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Bob Bard, Ed.

Kudos, those who keep us safe!

Pres. Gene thanks our guests for dedicating their lives to our security. Then, he calls our own Navy SEAL, Dr. Mel Pearson, to the podium. Mel introduces two RVHS Seniors, Logan Holmes and Rodney McLean, who will enter the military in July.

Logan is headed for the San Diego Marine Corps Recruit training center. Rodney will begin a career in the Navy, where he'll attend Nuclear Propulsion School and later seek a commission. While these young men put themselves in harm's way in service to their country, they'll form lifelong friendships while doing so. Mel congratulates them and presents each a certificate of recognition from our club.

Fire and Police Chiefs recognized

Although Coast Guard personnel must stay on the job and are not able to join us tonight, we greet local volunteer and salaried friends who place themselves in harm's way to keep us safe.



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Montezuma Fire Dep't.

Chief Joe Rosewall says Montezuma Dep't. started in 1928. The building in which tonight's event is taking place was built in 1954, and it serves as the department's current headquarters. Montezuma, Rio Vista and Delta were unified as one department, but split in 1992. Joe became Chief in 2006 "for a couple of years," but he's still here. He introduces his firefighters--28 volunteers and 3 paid.

Rio Vista Fire Dep't.

Tom Myers has been Chief of the Rio Vista Fire Dep't. since 2008. He has 24 reserves and volunteers, 3 of

whom he shares with Joe.

Gene quips that as a realtor he makes house calls, as do firefighters, and he almost gets himself fined for advertising.

River Delta Fire District

Stan Simi heads up this new volunteer district, which serves 28 square miles, including much of the old Isleton fire district. Most volunteers don't live in the area, so they serve one 24-hour shift a week, maintaining a crew of 3 at all times.

City of Isleton Fire Dep't.

Scott Baroni has served since 2005, and has been Interim Chief since August. His district encompasses .7 square miles.

Rio Vista Police Dep't.

Greg Bowman's been with RVPD 5 years and Chief 2 years. Jim Knapp and Vicki Rister leave RVPD after years of service. Greg introduces Dave Hollingsworth and Linda Lannon.

Closing comments

Gene thanks Lee for chairing tonight's event. Lee shows a moving video of our local firefighters at work.



Sporting comfortable sartorial styles and spartan coiffures, Rotarians Lee Williams, Tim Kubli and Wayne Woodward enjoy social hour.



Eddie Woodruff, foreground, serves appreciative diner scrumptious fried chicken in buffet line.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>
Friday, April 12	To Be Announced	Tim Kubli
Friday, April 19	To Be Announced	Jim Larsen
Friday, April 26	To Be Announced	Gary Lazdowski
Friday, May 3	To Be Announced	Jim Lira