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



"The nice part about living in a small town: When you don't know what you're doing, somebody else always does"—ANONYMOUS

The passing of outstanding Rio Vistans

In President Kelly's absence, Jimmy Mac opens the meeting by reminiscing about the passing of a few outstanding citizens and close friends—Stew Stewart, Harry Bruce, Bob Bruce, Gene Vick and Louise Alexander.

This morning's guests

Rob Hickey, RV City Manager, and Lorelyn Hectman of the Food Pantry join us. Jim Lira is heckled as being a visiting Rotarian from the Sunrise Club, in Palm Desert.

Celebration

Secretary McCracken announces Wayne Woodward is celebrating his 39th Birthday (wink). Wayne claims that he woke up and celebrated by dropping down for 100 pushups.

Announcements and correspondence

Pres. Jim asks us who said, "It's sometimes easier to beg forgiveness than to ask permission?" In concert, everyone exclaims, "Derek!"

Jimmy Mac attended the Booster Club fundraiser and reports it was a great success, with Chris and Michelle Mingay winning the \$1K raffle. And, of course, Eddie Woodruff comes out of retirement to cook.

President Elect Dan announces that the Golf Tournament is coming along like peanut butter and jelly. They're holding meetings and rounding up contacts. Mark your calendar for May 10.

Tom Donnelly advises that the Scholarship Program is "looking great," and that Danny has volunteered for the committee. Hector graciously jumps on board as well, and offers to bring whiskey to their first meeting on Monday, 5:30 p. m. at Foster's. Secretary McCracken



Jim Mac pinch hits for Kelley while sporting a dual-edged gavel and stylish hat, gifts from Dr. Ted's London trip.

reminds members to review the 2017 Club Roster he sent this week, and to offer any corrections. Further, he emphasizes that the roster is for Members only.

Student report

Student Rotarians Josie Hamilton, Carlin Cline, and Holly Witcraft toughed-out the weather to attend Rotary. JV and Varsity Boys' Basketball lost their games, as did the girls. Girls' Soccer pulled off a win on Monday, but lost their games on Tuesday and Thursday. This week will be their Vice Dance, and Battle of the Sexes Rally. Josie exclaims that the girls will win! They announce that the big deadline for the color 75-page

yearbook is February 14. If you want an ad, inquire now.

Jimmy Mac highlights the power of the Interact Club; he appreciates the students' efforts and hopes they'll keep in touch with Rotary as they grow. We give them a warm round of applause.

Brag

Jimmy Mac opens the brag session by pointing out the impressive number of articles in the Beacon that highlight Rotarians. He warmly thanks Bob for getting the word out on Rotary and our Members.



Josie Hamilton models her new hat, a gift from Dr. Ted.

Jack Krebs thanks everyone for their participation in his 90th birthday, which was an enormous success. Jack donates \$200 to our Interact students for helping. He thanks Hale, as well, for managing the bars and suggesting that the tip money of \$93 be donated to the Food Pantry. Jack will add another \$50 and deliver it to the Pantry. Though Harvey couldn't attend, he donates to our scholarship fund. Once the accounting is complete, Jack estimates there will be \$9K in donations for RioVision

and Rio Vista Foundation. Leon, also unable to attend, steps up with \$50 for Interact and \$50 for the Scholarship Fund.

Ted returned last night from London, happily reporting that it is the most charming city he's ever visited. At the Tower of London, where Ann Boleyn was beheaded, Ted noticed other names listed. Notably an Edward and Malcolm McPherson, Scottish Highlanders who were not beheaded, but shot by a firing squad. This causes Jim to squirm. Ted buys a dual-edged gavel for President Kelly and a stylish hat. He also offers hats to Sergeant-at-Arms Josie, and our Rio Rotarian Editor Bob Bard. He then fines himself \$100.

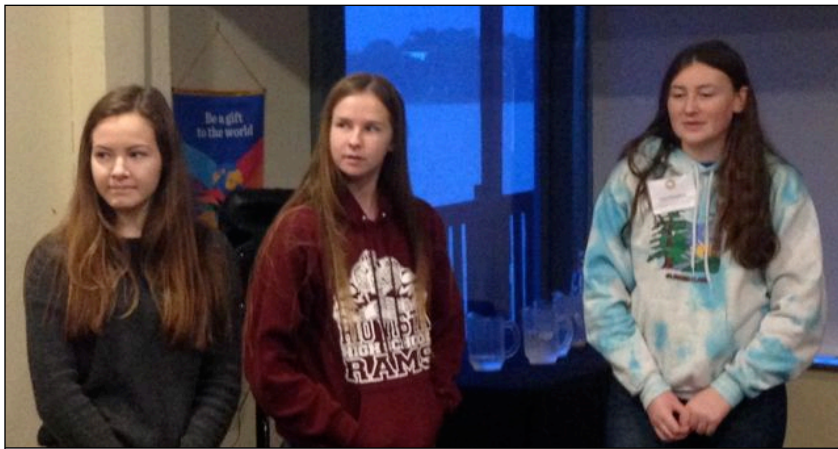
Jim Lira admits to being down south. He made new friends, and shot a 79 on the course. He then spends a few moments speaking about what wonderful people Stew and Bob Bruce were. He donates \$50 to the scholarship fund and \$50 to the general fund. Jimmy Mac jumps in to tell more glowing stories of Stew and the impact he had on his life. He offers \$100 to the scholarship fund.

Tim Kubli calls-out Lee Williams for showing up late. Lee spins the wheel and is fined a mere \$2. Next, Jimmy Mac is snatched-on for not wearing his badge—he spins and adds \$5 to his other donations.

The Coin is auctioned, and after a few rounds Eddie slams the door shut on Jon Blegen with a \$100 bid.

Program

The Cub's first choice for a program was Sheriff Tom Ferrari, but he was called down to SoCal for a meeting, following the arrest of 474 persons involved in a sex trafficking ring. So, by popular demand, Cub presents a slide show covering his fabu-



Interact members Holly Witcraft, Carlin Cline, and Josie Hamilton give the student report.

lous life's adventures, last year, and tying them all neatly into Rotary.

In January he toured southern states, including MS & AL, and went on a Jam Cruise. While in Biloxi, he attended meetings at 2 different Rotary Clubs. There, he learned that

Hurricane Katrina had moved cars over a mile away from a dealership. Folks, there, are disenchanted with the Red Cross and FEMA.

Sadly, Cub's dad, Johnny, passed away, May 15. He had advised Cub to enjoy his life and fulfill his "bucket list" A. S. A. P. Cub then waisted little time,



Lee was too busy, this morning to be on time, so he spins and coughs up \$2.



Your bulletin editor wins the raffle. Maybe he'll invest the proceeds at the lake.

traveling to Montreaux, Switzerland, to see Van Morrison, Nice, France, where they celebrate U. S. Independence Day, July 4, Switzerland, and Rome. He rode a train that travelled 220 M. P. H.

While in Rome, Cub took photos of the Colosseum, the Pantheon, and a monument featuring a bust of Paul Harris. He showed photos of Pompeii, which was swallowed by Mt. Vesuvius in 7 B. C., and he told of the Rotary Centenario of Rome, founded in 2004. The women members do most of the work, there. He also visited Florence, then headed back to Zurich.

Programus addendus *(Those aren't really words.)*

Cub brings his program to a close in a timely manner, and with us all rarin' to go and meet our

daily obligations, we respectfully and quietly pause while Lorelyn Hechtman thanks our community for their continued support of the Food Pantry.

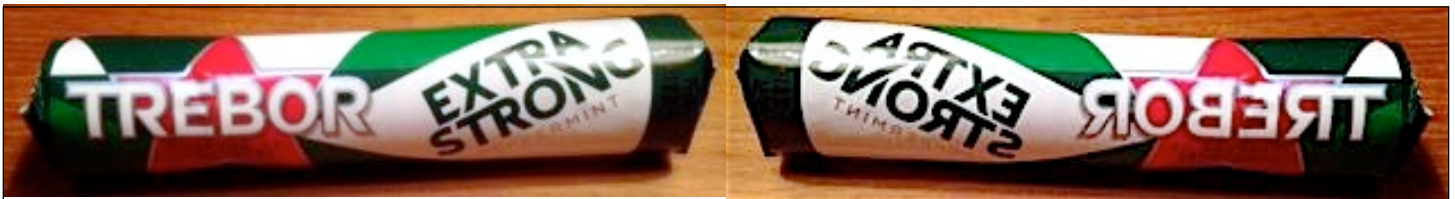
The organization, which feeds 100 people every Sunday, has continuing expenses, particularly the \$1,000 PG&E bill, which pays for running the refrigeration system to keep the food fresh. Donations

have paid for larger, safer equipment, *e. g.*, a power lift.

Proof of qualification, including 3 criteria, are necessary to qualify for receiving this charity.

The Food Pantry is located at 1105 A Airport Road, and their hours are 11:00a. m.—1:00 p. m. Monday—Friday.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
February 10, 2017	Kathy Wright, Teacher, RDUSD--Cutting Edge Electronic Teaching Methods	Don Beno
February 17, 2017	No Morning Meeting due to Charter Night, Tomorrow Evening	
Feb. 18, 2017, Evening	Charter Night at the Grand Island Winery, Evelyn Wilson--Venue Chair	Lee Williams
February 24, 2017	AFS Student from Norway	Molly Coito
March 3, 2017	I. O. T.--The Internet of Things	Dick Burkhart



Thanks, Leon, for pointing out to me that "Trebor" spelled backwards is "Robert." That's good to know.