



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

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Bob Bard, Ed

Our usual exciting opening rituals

Jim Mac lead us in "Yellow Submarine" in memory of Beatles arrival at Kennedy Airport 50 years ago.

And our guest

Gene presents his guest, today's speaker, Jason Miller of USCG. Gene is fine free, today.

Today's head scratcher

Who said, "I hold it to be the inalienable right of anybody to go to hell in his own way?" Answer, Robert Frost. No Van Ruiten, today.

Student Rotarians

Alex and Carli update us on amazing Girls and improving Boys Basketball scores. Valentines Day will bring Battle of Sexes to RVHS.

Charter Night

Tilapia or beef, your choice. What in the heck is a tilapia? Why, it's a delicious African freshwater cichlid fish. Thanks for asking. Jack has secured our speaker, P. D. G. Dave "The Rave" Dacus. Fun!

Our club aids Philippines victims

Ted presents "Rotarian" mag quiz. With winds of 195 mph and gusts up to 235 mph, Super Typhoon Haiyan, which struck the Philippines Nov. 7, is reported to be the largest storm ever recorded.

Thousands were killed and 600,000 lost their homes. Our club bought 1 of 400 ShelterBoxes for families. These boxes contain emergency supplies, such as tents, blankets, tools, gloves and water filters. The box may even be used as a cot or food locker. Mel makes poor guess regarding contents of ShelterBox. Fast Eddie aces quiz, revealing that there are over 800 Rotary Clubs in Philippines. The first club started in Manila in 1919.

Board action last week

Jim Larsen says we're looking for new meeting site, we're hoping for space to open up for 4th Camp Royal candidate, your ed. is checking feasibility of a Friday evening Rotary gathering at museum, Joe's working on Charter Night, our club's sponsoring insurance for 2 Rio Vision meetings at White School, your ed. invited Isleton Elementary students seeking sponsors for nature camping trip at Sly Park to speak at meeting. Wounded Warriors & COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors, Inc.)

Linda reports \$500 contributions and passes around

signup sheet to support families of officers killed in the line of duty.

Confessions

Jim Mac wears red every Friday to honor both RVHS athletic competitions and our troops. Today he's also wearing red because it's National Heart Disease day, Feb. 7. Jim recalls talking to his dad 20 years ago like it was yesterday, so he pays \$10 for everyone wearing a red shirt...that's \$100! Thank you, Jim.

Lee's CD sales and dissertation

- Buy Cub's demotion CD for \$10
- Feb. 21, Charter Night
- March 21, Sol. County Night of Honor
- Apr. 2, Appreciation Night
- April 24, Follow the Can
- May 2, Golf Tournament
- June, Demotion
- July 26, 2nd Annual Tequila Tasting
- Aug 23, Hog August Bites, Main St.

Program

It's great to see Chief Miller, again, after he brought his Coast Guard personnel to help at Dictionary Day. Jason was raised in a small town in Indiana, he's spent 13 years in the CG, and had to become a petty officer to be Chief at Rio Vista. He arrived, here, Oct. 22, and is it

ever great to have a good guy as chief. He and his bride are expecting, soon.

Jason talks about the state of the Coast Guard, today. New recruits are diminishing, and lots of personnel are not advancing out of their comfort zones to make room for new people. It now takes 4 or 5 years to enroll in advanced training schools.

Sadly, the number of boats is diminishing. At Rio Vista the number has diminished from 4 to 3, which is a bare minimum. Homeland Security demands knowledge of special skills for certain boats, making more, not less boats necessary for proper training.

When it is mentioned that Jason is a Lion, he quips that when he was in high school, Rotary never invited him to a meeting, but Lions did. Jason is a strong supporter of our town because he feels that a thriving city is necessary to maintain a successful Coast Guard Station. Ted gives him a jar of wild huckleberry jam.

50/50 raffle

Jack's ticket is drawn, but he picks wrong marble.

Don't forget to sign up for CHARTER NIGHT Feb. 21 at the Nines



USCG Chief Jason Miller

Former Rio Vista Rotarian, Jim Jorgensen, we wish you a speedy recovery from your recent back surgery!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, February 14	To Be Announced	Jim McPherson
Friday, February 21	Charter Night at Nines Restaurant (no morning meeting)	Joe Awender
Friday, February 28	To Be Announced	Molly Coito
Friday, March 7	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
Friday, March 14	To Be Announced	Wayne Woodward