



THE RIO

"A kleptomaniac is a person who helps himself because he can't help himself."

—HENRY MORGAN



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

Rotarian

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



Pres. Kelley opens the meeting

We rejoice as golden-throated music director, Gene, leads us in patriotic song.

Visitors

We welcome Don Beno, back from shoulder surgery and 3-day weekends. Hector welcomes daughter, Alyssa, prior to her departure for college. Gary greets Sue Mortimore Simonsen. Al presents his lovely wife (and hard worker) Julie. Kelley introduces Eric Soderstrom, who first checked us out on our website.

Announcements

Lee says Hog August Bites is next Saturday. This year, we'll run "Downhill Racers," formerly known as "Soapbox Derby," along with Derek Jones' Beer Booth (we still need workers,) BBQ--12 rib and 10 chile cookers, pink fire truck, and bands.

Tom says all's well with Bass Derby Linguica Booth, signups next month.

Jim McCracken says Hwy 12 will be under construction from Drouin Dr. to Summerset, Aug. 21--Oct. 7 with one-way traffic 9 p. m.--5 a. m.

Gary says Rotary at the Races (Golden Gate Fields) is Nov. 19 at \$40 per person, 22 already signed up, room for more. Lots of fun.

Celebrations

Eddie has 33 years of service with Rotary, and Hank (not here, today) has 70 years of marriage.

Interact Report

Josie says school's back in session; Susanne's birthday was the 9th; Daryn's a new member of Interact; Varsity Volleyball team, J. V. and Varsity Football started; they play Delta Sept. 9; new Interact members being recruited; Jim Mac says let 'em dance; Sup't. Don Beno agrees; faculty changes noted, including Julie Griffin, talented publisher of *Delta Explorer*, who'll teach Graphic Design.

Interact Report addendum

This year, we'll have one foreign exchange student, Samuel, from Norway. Molly has been attending training seminars, this summer, and she'll act as his liaison.

Confessions

Kelley says to Don, "just...go (confess)." Don pays \$50, hoping that he won't really have to confess...but he does, anyway. He spent lots of time this summer at Tahoe, helped his son move (likely by offering moral sup-

port,) and underwent enjoyable shoulder surgery.

With simultaneous 100% attendance at 2 Rotary Clubs, Gil has difficulty tracking his many transgressions, so he pays for trips to Sitka, AK, Hawaii, and 74th birthday. \$50. Thanks Gil, you're a good man!



RVFD Chief Al Hartford and his lovely wife, Julie, travelled to Cuba. Al describes their trip.

Tom was in Lima, last week, on business, then returned to spend weekend at Freddy Harris' family cabin at Sardine Lake. He pays \$50 for wife's PHF.

Don Henry tells "joke"

After Don ran over himself with his own car, he says his friend hit a phone pole and cut his whole left side off while riding a motorcycle, but he's **all right** now! Get it? *Sorry.*

Back to Confessions (Hopefully)

Jim Mac attends one-week golf tournament in Denver with buddy from First Grade, Tim Lucas. He pays \$1 per hole + \$5 for wearing wig on last day = \$100 to Dictionary Fund.

Dr. Ted and wife just completed 4,200-mile road trip. (J. Mac bursts out, "\$1 per mile.") Oblivious, Ted drones on: we bought a folding trailer and saved \$9,000 driving back to Iowa where everything is beautiful and gas is \$2; Ted & wife together 24/7 and still love each other. Lots of negotiations ensue regarding size of fine, wooden nickels, 12.6 MPG, etc. We settle on \$30 for Ted, and Cub pays \$12 for advertising on Ted's truck's license mount.

Cub goes to Lake Almanor to buy a new jet ski from Billy Marker, who used to work for Abel's, then bought Bob Carson's dealership in Alturas. Billy has Can Am franchise, which includes Sea-Doo. Cub buys the craft, keeps it at his house in the marsh, where he built a jump ramp, and plays with his new toy every day. He pays \$50, then lauds Gary on new recycling bins at Abel's.



Student Rotarians, from left: Chris Galeno, Josie Hamilton, Susanne Johnson, Daryn Katsuki and Casie Mortimore.

Kelley accompanies Alyssa to a yaya girls' weekend at Denise Correia's mom's place in Grass Valley. She pays \$25 to her PHF.

Program

Kelley turns the reigns over to Al Hartford, who presents a slide show covering a Cuba study tour he and Julie took December, 2012--Jan. 2013. A Marxist-Leninist one-party republic was established in Cuba in 1959, following the ouster of Batista by Fidel Castro.

The Cuba tour was sponsored by Los Medanos College, where Al taught part-time. He and Julie heard about it at a party of fire department people. The tour was a humanitarian-culture sharing effort. Al obtained a bag of medical supplies from Fire Department supply companies and donated them to the needy Cuban hospitals. The U. S. government permitted the trip, as long as the visitors didn't spend money in Cuba, and were officially working for the duration of the visit.



Molly welcomes Eric Soderstrom, who's moving to Trilogy from Livermore.

Cuba is the largest of the Caribbean islands at 42,000 Sq. Mi. With a population of 11M+, it's the second most populist island.

Al quotes literacy statistics for Cuba Vs. USA indicating that under Fidel nearly everyone can read and write, while that's not true for America.

Al presents a brief history of Cuba's development from the 1800's to present times. He presents a pictorial tour of the island in more recent times, including photos of some 50's vintage American cars that are still being

driven, today.

Rotary Foundation Fun Day at Six Flags Magic Kingdom

Kelley announces that Rotary Day at Six Flags is Aug. 27; deadline to purchase tickets online is Aug. 21. 50/50 Raffle

Don Beno has the right ticket **and** the right marble! The previous winner, Derek Jones, won \$233.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
Friday, August 19	"Less Lethal Weapon Systems for Law Enforcement"	Greg Bowman
Friday, August 26	Dennis Elliott, "Russia Today"	Dennis Elliott
Friday, September 2	Naomi Walker, "Exchange Students"	Tatyana Pool
Friday, September 9	Rob Hickey	Jim Nordin
Friday, September 16	To Be Announced	Tom Donnelly