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Jim McCracken



Bob Bard, Ed.

Opening ceremony

Gene dredges up his best basso profundo voice to lead us in Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire."

Guests

Dave presents Hale Conklin, and Bev presents her son, Matt Brown.

Milestones

Jim Mac was a year older, April 16, same for Ted, April 20, while Ken's now been married 36 blissful years.

Student Rotarians

Tatum and Atalie bring us up to date on Soccer (lost 2 games), Baseball & Softball (won all games) and Golf (not so good). Wednesday marks Fairy godmother fashion show with free hairdos. Spring Training, STAR testing and May 24 Car Show coming. Rio Friday on Main St.

Today, 3-7 pm, special event. Senior Center reopens at 5 pm. Be there! Support local businesses.

AFS Dinner

Monday, April 22, 6 pm at RVHS. Homby Gomes and Cliff Crew families host free dinner for kids. A doubting Jim Mac says there's "no free dinner."

Phil Pezzaglia book signing

Phil presents his latest historical book on towns of the Sac'to. River Delta at the Museum, 6:30 pm, Monday, April 29. All proceeds go to the museum. Books cost \$24.

Golf meeting

Pres. Gene says committee members will meet after today's meeting. More raffle gifts are needed. Hector says only 5 ball drop booklets have been sold. He reminds us that we get to buy all the tickets we don't sell.

Tequila tasting & cigar rolling

July 20, 6:30 pm, Vet's Hall, participants taste tequila, then get to roll cigars. Don't tell ATF. Greg thought-

**We still need more golfers for our tournament. Please help!**



David Melilli, Director, Public Works

fully offers to line up a few cars to assure that participants' transportation needs are properly met.

Calistoga mud baths

Jim Mac takes relaxing, romantic excursion and then indicts depilatory effect on scalp. One look at him, and you can see he's quite right. He enjoys trip so much that he gives \$50 to P. H. F.

Dictionary Project

Ted says local students appreciate receiving dictionaries. This is Dr. Ted's 8th year handing them out. These young students are very grateful for this fantastic Rotary project. This year we provided 103 hardback Webster's Collegiate dictionaries, one for each 4th grader at D H White and Isleton Elementary Schools.

Program

Jim Larsen introduces David Melilli, Director of Public Works & Community Development. David describes the projects that our city is undertaking, including Army base reuse, boat dock, launching ramp,

sea wall, water front promenade, Front St. design, R/UDAT (Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team), arsenic filtration project, sewer project, hotel renovations, Hwy. 12 development and job opportunities, Senior housing on Drouin Dr., Church Rd. repairs starting March 29, Priority Development Area (PDA), and grants for housing and transportation.

\$4M is earmarked for the Army base, where they'll break ground in 3-5 years and create 150-200 jobs. A \$250,000 grant is awarded for the boat dock; if you pledged, Dave will call. \$1.3M grant is earmarked for launching ramp, and work starts late this year.

ABAG (Ass'n. of Bay Area Governments) and PDA help bring \$450,000 to Front St. Promenade project. R/UDAT papers will be submitted in 6 months, with work in 2014.

There are 28 potential buyers for R. V. Hotel, which needs elevator and sprinkler system. Ground floor could open for retail sales with no access permitted to upper floors at first. They're looking for a firm to run Ram Hotel as assisted living facility with possible dialysis center on ground floor.

At the conclusion of the talk, Gene presents David with a jar of Dr. Ted's incomparable jam, which our incredibly humble self-effacing vet facetiously compares to toxic waste.

Medallion

Greg will be vacationing in Kentucky next week, so Joe auctions off the coin to Gary for \$45. "How in the h\*\*\* did I do that?" Gary exclaims.

50-50 Raffle

The Syndicate's ticket is drawn, & Gary gets to find the wrong marble.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

DATE	EVENT	CHAIRPERSON
Friday, April 26	To Be Announced	Gary Lazdowski
Friday, May 3	Possible Sheriff, D. A. or Supervisor	Jim Lira
Friday, May 10	To Be Announced	Jim McPherson
Friday, May 17	Golf Tournament	Beverly Bowman