



# THE RÍO

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*Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.* Winston Churchill



# Rotarian

*"Having fun helping others... watering the rosebuds"*  
DR. TED SCHULZ



Bob Bard, Ed.

## Where's the bell?

A meeting without the melodic tones of the Rotary bell is like a day without sunshine.

## And, where's that bottle of Magave Tequila Añejo?

We were recently asked by an anonymous Rotarian, "What ever happened to Hector's tequila donation to the club?" (See [riovistarotary.org](http://riovistarotary.org)>Rio Rotarian>News Archive>September 12, & Oct. 12, 2014.) Are the terrorists still demanding Pres. Jim's gavel? Who knows?

## Morning serenade

We sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" for Little League parade, Sunday, & Rams at Raley Field, Tuesday.

## The much anticipated weekly McPherson quiz

Alan Hartford wins the popular flashlight-magnet retriever; he guesses the magic word, "John Fogerty." (We think we heard Cub answer first.)

## Visiting Rotarian

It's a pleasure to see Ass't. D. G. Jon Dwyer, again.

## Guests

Dave Greiner welcomes 3 RVHS Baseball Team members; Lee welcomes daughters, Crystal and Ashley;



Pres. Jim presents PHF awards to Lee Williams' daughters, Crystal, left, and Ashley.

Harvey greets grandson, Cole; Molly greets our speakers, foreign exchange students, Nikola & Gabriel; Hector welcomes daughter, Alyssa.

## Dave touts Rams Baseball at Raley Field, Tuesday eve

Dave Greiner says Jim Lira's son-in-law, Corey Farrell, is skipper of RVHS baseball team. He presents players Devin, Dylan and Austen. He says \$22 vouchers for this season's games at Raley Field are available at his bank. Several generous Rotarians, including Gary, Pres. Jim and Jim McCracken scoop them up.

## It's always good to hear from Ass't. D. G. Jon Dwyer

Pres. Jim was attending PETS and missed grandson's throwing first pitch at Raley Field, last year. He

asks ADG Jon if Greg should pack heat at PETS. Jon says they'll have to card him, and he sure hopes Greg learns more than Jim did. *Jim is just too darn nice to fine Jon, but he really should have.*

## Signup sheet passed around for May 13 golf tourney

Kelley requests that each member participate in some way: either pay \$50 or bring raffle prize, and either play golf or sign up to work at tourney. Cub says he'll bring better P. A. system than the one that's there. Linda, Lee and Pres. Jim suggest inexpensive auction items like dinners, flights over delta, and drone flights. Charter Night, 6:00 p. m., Friday, March 13, The Point

Jamie passes signup list around; she doesn't say who the speaker will be, that evening.

## Fourth graders' Dictionary Program

Cole reports on Ted's 15-year program. Eighty books handed out Wed., 60 at R. V. and 20 at Isleton Coast Guard & RVPD will teach kids, next Wed.

## Dave Mason, proud chair of our Bass Derby booth

Dave, hope you're a good sport; this should be fun!  
Betty reports on Camp Royal

Alyssa De La Rosa, Cheyenne Bastido, John Fellow and Brian Peters have been selected for this year.



Your Ed. proudly displays Jim Mac's Charlotte Rotary banner.



Don's badge got "lost" he spins, pays.

## Beno's badge baffler

Who knows what happened to Donald's Badge? It just vanished, last week and reappears this week; Don spins & pays \$2. Welcome to Rio Vista Rotary, Don!

## Cole transitions from guest to member

Cole Felt gets temporary badge. Welcome, Cole! You've been acting like a full member for a long time. Walt Stanish is PHF+4 (that means 5 total PHF's)

Setting the bar quite high, Walt is recognized for his dedication to R. I.

## Golf meeting Wed., noon, at Foster's

Greg rallies his troops to prepare for tournament. Lee Williams presents 2 more PHF's

Daughters Crystal and Ashley are honored. Thank you, Lee, for your continued generosity!

### More on PHF's

Jon Dwyer reports that, internationally, 4 lives are spared for each PHF granted.

### Birthday girl

Jamie will be another year older, March 1. Pres. Jim says Evelyn's attendance has been impeccable since Jamie came aboard.

### History lesson

Pres. Jim says Rotary was a men's only club until 1989. In 1978 the Duarte, CA, Rotary inducted three women, & lost their R. I. charter as a result. They brought civil rights suit and won, causing R. I. to reverse men only policy. Rio Vista's first lady Rotarian was RVHS principal, Dr. Audrey Keebler, who served admirably as our president, 1997-98 (and had just as much fun as Jim McPherson doing it.) Your editor recalls several stodgy members proclaiming they would leave if a woman joined. They did not, but the raunchy jokes they used to tell at meetings did leave.

### Bard is "volunteered" to be guardian of club pennants

Executing skillful executive privilege, Pres. Jim appoints your editor as official banner storage custodian. He gives us Charlotte Rotary flag for safe keeping.

### Hank and Judy have wild time at Mardi Gras and cruise

Claiming that New Orleans Festival is even worse than Las Vegas, Hank reveals their incredible 4 days in a raucous environment. Unfortunately, during a subsequent Caribbean cruise, Judy suffered a TIA. She was hospitalized, and they had to return, early. Hank says Judy's doing well, now, and she sends her regards.

### Fine-free bragging

Pres. Jim thanks Gary for putting Superbowl pack together. It brought in \$250 at club auction.

### Other bragging

Cub travels to desert on "business," and while playing harmonica in a golf cart in the rain at La Quinta (I'm not making this up), he meets Atlanta Falcons future Hall of Famer, Tony Gonzalez. He pays \$100 to PHF.

### McPherson quiz addendum (for bragging rights only)

Your editor is prohibited from participation. Pres. Jim asks question from masthead of last week's bulletin. Dr. Ted proves he read bulletin by correctly answering query.

### Program

Molly introduces AFS foreign exchange students,



*AFS students Nikola Heidemann and Gabriel Caseta*

Nikki, from Germany, and Gabriel, from Brazil.

Nikki comes from Wilhelmshaven, a city of 80K people. Speaking very good English which she began learning in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, she said that it was easy to get integrated into RVHS, and she made friends quickly. A newcomer to basketball, her team made the playoffs, this year.

She first dreamed of going to a foreign country 5 years ago. She's living with the Dan Francis

family and has a 16 year old "sister," here. She likes RVHS. She says that Germany is a country in the center of Europe whose population is about the size of CA, although CA is more spread out, with cities being farther apart. She showed us a German flag. She'll visit Chicago with school's AFS Club, next month, and L. A. during Spring Break.

Gabriel has one brother at home, but 4 here. His city in Brazil has 200K population. He enjoyed playing on football team at RVHS. His cousin and brother were foreign exchange students in 2009 and 2013, respectively. His parents have hosted German, French and Italian AFS students.

Gabriel has visited Napa, Lake Tahoe and San Francisco. He has been to Carnival in Sao Paulo, 1½ hours from his home town. Brazil's population is 203M; capital is Brasilia; first woman president now in office; language is Portuguese, 80% are Catholic.

Portugal began colonizing Brazil in 1532. It's the only South American Country originally claimed by Portugal. Gabriel discusses Brazilian economy, educational system, natural resources, customs, sports and recreation, Carnival, culinary arts, and wild life.

### Student Rotarians Report

Sarah, Maria and Dylan report on flash mob dance (staring faculty members), Prom: Trilogy at the Nines (Sir Flair's) and Peter's Steak House, clothing drive a success, Seniors receiving scholarships & acceptances from CSU's, UC's start in 2 weeks, Baseball scrimmage Vs. Napa, this week, Girls Basketball playoffs won first game, but lost second, Girls Soccer starts, today, Swim Team started 3 weeks ago, now have full team practice.

### 50/50 raffle

Betty's ticket is good; her marble isn't...so sad!

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
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
Friday, April 1	Cindy Bradford "Mission Solano"	Jamie Wilson