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Knowledge speaks, wisdom listens. Jimmy Hendrix



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

# Rotarian

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

DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



### In memoriam

We pause for a moment of silence for Toby Beaver; then, we sing, "When the Saints Go Marching In."

### Pres. Jim's quizzie

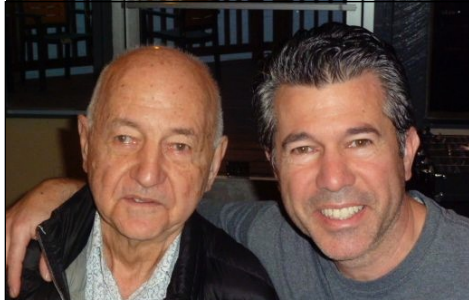
Before Pres. Jim can read more than 3 words, Gene excitedly yells out, "Twilight Time," and wins the prize.

### Visiting Rotarians

We meet Jim Coleman of Danville/Sycamore Rotary. From Walnut Grove comes our team of speakers, Dr. John Noe, Daniel Wilson and Kim Trantum. Of course, Gil Labrie is always welcome.



New Rotarian,  
Alan Hartford



Dr. Joe Awender presents his guest,  
Joe Awender, Jr.

### Guests

Harvey greets Cole; Molly greets Gabriel Caseta, a Brazilian foreign exchange student, Joe greets Dr. Joe, Jr., from Redwood City.

### We welcome a new member

It's good to see R. V. F. D. Chief Alan Hartford, again!

### Golf Tournament, Wednesday, May 13

Kelley discusses our annual golf tournament preparations and passes around signup sheet. We have option of bringing auction item worth \$50 or donating \$50 to be used to purchase larger item. We may work, enter tournament, or provide items for gift bags. This is our major fundraiser; let's all take part!

### Charter Night—Friday, March 13—The Point

Our "volunteer" chair, Jamie, says be sure to attend this event—it's coming soon.

### Chamber of Commerce awards dinner tonight

Gene Resler, C of C president, announces that representatives from several state political offices will attend tonight's dinner.

### A bucket list item: Beach Blanket Babylon, April 12

Hector says we'll see a Sunday matinee at 2:00 p. m. Send him an email if you're interested (so far 6 people are rarin' to go.)

### Tequila Y Más

Hector says meet at his house, Monday, 7:00 p. m., if you want to help.

### Linguica Booth

Dave Mason is our proud chair, and a short while ago he didn't even know what linguica was. *Thanks, Dave. We salute your enthusiasm and courage.*

### History lesson a la Pres. Jim

Did you know that Rotary was founded 110 years ago, Feb. 23, 1905, in Chicago, and that it's the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PolioPlus, and that 2 billion kids have been immunized, & 125 countries are now polio-free?

### Birthdays and Celebrations

Derek Abel has 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Rotarian; your editor has 76<sup>th</sup> birthday and 44<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### Career Day participants lauded

Your editor thanks the following Rotarians for either their own participation or providing someone from their company to speak at Career Day, an informative program held Wednesday at RVHS. They are Dr. Ted Schulz, Molly Coito, Dan Schindler, Jim McPherson, Wayne Woodward, Derek Abel, Joe Awender, Tom Donnelly, Dick Burchart, Jim Lira and Cole Felt.

### Student Rotarians Report

Today, Sarah and Dylan discuss Career Day; Interact Club clothing drive (about 20 full bags of clothing will go to the Lighthouse Church); Varsity Girls Basketball team made playoffs; Baseball, Soccer, Swim Team starting; dance cancelled, again—but there'll still be a prom; Lee reports Donkey Basketball was cancelled (event raises \$500 but insurance now costs \$1,000).

### Telephonus interruptus

Dr. Joe's phone picks a very poor time to go off. He spins & pays \$2 at end of meeting.

### Dictionary Day (delivery Feb. 25, instruction March 4)

Dr. Ted passes around book labels for dictionary recipients and asks us to write our names & addresses on back of 2 labels. Kids will write us thank you's.

### Fine free confession

Molly discovered a Rotary meeting place in Berlin Hotel, but says she didn't make up a meeting there.

Pres. Jim thanks your editor for helping organize Career Day.

### Confessions of the costly kind

Jim McCracken spends 7 days in Costa Rica and pays \$50 to TIP411.

Dave Greiner visits a not-so-tropical island, Manhattan, to see his grand-babies and almost freezes to death. He warms, however, to his son's earning his CFA certificate & Masters in Economics from Georgetown. He gives \$50 to general fund.

Cruiser Ken takes 6-day trip to Mexico, stops in 4 ports, brings back no tequila for Hector, and pays \$50.



*Incorrigible rabble rousers, Lee and Wayne must sit at their own separate table till they learn to behave.*

Jim Lira hobnobs at dinner with the big wigs; he meets Arnold Palmer and schmoozes for an hour with U. S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, who was a friend of Jim's godfather. He pays \$100 to gen'l fund.

Wayne helpfully suggests that Jim Lira and Lee keep us from falling asleep by presenting their long-winded announcements at alternate meetings.

Pres. Jim visits daughter and grandson in frozen Charlotte and attends Rotary meeting while we sleep at 4:30 a. m. He has exciting adventure returning home and pays \$100 to grandson's PHF.

Gil attends youngest granddaughter's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and pays \$100.

Kelley says Hector failed to confess that he won a magnum of fine wine for amassing the most points in the now defunct Thursday Night Weekly Foster's Poker Tournament. The lucky winner now must prepare dinner at his home for the entire field of contestants.

Program

Gene Resler introduces Dr. John Noe, a dentist from Walnut Grove who occasionally flies to Punta San Francisquito, a small, isolated fishing village in Baja CA, with pilots and helpers. There, they attend to the dental needs of patients with limited access to health care of any kind. There are 2 dirt landing strips of sorts adjacent to the settlement, and the preferred transportation to the area is flying. The road to the area is long, unpaved and extremely primitive; 4WD's (or motorcycles with knobby tires) are de rigueur.

Several local pilots, Daniel Wilson, Les Lyman, and Joe Sanchez have planes and provide transportation. When heavier, bulkier items are needed, Daniel transports them down there via truck. Dealing with the per-



*From left, Dr. John Noe, Daniel Wilson & Kim Trantum. The trio provides dental care at San Francisquito, Mexico.*

personnel at the border and numerous check points along the road is always an adventure. In desperation, Daniel had bona fide "credentials" printed up, and that streamlined the procedure (& *mordidas*) considerably.

The group raised \$10K and purchased a dental unit & cut-rate, hand-held Chinese X-ray machine, the modern safety features of which would have made my dad blush when he opened his dental practice in downtown L. A. in 1927. Quite obviously, the clever Chinese manufacturers have discovered a unique method to prevent scatter radiation from leaking out the head of the machine. However, one speaker did mention that they began to worry when the operator started to glow in the dark.

Also, they didn't bring no stinkin' computers to Mexico; they used film and developed it *sans* dark rooms. When they first opened their shop, there were no luxurious amenities like running water or reliable power, but when the philanthropic multi-billionaire who lives part-time in a villa on a nearby hilltop heard of their plight, he let them use his building with shelter, water & reliable power to treat their patients.

The preferred way to get enough light focused on the operative field is a flashlight held by an assistant. A flashlight on the operator's headband is a nice plus.

Moving 43 patients per day through their clinic, these guys treat as many patients per day as your editor used to treat in a busy week.

Dr. Noe related one story that was quite impressive of a patient with an incredibly gross abscess, the likes of which we have never seen (thank goodness.)

50/50 Raffle

Greg's ticket was good, but he came up empty.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
Friday, February 27	AFS Students: Nikola Heidemann, Germany & Gabriel Caseta, Brazil	Molly Coito
Friday, March 6	Jason Miller, Lisa McDowell "Sexual Assault Prevention Month"	Linda Lannon
Friday, March 13	Charter Night-The Point: 6:00 pm-Social, 7:00 pm-Dinner, 8:00 pm-Program	Jamie Wilson
Friday, March 20	Amy Bettencourt "Common Core at River Delta Unified School District"	Don Beno
Friday, March 27	Gabino Perez "School Vocational Training"	Derek Jones