunday while on duty. Patty was called to break up a bar fight, while Jay was on scene to administer first aid. Apparently during this first interaction, Jay made a stinging comment. It must not have stung much—as they married a short time later.

Two peas in a pod, they both went back to school to complete their Masters in Emergency Services Management, which furthered both of their careers. This led to her working high profile cases, until the point she unexpectedly became Grandma Patty at the ripe age of 42. She retired, and Jay became the Fire Chief for Cordelia. As they needed a support system, Patty joined his team, where she remained for 12 years. She also served on the Delta Fire Board for 12 years.

Patty glows with pride having made history in Antioch, and paving the way for women today. She remembers a Sergeant telling her, "Depending on whether you work out, will determine whether we will hire more women." The rest is history.



Patty tells her story of overcoming discrimination to become the first-ever woman police officer in Antioch.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
September 22		Betty Davis
September 29	Editorial Guess: Tequila	Hector De La Rosa
October 6		Tom Donnelly
October 13	No Meeting	Bass Derby
October 20		Dennis Elliott