



# THE RIO

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"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today." JAMES DEAN

## What is Rotary?

- It's a leadership organization.
- We're made up of local business, professional and civic leaders.
- We meet regularly, get to know each other, form friendships, and through that we're able to get things done in our community!

# Rotarian

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

DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



### Tennessee Ernie Ford rolls over in his grave

Dr. Ted leads us in a basso profundo rendition of "Sixteen Tons," while our Student Rotarians' eyes glaze over. Next week we'll have the youngsters pick a song. Magnificent McPherson lyrics quiz

Sure, we know the lyrics, but only Gene recalls that Glenn Yarborough sang "Baby the Rain Must Fall" in 1965. We fondly remember the Limelighters with Lou Gottlieb, Alex Hassiliev and a young Yarborough.

### Guests

Jim McCracken presents Sue; Al Hartford greets wife, Julie and granddaughter, Audrey; Ted welcomes Walt Manos; and Hector greets daughter, Alyssa.

### Hog August Bites fundraiser dinner

Molly says tonight at Foster's will be steak & prawns with 3 wineries pouring. Tickets still available at \$50.

### District Assembly at Solano College

Lee says be there, April 25, and learn about Rotary! Then he mentions that Hwy. 12 Mokelumne River bridge closed 55 hours this weekend & Real McCoy ferry closed 7 hours, tonight.

### Birthdays

Dave Greiner and Jim Mac pay \$5 for getting older. Jim claims he's 55.

### What? Work 50 years at same place?

Not too many people can do that, but Evelyn is not just any person. She was recognized for amazing stamina at big bash, Wednesday. Pres. Jim gives her a "light up Rotary" pin. (Of course, she was hired when she was 3.) She's so pleased that she gives \$50 to PHF.

### Appreciation Night

Pres. Jim lauds Lee for chairing event to honor our first responders and farmers. Lee thanks all Rotarians who worked event. Kudos to Lee and Fire Dep'ts. for providing venue and assistance; our club's costs and work load have been significantly reduced.

### All things bocce

RioVision steering committee member Walt Manos has a wonderful vision: let's unite our town. To that end he wants to introduce "core" Rio Vista to Trilogy by spreading the word about bocce ball, a sport that's simply the rage in Trilogy. He speaks with your ed. and asks me to bring signup sheet, next week. So, do you want to be a Rio Uniter? If so, please signup.

RioVision focuses on these topics: community garden, Humphrey monument, AMGEN Tour, alleyway by the bakery, east entrance mural and bocce ball.

Walt asks for help next Thursday at Dr. Ted's office, where they'll set up a temporary court. They need to borrow a 12' X 60' piece of old carpeting and enough 4" X 4"s to keep the balls from rolling off into the street.

Julie Hartford, also with RioVision, describes community garden proposal. They're looking for a site and must have water and insurance. She also mentions that there will be meetings at the fire station, April 16-18 at 6:00 for "Hot Shots," that is, volunteers for many tasks, including receptionist work. The need is great; without a volunteer, when the crew of 3 is called out, the station must be shut down.

### Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25

Kelley asks Julie to tout event supported by Coast Guard, C. of C. and Veterans Ass'n. Cancer survivors will ride on pink firetruck. They're looking for passengers and have 300 small flags to hand out. Please contact Julie at firehouse to ride on truck.

RioVision is also working on a community calendar.

### Sexual abuse awareness & prevention

Last Sunday, Coast Guard held walk up Main St. to Lira's, where our own Jim Lira served up hot dogs and drinks for everybody. Sadly, more Lions than Rotarians may have been there. Pres. Jim awards Jim Lira a "Lighting up Rotary" pin. *Thank you, Jim Lira!*

### Golf tournament, Wed., May 13

Please pay \$50 or bring a gift of that value to Linda for auction. Your donation is appreciated. Evelyn says there are 56 entry slots open for golfers; if you'd like to enter, she'll put you in a 4-some. Featured are KUIIC at breakfast, Radio Rio at lunch, putting contest, tequila samples, and door prize donated by Ace Hdwe Oilwell Materials. Hector says get ball drop ticket stubs & money turned in by May 1.

Linda announces Galt Rotary Luau, May 30.

Pres. Jim thanks Danny for hot dog help, Sunday.

### Tequila Y Más

Hector says tickets will be ready in 3 weeks. Ten vendors lined up. First 2 years, event provided scholarships: 7 for \$500 and 3 for \$1,000 last year.

### Abel's all GM car show, Sat. May 16

Joe is chair of event, but he's not here to report.

### Bass Derby report

Dave fails to rise when addressing Pres. Jim. He spins and decides not to braid Ted's pony tail.



Walt Manos, Bocce Ball enthusiast

Beach Blanket Babylon

Hector asks all who signed up to gather after meeting for discussion of transportation and dining plans. (At meeting he passes out excellent maps.)

Student Rotarians Report

Maria, Sarah and Dylan trade off delivering the latest news from RVHS. Prom ticket sales going well, school's out May 18, 8 weeks left (but who's counting?) last week was Spring Break, a few scholarships given, graduation is June 5, we beat Delta 9-3 in Baseball, Soccer 7-0 yesterday, Girls Baseball's going well.

New member kits

Al and Cole receive their Rotary Information in new member kits. Nice!

Medallion auction

Evelyn had coin 2 months, straight. She is guilty of nothing (just ask her) because nobody ever asked her to return it after the first month. Dave Mason boldly steps up to the plate and wins it for \$40, because Dave Greiner graciously bows to the power of high bidder.

Rotarian of the Month

Linda is honored for her work as Program Chair, as a grateful Pres. Jim thanks her for organizing speakers.

Program

Linda presents audiologist, Bill Diles, who recently opened up an office in Fairfield. He first came to the city of Sonoma in 1981.

Bill describes many new features now available in hearing aids. He says that it's advisable to study the various options available when purchasing these units, as they cost \$3K to \$6K a pair, depending on which features you prefer to help your hearing.



Bill Diles, M. A., Audiologist

He says they last about 5 years, and by then, there are so many new features available that many people discard the old ones in order to take advantage of the improvements.

Bill has done lots of work installing hearing loops in commercial buildings, like theaters. These devices are installed under the seats, and they transmit the sounds of the movies or performers so that the hearing aids pick up the signal and amplify it. The tricky part is isolating the signals to only one room in a multiplex theater.

Always trying to help the unfortunate, Wayne thoughtfully suggests that Bill install hearing loops at the Lions club. Bill explains that hearing loss may occur in the brain, particularly if the subject matter is boring. With an

obvious guilty conscience, Pres. Jim blurts out, "Kind of like one of my meetings."



Pres. Jim's Failsafe security for bell

Rotary and Lions named top charities

An independent charity evaluator, [charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org), recently gave Rotary International four stars, the highest ranking a charity can receive. More than 5,400 of America's charities are ranked on the web site. RI received higher rankings than both the Red Cross and Feeding America. Charity Navigator assesses a charity's financial health, regarding both its day-to-day operations and its ability to sustain its programs over time. Rotary's ratings are: Overall, 92.45; Financial, 89.76; and Accountability and Transparency, 97.00. Lions, also a four star charity, was almost as good. *Thanks, Lion Jason, for sharing, and congratulations!*

50/50 raffle

Ticket winner Jim Lira strikes out.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
Sunday, April 12	Beach Blanket Babylon	Hector De La Rosa
Friday, April 17	The Drought in California	Wayne Woodward
Friday, April 24	"I" Programs: Cole Felt, Alan Hartford, Jamie Wilson	Kelley Graupensperger
Friday, May 1	Interact Club will preside at our meeting.	Interactors
Friday, May 8	To Be Announced	To Be Announced