



Lee Williams

"The Farmer's Choice"

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I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical. ~ Arthur C Clarke



Bob Bard, Ed.

We remember Buddy Holly

Gene leads us in a song from the 50's, "That'll Be the Day."

Thank you, Poppy House!

Don't forget, next week we meet at the Striper. Joe says we can park at the Bank of Stockton, but not on the north side (that's for employees.) Jim Mac generously offers parking anywhere you want at Bank of Rio Vista.

Birthdays

We sing to Karen and Tatum.

Student Rotarian Report

Tatum says Art and Drama Departments present "Affair of Arts," a fundraiser to buy school supplies, on March 9; tickets are \$50. Donkey Basketball was last night, and students won; animals have arrived at barn; Seniors are applying for scholarships and receiving acceptance letters; caps & gowns are being ordered; more on car show next week.

Evelyn Wilson Rotarian of Month

She'll receive parking space right in front of Striper (if she arrives early enough, says Jim Mac.)

Golf tourney fees reduced!

To get more signups, player's entry fee reduced from \$125 to \$110; company sponsor (4-some with hole sign) reduced from \$570 to \$500. Sure, it's an unbelievable offer, but we'll make it up in the volume! Raffle & Auction signup sheet goes around. Betty says take items to her house for storage.

Thank you, Dr. Ted

Ever generous, Ted donates boxful of home-made jam to club.

Cub rides mower

Squeezing every last nickel out of the medallion, Derek proudly announces his new vehicular acquisition. Now, he can trim the lawn and



Tim speaks on riverboat trip in France.

and down brewskis at the same time.

Jim Mac starts PHF for \$100

Supposedly for his brand, new granddaughter, born Feb. 14. When asked in whose name, the proud grandpa muses, "I haven't met her yet, so I don't know if I'll like her."

Karen's birthday

She pays handsomely for another fantastic year--\$27.50.

Lee wins C of C award

Karen thanks us for support of Chamber awards dinner and congratulates Lee on his achievement. Lee is so proud that he gives \$100 for TIP411 (and gets a matching grant.)

Dave Greiner on C of C board

Gene congratulates (and thanks) Dave for joining the Chamber Board.

Program
When the projector refuses to talk to the computer, Eddie thoughtfully offers his Carousel slide projector. However, Tim Kubli, our guest speaker, wings it; he passes around two beautiful photo albums compiled by Noel Gomes, when the Kubli's and the Gomes' took a fantastic tour on a riverboat trip in southern France.

The trip included 3 meals daily and all the wine you could drink.

Tim mentions that when their luxury cruise ended, they were told that they had consumed more wine than any other group--ever.

This part of France boasts the largest, although not necessarily the best, wine production in the world, consisting of Sirah and Grenache blends. French vintners are unconcerned about wine tasting tourists; you must have an appointment to taste wine (or do much else) there.

The river they toured, the Canal du Midi, was a man-made canal in the province of Languedoc, the first part of which was built by Julius Caesar for transportation from the Mediterranean. The French finished the canal through to the Atlantic in 1668 using 16,000 workers, and 350 were engineers. They built tunnels, dams bridges and 67 locks. The canal bridges often pass high above rivers.

The tour made a stop at an historic fortified site, Carcassonne, over which many battles were fought.

Medallion auction

Dave wins with \$45.

50-50 raffle

Tim's ticket gets wrong marble.



Gene, I'm soaking up rays, wearing my shades, sipping a brewski by my woody, but I really miss you. The Gavel

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	EVENT	CHAIRPERSON
Friday, March 1	Susan Roberts "Delta Conservancy" (First meeting at the Striper)	Betty Davis
Friday, March 8	To Be Announced	Dr. Ted Schulz
Friday, March 15	To Be Announced	Eddie Woodruff
Friday, March 22	To Be Announced	Neil Hamilton