



THE RIO

"The democracy will cease when you take from those who are willing to work and give to those who are not." —THOMAS JEFFERSON



Rotarian

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



Today's speaker, is AFS Student, Naomi Sakoi. He joins fellow Interact members for Student Rotarian report. From left: Bryan Peters, Alyssa De La Rosa, Piero Tello, Cheyanne Bastedo, Casie Mortimore, Josie Hamilton, Christopher Galeno and Sakoi.

Unremarkable opening rituals

Pres. Greg welcomes dignified attorney Jon Blegen, and labels him a trouble maker. Mr. Blegen responds that he'll be good, eliciting an unprintable response from our evidently less dignified leader.

Quizzie

On this date in 1993 what national tragedy struck in the state of New York? Answer: 1st WTC bombing.

Guests

Lee greets John Bento, one of the youngest Lions. Greg explains John wasn't sure where the walker parking was located. Jim Mac introduces Mr. James Lira from the Palm Desert Sunrise Club. Molly greets Japanese AFS student, Naomi Sakoi. Dick Burkhart greets almost member, Dennis Elliott. Hale presents former Mosquito Czar, Jon Blegen. Greg makes uncalled for remark, alluding to the blood-sucking compatibility of Jon's mosquito abatement job and his law practice. *Is this how we treat our guests? Tsk, tsk.*

Announcements

Since Kelley's not here, there's no golf meeting.

Last night was brain storming meeting for planning Community Center. Attending were Eddie, Hale, Jim Nordin, Evelyn, Greg, Derek and others. Jim reports good turnout of younger people (who will live to benefit from center.) When asked what they would want from a community center, the group gave a wide variety of answers, including a coffee bar, laser tag venue, and hot tubs. Next meeting will be April 4, White School. Com-

mittee will tabulate results and prioritize actions. Jim appreciates Rotary's support.

King of the Kitchen

Jim Mac announces Rio Vista CARE will host annual event to share cooking, baking, and food preparation prowess. It's not a competition. It will be held Saturday, April 23, at Vet's Hall.

Celebration

Cub has 11th Rotary anniversary, but he's not here to enjoy it.

Student Rotarian Report

Athlete of Year award goes to B. J. Peters. Basketball ended, Tuesday--rally for Girls making playoffs; Crab Feed tomorrow, Portuguese Hall; Golf started under coach Fonseca; Greg says he hit a few golf balls the other day, prompting Jim Mac to ask, "Is that what City Managers do?" Jon's legal advice to Jim, "That's not a good person to alienate." Alyssa & Piero named Students of the Month. Cheyanne will pursue Forensic Science at San Jose State or U. C. Davis, the only 2 schools offering that major. Greg says, "Be careful stepping over homeless on N. 1st St.," to which someone says, "Those are students." Baseball: Rams will play at Raley Field; purchase a voucher and exchange for ticket at pro game.

Confessions

Good ole Doc Ted says he would like to have Bob Bard fined, and fined heavily...and he does. We end up paying \$50 for a gala surprise 45th Wedding Anniversary brunch on Sunday at Sir Flair's. It was a total surprise

for Marian and me. We appreciate all of the clandestine organizing that our kids (and friends) did and the kindness of the guests who attended. Thank you.

Program

Molly, who has hosted an AFS student, introduces Naomi Sakoi, who is living with the Mingay family. He is 16, in his Senior year, and he wants to become a doctor. His home is Tokyo, and he shows us a photo of his mom, dad, himself and grandparents. He wants to learn English well, but it's difficult because it's so different from Japanese, both spoken and written.

At home they eat rice at every meal, but have sushi only about once a month. He has a great slide show, and he shows us a beautiful picture of Mt. Fuji looming up behind Tokyo. Transportation is mainly on trains, subway, and busses, but not cars. Religion, there, is not a major concern, but they do have Xmas trees.

In Japan the first name is the family name, and the last name is the given name. Naomi's name is composed of 3 written characters which mean "honest" and "kind." In Japan the older kids are the "boss" of the younger kids, and cannot be their friends.

Historically, the Samurai were the leaders and the Ninja were spies, but they no longer exist. In school, the students study 12 subjects, 6 classes every day, 6 days a week, but Saturdays are easy, with only 4 classes. Education is compulsory through Junior High, but High

School is optional. The school year starts in April and ends in March. Legal driving age, there, is 18. Women don't work after marriage but that's changing.

The challenges Naomi faces here are the cultural differences, language, school, homework, and homesickness, but he's becoming mentally tough. Naomi had no idea what to expect in this country. He likes his host family and enjoys playing tennis.

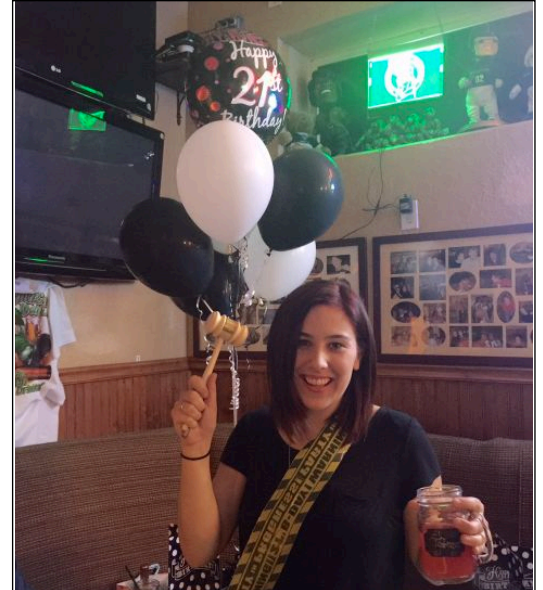
...and a few more announcements (program over early)

Remember, we need lots of golfers to sign up for the tournament. Please send out email flyers we received from Ed Kingen to everyone you can think of to sign up.

Jim Mac asks Molly about craft brewery. April 9 will be the grand opening of the 3 Mile Brewing Co., so named because there used to be no alcohol sales allowed within 3 miles of UCD campus. They will offer honey blonde, oatmeal stout, session IPA (that's India Pale Ale, folks), brown ale, etc. Samplers are 4 for \$7. Tim asks about competition across the street that got their license jerked. Molly reviews their history and unsavory saga, but says that the establishment is changed and still in business. However her company will close at 10:00 p. m. and cater to families. There are 7 partners, and all work at Genentech. Someone suggests a field trip, there. Good idea.

50/50 raffle

Jim Lira cannot find the winning marble.



Above, from left are our guests Dennis Elliott and John Bento. Jon Blegen was also our guest, but we didn't get a photo...maybe next time.

Pres. Greg, I'm celebrating my friend's 21st birthday, but I miss you! The gavel.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, March 4	Gabino Perez on Career Technical Education offered by RDUSD	Don Beno
Friday, March 11	City of Rio Vista Finances	Jim Nordin
Friday, March 18	David Trojan, Travis AFB Researcher, Plane Crashes around Rio Vista	Wayne Woodward
Friday, March 25	Veterans Administration Website	Alan Hartford
Friday, April 1	It's April Fools Day (and the first day of the District Conference)	Tom Donnelly