



*"The man who  
makes no mistakes  
does not usually  
make anything."*

—EDWARD PHELPS



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



## Oh, Let Me Be Your Rotary Bear

Jim Mac leads us in song. Then, Greg leads us in 4-Way Test recital reading cue cards. Next week, we'll recite by heart. Be prepared!

## Santa leaves Greg a present under the tree

Greg gets bell back before Xmas and says he'll dust it for prints, prompting Jim Mac to ask, "Hey, Wayne, where are you going?"

## Quizzie

In 1951 what bay area native retired from baseball? Gary says, "Joe DiMaggio," and wins...some praise.

## Guests

Hale welcomes Lion Frank Reid and Lion Ron Jones, Molly greets her "little foreigner," Lysann Niermann, Jack presents his son, Tom, requiring Jim Mac to remark that Tom obviously takes after his mom with his of hair.

## Christmas Party

Pres. Greg thanks Cub, Lee and Evelyn for a very enjoyable event.

## Celebrations

Birthdays: Eileen, Tom, Cub. Wedding anniversary: Eddie.

## Membership sponsor award

Jack receives Level II Bronze Sponsorship pin for bringing new members into our club. *Congratulations, Jack, and thank you!*

## Paul Harris Fellowship Awards

Jim Mac sponsors granddaughter, and Derek Jones receives 3 rubies, as he's a PHF+7! Some rude Rotarian remarks that Jim's so proud, he's busting out of his shirt.

## Booster Club Dinner-Dance

Molly's selling tickets for fundraiser event for RVHS.



*Pres. Greg is overjoyed by gift from Santa, this morning.*



*Lion Frank Reid, center, presents annual poker tournament trophy to Rotary as Lion Ron Jones explains why loser Lions are by far the more generous club.*

## Annual Tahoe City Rotary Ski Challenge

Friday, March 11, at Northstar, Rotarians from all over will meet for a day of skiing and racing hosted by the local Tahoe Rotary Club. This will be their 39th such annual event. Starting in 2004, our club sent a team for several years. *(Vintage coverage of the event will be emailed with this bulletin.)*

## Beer booth nets \$1,342.00

Walt submits report; we applaud his efforts.

## Letter of thanks

Jr. Ram Mighty Mite cheerleaders appreciate our support.

## Spirit of Solano Award

Jim McCracken lauds Jim Lira as recipient of this honor. Lira credits his family for support of community.

## Christmas 94571

Kelley mentions that Lions gave \$500 and Rotary gave \$200. She needs help, tomorrow, when Interact will be at her Dollar Store wrapping presents. Lion Ron makes disparaging comment regarding value of Rotary breakfast, prompting numerous retorts, such as, "We'll bring oxygen tanks," "It's wheel chair accessible," and "Don't worry, they'll forget this by next week."

## Student Rotarians Report

Finals coming next week, J. V. Boys Basketball winning every week, Wrestling going strong, 12 teachers staring at students at Isleton event, students list which colleges they're applying to...they're almost done!

## Jim Larsen's Rotary Anniversary

Jim joined our club 16 years ago.

### Senior Center Open House

Hank and Harvey, board members of the Sr. Center, invite us to their Open House, this afternoon.

### Confessions

Dave Greiner travels to east coast, where he visits family, views Macy's parade, sees Radio City Music Hall and Rockettes, who he says have been around since 1935. Someone asks if Rockettes can still kick, and an avalanche of not-so-subtle Lions bashing ensues: do they use walkers, are they accompanied by Lions? (Laughter builds.) Hopefully, our guests have thick skins and/or short memories. Dave donates \$50 to General Fund.

Eddie & Betsy celebrate anniversary with daughter on Caribbean cruise preceded by stay in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Whenever Eddie visited a bar or casino, people asked, "How's Wayne?" He says he lost 11 pounds on trip; he returns the medallion, puzzled that it was auctioned off while he was gone.

Displaying a show of sympathy and tolerance for Ron Jones, our embattled Lion guest and Iowa supporter, Pres. Greg offers to bring huge ex-Iowa and ex-Raider lineman neighbor to Rotary to neutralize Hale's allegedly offensive comments.

Jim Lira offers thanks to the people of Rio Vista for their continued support of Lira's Supermarket, and he



*This morning, we welcome AFS student, Lysann Victoria Niermann.*



*Student Rotarians deliver report. From left is Alyssa De La Rosa, Cheyanne Bastedo, Josie Hamilton and Lysann Niermann.*

Hale boasts that "Palo Alto" whopped USC 41-22, allowing them to go to Rose Bowl, again, to play the "cow-pies" from Iowa. He and Sue cruised the Danube 10 days from Nuremberg to Budapest. He gives \$41 to Xmas 94571 and \$50 to Community Services. Frank Reid good-naturedly quips, "If he'd said that at Lions, he'd have paid \$1."

Cub apologizes (with perhaps a touch of braggadocio) for missing our Xmas party **because he was performing for another Xmas party**. He starts a \$100 PHF for his middle brother, Ryan, who turns 40 today, apologizes for missing races at G. G. Fields due to sky diving lesson, and graciously offers to take gavel on Caribbean cruise.

Dick goes to Music City, Nashville, eats at Dick's Last Resort, and consumes a bottle of What Your Mama Warned You About. He gives \$100 to wife's PHF.

Molly discovers hard work and diligence pay off as boss promotes her and sends her off to school to discover the finer points of accounting and finance. She can't wait to give \$25 to General Fund.

Tom's been busy, apologizes for missing a few meetings, resulting in his company's being selected to design airport in Lima, Peru. (He'll likely miss a few more meetings.) He gives \$100 to wife's PHF.

praises his family members for their cooperative dedication to running the business. He gives \$50 to Youth Basketball program and \$50 to Xmas 94571.

### Program

Hector introduces our old friends, Chris Mingay and Greg Lucas. Chris and Greg describe a crack summer league basketball training program that they've been operating about 3 years, now, for local kids.



*Chris Mingay and Greg Lucas discuss Youth Summer League Basketball program for local kids. PHOTO FROM ARCHIVES*

They appreciate having had strong community support for their efforts. Currently, the program boasts 8 volunteer coaches and 5 teams. Last year, 30 kids signed up, and they expect 50-60 kids to sign up this year. It takes about \$1,000 per team to run the 8-month program, which begins in March and includes two major tournaments each year.

The funds cover the cost of sending players to camp in Redding, plus uniforms and equipment. They need \$4 to \$5 thousand for the program this coming year, and could use our help.

The team members are, by nature, very hard working, dedicated kids. They volunteer at Soap Box Derbies held during the year in town, and the players are very willing, tireless workers, lifting the heavy race cars before and after each race.

Merry Christmas to our breakfast crew!

We pass the hat and present our host, Aldo, with \$415 of mad money for those who prepare and serve our weekly breakfast. Aldo discusses youth soccer program he volunteer coaches on peninsula, to which he must commute 4 days a week. Players started as 7 year olds; they're now 14, and there are 16 girls per team.

Annual Rotary-Lions Poker Grudge Match

Sadly, Lee isn't here to reap our praise for his amazing poker skills as Frank Reid and Ron Jones deliver the perpetual trophy, which now commemorates Rotary's

dominating win, this year. However, the magnificent hardware will be on display at the Point for all the world to admire. When Frank asks Ron for the \$500 loser's check to give to Rotary, Ron says he "already gave it to Xmas 94571, so I guess you guys end up without..." prompting Kelley to rise to her feet and retort, "That's not a Rotary event!" When the crowd settles back down, Ron sings Chris' praises for his many contributions to our youth, including Scouts and Sister Cities. For whatever reason, he proceeds to deliver unsolicited soliloquy on Lions Club charities, including a collection, storage, & distribution program for crutches, wheel chairs, walkers and other devices so dear to the hearts of the Lions.

Then, Ron gives us a check for \$616.78, representing \$20 Poker Tournament entry fees, plus \$500 paid by the loser Lions, minus expenses. **Thank you, Ron, we knew you'd do it!** (But, don't mess with us, any more.)  
50/50 raffle

Kelley's winning ticket unbelievably drew wrong marble. There's now approximately \$5,000 in the pot.



*Thanks, Rotarians for supporting the downtown planter boxes project by purchasing the paver shown above.*



*Greetings from Israel, Pres. Greg! It's good to be here in the holy land with this menorah. Happy Hanukkah!*

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, December 18	Jean Herschel--Rotary Program, "Amigos de Guatemala"	Linda Lannon
Friday, December 25	No Rotary--Merry Christmas	S. Claus
Friday, January 1	No Rotary--Happy New Year	F. Time
Friday, January 8	Kathy Wright, Rio Vista Booster Club	Molly Coito
Friday, January 15	Stephanie Shaterian, "fLO Content Marketing"	Linda Lannon