



THE RÍO

"At the end of the day, you just got to expect the unexpected."
—TEXANS CORNERBACK A. J. BOUYE. (This quote shows that athleticism doesn't equate to verbal skills.)



Rotarian

"Having fun helping others... watering the rosebuds"
—DR. TED SCHULZ
Bob Bard, Ed.



What says, "Ding, ding!" but is not a bell?

Why, it's Pres. Kelley calling a Rotary meeting to order. We pledge, pray, and sing with neither bell nor gavel in sight.

Christmas party

There will be no regular meeting next week. Instead, we'll celebrate Xmas at the Highway 12 Diner, 1000 Hwy 12, Friday, Dec. 10. Social hour starts at 6:00 p. m.; dinner is served at 7:00 p. m.; wine will not be provided, so please bring your own bottle.

Golden Gate Fields winner

Betty had 5 horses pay off, but she claims that she did not come out ahead. Still, no one admitted to doing better than Betty.

Beer, Linguça Booths pay off

Chamber Pres. Walt Stanish delivers check for proceeds of Beer Booth, \$1,700+, and Linguça booth \$2,800+. Tom and Dan ran Linguça and Beer booths, respectively.

Next year's officers

Pres. Kelley lauds Eddie on motivational message that recruits the following volunteers: Gary, Sec'y; Betty, Sgt.-at-Arms; Hale, Treasurer; Edwin, Cub Reporter; and Kelley railroads a reluctant Dan to stand up and see how great it feels to be President. Lee says

Wayne has brought others into club who have served as Pres. Wayne says maybe next year.

Milestones

Sec'y. Jim reports the following members with December celebrations: birthdays--Derek Abel, Tom, Hector, Tim; anniversary--Ken.



Keynote speaker, Jack Krebs, pre-

Student Rotarians report

College apps are done; students apply to several colleges at \$50-\$70 each. Basketball tournament (we beat Delta, Girls won 70-2), Swim team raising funds and conditioning; they'll get in pool in Feb., Soccer played Buckingham in Vacaville and tied 1-1, finals in 2 weeks, dance cancelled even though Don volunteered to chaperone.

Recognitions

Hale and Sue are delighted to visit Tuscany after tourist season. They visit walled city of Luca. Airline strike delays their return a couple of days, so they add Florence to their tour, totaling 13 days at \$5 per. Hale congratulates self on 26 lbs. weight loss, then ostentatiously flashes medallion.

Jim Lira wins big in desert golf tournaments and shares \$25 of his prize with Dr. Ted's Dictionary Fund.



Interact members with subjects identified from left: photo above: Tommy Campbell, Bernie Vasquez, Abel Zapien, Josie Hamilton, and Casie Mortimore; photo above right: Josie Hamilton and Casie Mortimore; photo below: Tommy Campbell, Bernie Vasquez and Abel Zapien.

OUR ROTARY WEBSITE: riovistarotary.org
Some of the things you can find there:

How to join our club, photos of members having fun helping others, the folks we help, they ways we help, club leaders, membership directory, our club's bylaws, projects of which we're proud, weekly newsletter archives, speakers schedule, coming events, and district news.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!



As requested by his dad, Cub Abel's family celebrates Thanksgiving in Maui, where they are surprised by appearance of Cub's girlfriend. They had such a wonderful time that Cub fines himself \$50 (what he bid for medalion, last month.)

Leon flies out of Travis with Cousins of America and makes trip of 20 hours each way. No drinks going, but all he wanted on return flight. He pays \$40 fine plus \$20 to Dictionary Fund.

Wayne reports on Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day from Rio Vista Gym to sewer treatment plant and back. Four Rotarians entered and finished in the following order: Ted, Wayne, Bob and Lee. Wayne and Lee enjoyed trash talking to each other before the race. Wayne pays \$10. Lee pays \$70--that's \$10 for each Rotarian who was involved in the event, including Soroptimists Gene, Tom, and Edwin. All of this generosity shamed your editor (even though he walked all the way) into giving \$10 to the General Fund.

Don bravely admits that he bought a new truck, but not at Abel's. Sweating profusely, he courageously explains that he purchased it from the dealer in his home town. His next truck will doubtless be an Abel Chevrolet. He assuages his conscience with \$50 toward a PHF.

Medallion auction

Gary auctions off coin to Jim McCracken for \$55.

...and the winner is...

Hector pays \$25 for winning the Poker Tournament and defending the honor of Rotary Vs. Lions.

Program

Jack Krebs delivers his message, "It's about Time," which instructs us on how to most effectively utilize our time, the most pervasive thing in our existence. He tells us how to share and delegate authority and responsibility, and he's given this talk to managers. His message applies to teachers and chair people, in particular.

Jack quips, "Nothing is impossible if you can get somebody else to do the work," and he cites Hank Simonsen, with whom he worked on the Rio Vista Foundation. He says if you want to be a manager, you need to (1) manage your business, (2) manage your time, and (3) manage your people.

He advises you to underline pertinent information as you read, make a decision every time you look at a paper on your desk, and make a list (organize your thoughts) as you drive to work. Delegation is the key to management; trust whom you delegate to, but first be trustworthy, yourself. His 5 keys are (1) make the results crystal clear, (2) make sure everyone knows you delegated, (3)

set a time line, (4) set up a feedback loop, and (5) when it's over, issue a reward.

Hector leaves before the end of the program, saying, "You inspired me to not waste my time and go to work."



Rotarians pose following Soroptimist annual Turkey Trot, Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24. From left: Dr. Ted Schulz, Lee Williams, Wayne Woodward, and Bob Bard

Soroptimists Tom Donnelly, Edwin Okamura, and Gene Resler helped the ladies run this year's 5K run/walk Turkey Trot. While Dr. Ted beat all other Rotarians, your editor and spouse, Marian, walked off with second and first place medals in their sex/age groups. 50/50 raffle



PHOTO: DR. TED SCHULZ
Marian (left) and Bob Bard pose with medals. Bob sports stylish turkey hat.

Wayne's winning ticket got him the losing marble. Erratum

The Nov. 11 issue of "The Rio Rotarian" reported that the U. S. Marines recently celebrated their 141st anniversary. However, it was their 241st. Our apologies.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, December 9	No Rotary (Christmas Dinner, tomorrow)	Take a Break!
Saturday, December 10	Rotary Xmas Party--Hwy. 12 Diner--6:00 p. m. Social, 7:00 p. m. Dinner	Kelley Graupensperger
Friday, December 16	To Be Announced	TBA
Friday, December 23	No Rotary (Christmas is Sunday)	S. Claus
Friday, December 30	No Rotary (New Years Day is Sunday)	Father Time