

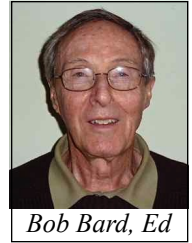
Having fun helping others...“watering the rosebuds”

THE RÍO Rotarian

Knowledge is realizing that the street is one-way, wisdom is looking both directions.

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Bob Bard, Ed

No bell? No problem! We sing...

Since Pres. Jim’s unfortunate loss of the bell, Wayne thoughtfully suggests we sing, “Jingle Bells.”

Early morning quiz

Wide awake and bushy-tailed, Evelyn dredges up the title to the lyrics of “Blue Christmas.”

Visiting District Governors-Elect

Pres. Jim wastes no time recognizing D. G. E. Ken Courville & next year’s D. G. E., Fred Collignon.

Our guests

Dick Burkhart greets website wiz Woody Woodward, Tim greets Beverly Bowman, Mel greets Norm Richardson, Hector greets Alyssa, his daughter, & we all greet Sean Mackenzie from RVHS.

We’re coming baaack

Our next meeting will be at the Point, Friday, Jan 9!

We pass the hat for Raúl

We pass the hat and collect \$430, hoping that he won’t spend it all in one place...Merry Christmas, Raúl!

Isleton Elementary kids need a little help

They want to visit Washington, D. C., and request \$250. Our Board will consider...stay tuned.

No bell...Pres. Jim sadly ineffective at meeting control

Like White School assembly, no one can hear our Pres. over boisterous conversations. (Nothing restores order like authoritative sound of gavel striking bell.)

Club business

Board may go retro on fining protocol to help fund



Catherine Baxter, aid to Sen. Lois Wolk

operational expenses, with designated fines for new cars, missed meetings, etc. There’ll be a Club Assembly (general membership business meeting) next month...we’re due for one.

Wow! another Paul Harris Fellow

Derek Jones is now a PHF+5.

Who wants the medallion?

Wayne wants it for \$45. It will cover January, but maybe not December. This should be interesting.

Harvey’s okay

Your Ed. reports he’s doing fine.

Lunch with Neil

Evelyn says we’ll visit Neil, Wed., Jan 21, 11:45 a. m. in Stockton. This will not be an official meeting.

Meeting interruptus

Evelyn can’t hear our Pres. above the constant din. Pres. Jim takes umbrage to an ignorant claim that he cannot restore order without the bell. “I’ll just bang on the lectern,” he says, defiantly, “sounds good to me.”

Fine free (?) bragging

Since Hale gave \$50 in appreciation for Dave’s saving the roof of Books Rio V, Dave gives \$50 more to PHF.

For some spurious reason our Pres. spontaneously queries Wayne if he’s hiding the bell under his shirt.

Milestones

Don Beno, 1 year Rotarian; Eileen, Cub, Hector, Tim, Tom, birthdays; Bob, 42 year Rotarian (Cub notes he wasn’t yet a twinkle in Daddy’s eye when Bob joined.)

Student Rotarians Report

This week all RVHS students wrote essays and took finals, next week winter break starts & runs till Jan. 12 (that’s 3 weeks, folks), Basketball teams lost to Armijo, and superintendent’s doing “pretty good.”

Confessions

Dave Greiner visits huge UCSF Cancer Research Campus; they’re using holistic cures, such as tea from bark of Malaysian tree to cure pancreatic cancer. He also has 1st grandson and gives \$100 to PHF.

Wayne & Pres. Jim both claim they’re losing weight, and each gives \$5 to general fund to prove it.

Don also gives \$100 to PHF for new grandson.

Fred Collignon joins the fun, announcing that his fifth grandchild was born yesterday.

Cub and entire family visit Kaanapali; he plays golf, SCUBA dives, enjoys Thanksgiving fish dinner and donates \$100 to PHF.

Thank you, Raúl

We take a moment to applaud Raul for his service.



Student Rotarians from left: Maria Lozario, Sean Mackenzie, Dylan Kauzlarich and Sarah Gamaza.

Trafficus interruptus

After checking with CalTrans and the Coast Guard, Gil delivers Hwy 12 report regarding planned bridge closures. They'll go from April 6—July 4, including 10 weeks of complete closure, with only one lane available for 16 weeks.

Beverly Bowman reports

She spent 6½ months in AK in a small town with 2 Rotary Clubs, a downtown one and an "older people" one. (*Don't blame me, I'm just the reporter.*) Days are very short, there, this time of year. She mentions Lee Brown's recent passing.

Program

Our program chair, Mel Pearson, explains that State Senator Lois Wolk had to cancel her speaking engagement, this morning, as she is suffering from laryngitis. So, she sent Catherine Baxter, her Solano County Field Representative, to speak at our meeting.

Catherine begins by letting us know that she'll be glad to forward our questions to Sen. Wolk. Her talk focuses on CA water issues. Sen. Wolk is the current majority whip, and she's chair of the budget committee. Catherine says the state legislature has been productive the past 2 years, with a balanced budget passed on time each year, possibly resulting from the



DGE Ken Courville FROM FILES



DGEE Fred Collignon

temporary tax increase of 2012.

A new water bond, which passed with a 67% vote, affects both ground and surface water, including new storage funding (Los Vaqueros Reservoir.) She says the bond is "BDCP neutral." BDCP (Bay and Delta Protection Commission) is a euphemism for the twin 40' tunnels.

Catherine also discussed Props. 1 & 2, addressing end of life issues. Polls are showing wide support. She requests that we let the senator know our thoughts on this important issue.

50/50 Raffle

Gil's ticket is no help; he can't find the lucky marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
Friday, December 26	No Meeting—Merry Christmas!	S. Claus
Friday, January 2	No Meeting—Happy New Year!	Father Time
Friday, January 9	T. B. A.	Betty Davis
Friday, January 16	T. B. A.	Wayne Woodward
Friday, January 23	T. B. A.	Hector De La Rosa