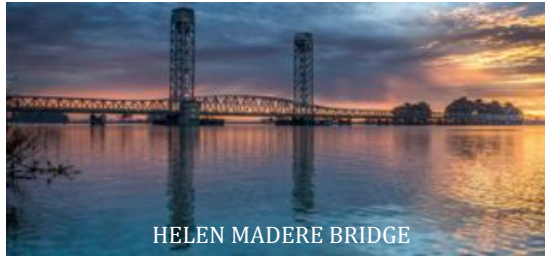




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*"Long ago, when men
cursed and beat the
ground with sticks, it
was called witchcraft.
Today it's called golf."*

—WILL ROGERS



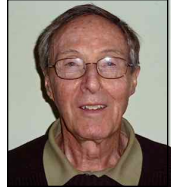
HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

Rotarian

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



April fool's, baseball season and meeting commence

We progress through the usual opening rituals, and Pres. Greg says April Fools Day may have started when France went from Julian to Gregorian calendar in 1582.

Our guests

Kelley greets Michelle Carter, Tom welcomes Mark Wilson, Danny presents swim coach Dan Mahoney, Hale introduces Jon Blegen.

Thanks for your service, Jim

Greg announces that Jim Larsen has retired from Rotary. We appreciate Jim's tireless efforts on behalf of our club.

Golf Tournament, May 11

Alyssa passes out Ball Drop tickets for us to sell, and Kelley passes around signup list. She'll announce committee meeting next week, maybe Wednesday.

What...civility in politics?

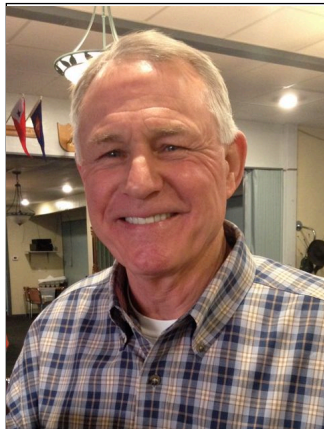
You read that, here! Congressman John Garamendi wants to restore dignity to politics.

Milestone

Demonstrating amazing stamina and strength of character, Evelyn celebrates 39th anniversary. Congratulations, Jim & Evelyn!

Student Rotarians Report

Rio Rams play at Raley Field, Sat. Swim Team blows competition out of the water. Random Acts of Kindness sponsored Easter egg hunt. Tickets are available for prom, which takes place in 2 weeks. One of the group has applied for the Rotary Scholarship. Madalyn will attend UCSB.



Mark Wilson, Clarksburg farmer, discusses delta water issues.

Community Center project

Jim Nordin says come to a meeting, 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 4, at D. H. White school. You'll find out results of the Feb. 25 meeting at which people were asked what features they'd like to see in a new community center.

Rio Vista CARE King of the Kitchen fundraiser

Jim Nordin has a cool apron, but he'll be in China with his wife on Sat., April 23, the day of the event. Kelley pipes up, "Last year's winner was Robert McGahey!" If you enter contest, Jim will give you his cool apron!

Paint the town teal for Sexual Abuse Awareness Day!

Jim McCracken says Rio Vista Coast Guard will sponsor walk from foot of Main to Rio Vista Bridge, followed by barbecue at Promenade, at noon, this Saturday.

Sheep Dog Trials

Kelley says come to McCormack ranch this Fri., Sat., & Sun. Get your special T-shirt at Fosters.

Tim reports on noisy, ineffective coyote abatement

He says Baldwin ranch racket scared the neighbors, but not the predators. Greg confirms that local residents did, indeed express their concerns.

Edwin takes family to New Orleans

They carouse for 5 days, and Edwin returns to give \$25 to General Fund.

Dennis marries off 36-year-old nephew

He survives gala 3-day Indian marriage dancing extravaganza that would put Slumdog Millionaire to shame. It was their first marriage. Dennis pays \$50 for PHF.

Program

Tom presents Mark Wilson, a Clarksburg area grape farmer, who speaks on maintaining the quality of our delta waters. Mark briefly describes the history of state and federal water projects in CA, emphasizing the ecologic challenges to our fisheries and wildlife posed by the current exportation of delta waters down south. He



Interactors give report. From left: Bryan Peters, Christopher Galeno, Piero Tello, Alyssa De La Rosa, Cheyanne Bastedo, Madalyn Schultz and Casie Mortimore.

COMPOSITE PHOTO

describes the impact of delta related residential, agricultural, commercial, and recreational activities on our local economies. All of these activities are dependent upon good quality of water. Even fishermen and environmentalists have gotten together to lobby for preserving water quality in the delta.

Following the defeat of the peripheral canal, the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) was recognized in 2007. With 3 intakes the planned twin tunnels would again change the point of diversion, and the plan did not merit the approval of the State Water Control Board. Two environmental impact reports were unacceptable, so in 2007 BDCP changed to CA water fix and CA eco fix.

They proposed 275 acres for habitat, but habitat

uses 700 acre-feet per year, while farming uses only 1.5 acre-feet per year. From 1990-99 the Dept. of Water Resources released an average of 4.6 M acre-feet per year, decimating the \$1.2B to \$1.5B salmon industry.

Many invasive species, including clams and plants, are disrupting the food chain, due to insufficient fresh water flowing through the delta and into the bay.

Shasta Dam, built mostly during WW II, is a federal project, but Oroville Dam and the CA aqueduct, including the pumps over the Tehachapis, are state projects.

50/50 Raffle

Gene's winning ticket gets him a losing marble.

Medallion Auction

Danny breaks all records and maybe the bank--\$100.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, April 8	Assemblyman Jim Frazier	Dick Burkhart
Friday, April 15	TBA	Jamie Wilson
Friday, April 22	TBA	TBA
Friday, April 29	Fraud Investigation--Jerry A. Sanchez	Bob Bard
Friday, May 6	TBA	Hector De La Rosa



Rotary District Conference, Woodland Tour, clockwise from above left: exterior view of beautifully restored Opera House, commemorative plaque, interior of Opera House, Berryessa Gap Winery parking lot; the mountain gap is at right (Lake Berryessa is behind gap) and the Gable House, a mansion that has been recently restored to much better than mint condition.

