



THE Rio Rotarian



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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

With the Pledge of Allegiance completed, and our favorite "visiting Rotarian," Jim Lira in attendance, he is asked to lead us in Rotary Grace. Gene follows up by suggesting a song written in 1964 by Roger Miller (and becomes #1 on the US Country chart). A minority of members flawlessly sing along.

Our Guests

Exec. Ed. Bob, slightly belatedly, welcomes his guests; speakers Skip Allum and Vince Jacala, both of Caltrans.

Birthdays

Sec. Patrick suggests that if Hale is spotted in town, to remind him that it was his wife's birthday a few days ago. Leon, Immediate Past Pres. Kelley, and Derek each celebrate their Rotary anniversaries. With Derek Jones in attendance, we sing Happy Celebrations.

Confessions

- Jim Lira feels blessed having the opportunity to travel with 11 family members to Portugal—Madeira, 16th century castles and walks with the family were priceless. His son Michael and his wife may have seen the most, walking 8-10 miles each day.

Interact Welcomed Back



(left to right) Pres. Kiara Agan, Mariko Dupuis, Brianna Summit, Emma Wright and Tillie McTeer looking forward to their Service Project.

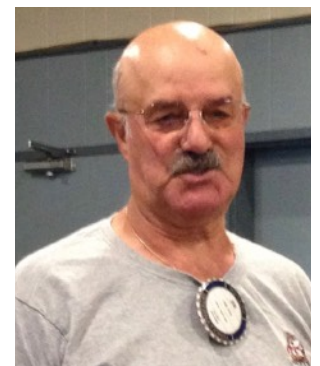
Interact Pres. Kiara and members introduce themselves, and provide this school year's first Student Report. Orientation is next Tuesday, with classes beginning the following day. As Camp Royal graduates, the students have

already settled on a Community Drive as their Service Project. Logistical details will follow, but they will be in need of canned foods, gently-used clothes, books, etc. Inquisitive Dr. Ted is advised that they are not interested in used underwear or socks. Thanks for asking though.

Kevin Graham Remembered

Following his confession, Jim remains standing to deliver a heartfelt tribute to Kevin Graham, who passed on July 22. While he was known by all, many may not recognize the immense contributions that he made to Rio Vista. Kevin will be missed dearly.

Jim Lira offers \$100 to the Harvey Felt Scholarship Fund in Kevin Graham's name.



Confessions Continued

- Ed. Edwin and his family take a family vacation to Amsterdam and enjoy museums, the people and the cleanliness of the City. He confesses to visiting a “coffee” shop in the red light district named Amnesia, but can’t remember the details. \$100 is donated to the Harvey Felt Scholarship Fund.
- Ed Bob admits that despite being a “horrible golfer,” (his words) he was surprised to win \$26 in a tournament. The Club is equally surprised when he donates it to Rotary.
- Patrick, and 22 of his hemophiliac friends, head out for a day of paint ball. He donates \$20 to the General Fund.

Hog August Bites

Check with Hector, as Beer Booth times are filling up.

Marble in Hiding

Ed. Edwin is pleased to hear his number pulled, but disappointed by the final outcome.



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CalTrans Driving Projects

Following introductions by Exec. Ed. Bob, Skip Allum, Public Affairs Officer for District 10, provides a overview of Caltrans—which is one of the largest agencies in the State with over 19,000 employees and 12 unique districts. Rio Vista is impacted by 3 of these districts.



Program Chair Bob thanks Caltrans' Public Affairs Officers, Vince Jacala and Skip Allum.

The most recognizable project, in his district, to Rio Vistan’s in his district is “Bouldin Island,” which many of us refer to simply as the “Hwy. 12 project.” Skip explained, that the work being completed between Rio Vista and Hwy. 5 was a result of both safety concerns, and the fact that the soil under the highway was compromised—causing damage to the surfaces. In addition to the resurfacing, Caltrans has also created underpasses for agricultural equipment to cross from north to south, without impacting highway traffic.

Vince Jacala, Public Information Officer for District 4, updated the Club on projects from Dixon to Hwy 160—most notably being the painting of the Helen Madere Bridge, which will take 2 years. Immediately following will be the renovation of the lift mechanism, which may take another 5 years. While the bridge will not be closed during this period, it will be limited to single-lane traffic.

Next time you’re planning a trip, anywhere in California, consider visiting quickmaps.dot.ca.gov. From this site, you can view real-time highway conditions.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
August 11	Steven Lee “Oroville Dam Repairs”	Jon Blegen
August 18	TBD	Pat Byron
August 19	Hog August Bites	Dennis Elliott
August 25	Mike & Barb Regan “Golf Course	Dick Burkhart
September 1	No Meeting - Labor Day	