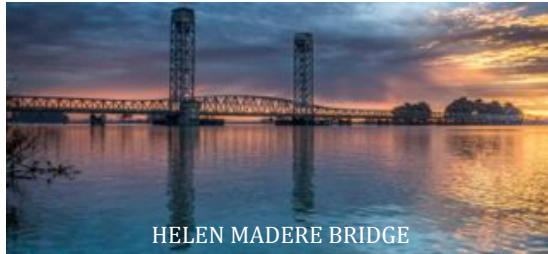


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HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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



"I've never killed a man but I've read many an obituary with a great deal of satisfaction."—MARK TWAIN

### ...and the Saints Go Marching In

With loss of community members Joy Augusto and Everett Upham, Jim Mac leads us in a melodic tribute to their memories.

### Our guests

Jon presents today's speaker, Marc Tonnesen, and Lee presents past Cordelia and RVFD Chief and wife, Jay and Patty Huyssoon.



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Naomi Walker, right, accepts check for \$750 payable to the Food Pantry from Rotary Pres. Kelley G.

Pres. Kelley welcomes Don Henry and Jim Lira; their attendance has been a bit spotty, lately.

### Letters

Kelley reads a thank you letter from Lacey DuBois, a student to whom we awarded a scholarship. She's attending Sacramento State and doing well.

### We support Food Pantry

Local Food Pantry volunteer, Naomi Walker, thanks us for our \$750 donation and tells us that they can purchase food for 18¢ per pound, so the funds will go a long way to feed the hungry.

### Charter Night

Evelyn is the chair for Charter Night at the Point, Saturday, March 4, 5:30 no-host bar, 6:30 traditional turkey dinner, 7:30 program, Lee will get the speaker. No Friday morning meeting, March 3.

### Golf Tournament

Dan says there's a meeting at Hector's house, Friday, 6:00 p. m., Feb. 24, in Tequila Room. Regis-

up sheet around.

### Appreciation Night

Lee says event will be Wednesday, April 5, at Montezuma F. D. to honor farmers, first responders, Coast Guard, and RVHS kids going into military. He enlists help from new members.

### Program Chair

Danny is our new Program Chair, as Wayne is too busy managing his lucrative business interests. If you want help getting a program, please contact Danny.

### Milestones

Don Beno celebrates his birthday, and it's Don Henry's, first Rotary anniversary. The former Don is not here, but the latter is, however, he seems to have disappeared.

### RVJS Student Report

Josie, Casie, Holly, and Carlin report that Interact visited Senior Center; RVHS beat Golden Sierra 55-50; not too many showed up for Swim Team practice this week, first meet is in March; they made the yearbook deadline; first Golf practice; it's Spirit Week; 7 tickets sold to Vice Dance; Saturday, Softball practice started; radio station is back (they hired Mr. Whiting); Dan has \$500 Montezuma F. D. donation for KRVH.

### College Student Report

Alyssa just finished midterms, loves the weather down there, has a new roommate. Molly announces 1-year anniversary of Three Mile Brewing Co. in Davis with bands all weekend. She's taking computer classes, now.

### Confessions

Don Henry returns, so we serenade him for his 1 year in Rotary. Don's so impressed that he delivers an unsolicited "I" program revealing every detail of the tragedy and joy of his love life. Kelley tries to



County Assessor/Recorder, Marc Tonnesen, gives talk.



Student Rotarians report, from left, Josie Hamilton, Casie Mortimore, Holly Witcraft, and Carlin Cline.

the purchase price of a property. This value goes up 2% per year. When plotted on a graph versus time, this 2% annual increase is called a "Trend Line." If the fair market value goes be



College report, from left, Alyssa De La Rosa & Molly Coito.

shut him up and fines him \$35. Not taking the hint, Don brags on, setting a new alternate program record, as we sing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Unfazed, Don delivers the *coup de gras*; telling a "joke" that prompts Jon to exclaim, "That's one of the worst jokes I've ever heard."

Program

Jon introduces Marc Tonnesen, our assessor/recorder, who presents a slide show illustrating the services that his office provides to Solano County. Marc began his career as a private real estate appraiser in the 1980's. He spent 13 years working for the state of CA in Savings and Loans, and handling real estate transactions for the Dep't. of General Services. He became Ass't. Recorder for Solano County in 2003 and was elected to that office in 2006. His family has lived in Solano County for 5 generations.

Marc provides us a handout reflecting his presentation. He discusses the effect of our nation's economy on the total assessed value of properties within the county, and the resultant effect that has on our abilities to raise tax revenues. After years of increases, values peaked in 2007, then declined steadily for the next 5 years. Then, they started upwards, again, and now they're at an all-time high of about \$52B.

Under Prop. 13, the assessed value is based on

low the line, then the tax is based on the lowered fair market value. During the recession, that was a helpful break for the property owner, but it resulted in a huge revenue drop for our county. During the recession Solano was one of the 4 hardest hit counties in CA. The city of Vallejo was hardest hit in our county, with a 75% drop in property tax revenues, and had to declare bankruptcy. Rio Vista sustained the smallest property value loss of all Solano County jurisdictions.

Marc shows that new real estate development, while it's somewhat recovered from the 2008 level, is still far below the 2004 level. He also notes that there were many foreclosures, peaking in 2009, but they've reduced to a more normal level in recent years. Total recent recordings compared to 2003 are still low, commensurate with reduced construction activity.

The recorder's office supports legislation to raise funds for affordable housing by charging \$75 for the recording of every real estate paper. Other legislation in the works would hold assessor to higher qualification standards. Another bill would amend Prop. 13 to require annual assessment at fair market value of commercial/industrial property.

50/50 raffle

Once again, your editor can't find right marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
February 24, 2017	AFS Student from Norway	Molly Coito
March 3, 2017	No meeting (Tomorrow night's Charter Night)	Dick Burkhardt
March 4, 2017	Charter Night	Lee Williams
March 10, 2017	Emily Gollinger, Planning Commissioner--Rio Vista Skatepark and Dogpark	Pat Byron
March 17, 2017	To Be Announced	Hale Conklin