

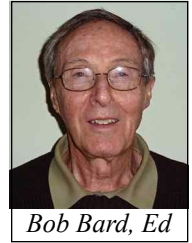
Having fun helping others...“watering the rosebuds”

THE RÍO Rotarian

If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, of what, then, is an empty desk a sign? A. Einstein

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Bob Bard, Ed



Enjoying lunch, yesterday, with Neil Hamilton at his new digs, Atria Bayside Landing in Stockton, are (from left) Jim Larsen, Ken Wudel, Jim McPherson, Neil, Kurt Feeter and Bob Bard.

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for comprehensive, readable rundown of Rotary finances.

Career Day at RVHS, Wed. Feb. 18

Your ed. describes coming event co-sponsored by R. V. Foundation to introduce students to various careers. Former RVHS students will discuss pathways to, and descriptions of their respective careers.

Booster Club Dinner-Dance

Molly happily reports Jan. 31 Booster Club event is sold out!

Dixon Rotary Crab Feed, Sat. Feb. 28

Then, Molly says she'll attend Dixon event 'cause she works at Dixon bank, and some Dixon Rotarians support us.

Major milestone

Jack has his 88th birthday, tomorrow. (Neil has about year on him, though.)

Lunch with Neil—yes, it was a free lunch!

I helped Evelyn, who is under the weather, to organize a lunch with Neil at his new residence in Stockton. Those of us who went enjoyed a great lunch and conversation with Neil, who shared with us his compendium of Rio Vista history.

Student Rotarians report

Dylan, Sarah and Maria say dance was cancelled due to lack of funds. Kelley says next time (maybe the Prom) let us know,



In the foreground are the gracious ladies who served us with excellence (from left) Teresa Delgado and Aron Alexander.

We open to the melodious sounds of the...gavel?

We start with a dull, cacophonous thud.

And the winner is...your editor

After vowing to not hog the lyrics quizzes anymore, we just got caught up in the excitement, yelled, "The Big Rock Candy Mountain," and won a marvelous McPherson Crane & Rigging pocket knife with knife, saw, fish scaler, scissors, 2 bottle cap openers, cork screw, finger nail cleaner with file, 2 awls, phillips and regular screw drivers, plus key ring. Wow! Thank you, Jim Mac!

Guests

Harvey accompanies Cole; Ken greets past Rotarian Pres. Kurt Feeter; Hector welcomes daughter, Alyssa; Cub brings Abel man, Anthony Wong, notably dressed like his hero, Cub.

Announcements: The Gene screen

Gene's so ecstatic when he finds his irreplaceable screen, that he consumes formidable meal (see below).

Extra, extra read all about it

Sec'y. Jim admonishes, see pg. 53 of *Rotarian* mag.

and we'll help. She adds that we'll let them dance, no matter what Don says. Showcase, today, for students with 3.1+ GPA. Dylan says Bradshaw is impossible to beat in any sport. Interact will distribute boxes around town for fundraiser to collect clothing.

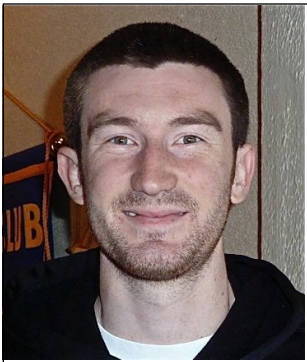
Fine-free brags

Lee brags on Delta Dollar Store, assuring us that the coming Family Dollar Store will be vastly inferior. Kelley says competition is good, suggesting that plans are in the works for Delta Dollar Store supremacy.

GO KELLEY! RAH!

Confessions

Evidently, your editor put his wallet in his golfing buddy's bag, thinking it was his own bag. When he later went to retrieve his wallet, it wasn't in his bag. The next day, he reported the missing wallet to all appropriate parties. His buddy called him the following day, with great news...he found the wallet in his buddy's bag. We throw ourself on Pres. Jim's and Sgt.-at-Arms, Danny's mercy and pay \$10. Whew!



Camp Royal Rep Cole Felt, Past Pres Kurt Feeter, Future Pres Greg Bowman

Gene Resler's breakfast looks GREAT!

Hector volunteers to confess after your ed. does, because we always set the standard quite high on fines. (\$10—Whew!) He and Stephanie attend Suisun Firefighters Crab Feed; he wins 175 piece tool set (but can't use it, since he's management), carryon luggage bag and a "substantial" amount of money that went toward 5-piece bedroom set for Alyssa. He says he has \$5 left, but he puts \$50 for PHF. Always helpful, Tim says Hector must request IRS Form 1099 for such a large prize.

Lee lauds Robert for Crab Feed at Fosters, last night. He says wife won laptop, and he pays \$10. He also spends weekend in Reno on County Fair business, wins \$200 at Roulette and loses it all playing poker.

Our club donated \$500 to the third graders to attend Ag Day at the Fair to learn about agriculture. Funds will defray transportation expenses.

Mel retires

After 36 years of dental practice, 11 of them in Rio Vista, Dr. Mel is selling his practice; this is his last week.

We know the feeling. Your editor practiced 4 years in Portland, 18 in Rio Vista, and 10 years part time in clinics in Fairfield, Vacaville, Sacramento and Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center. Then, my son, Jim, and I built the duplex on St. Joseph St. and Tavares Ct.

Program

Hector was notified last night that his speaker cancelled. So, Pres. Jim resourcefully calls upon club members to present mini-programs.

First up, Cole Felt

Cole arranges transportation for Camp Royal students. He utilizes online registration to facilitate

process. Cole is looking for volunteers to help run the program. He must coordinate the various individual needs of 150 campers each summer. He says they could use more living facilities, called "platforms" to accommodate more campers. He invites each of us to visit the camp for one day.

Second up, Chief Greg Bowman

Greg discusses Prop. 47, the "Safe Neighborhoods" Act. Unfortunately, the measure passed, and now our neighborhoods are actually less safe. The money saved by releasing and not convicting those who commit less serious crimes is not effectively being used to rehabilitate the criminals. The new law has placed severe constraints on law enforcement personnel. The measure was mislabeled, resulting in its approval by the electorate.

Chamber Dinner

Support your Chamber of Commerce. Dinner tickets for Friday, Feb. 20, available at Pets 4 All or Chamber office.

Tequila Y Más

Hector says 7 volunteers are needed to chair committees for this year's event, or we won't do it again. It raised enough for 6 scholarships of \$1,000 last year.

Gil's bridge update

Mokelumne River Bridge will be closed to boat traffic April 6—July 31. Vehicular traffic will be one-way during this period, except for 2 weekends.

50/50 raffle

Hale's ticket is drawn, but Hale doesn't draw the winning marble. So sad!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u> | <u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u> |
|---------------------|---|----------------------|
| Friday, January 30 | Club Assembly | Pres. Jim McPherson |
| Friday, February 6 | Humane Animal Services in Solano County | Eileen Kennedy |
| Friday, February 13 | Rio Vista Mayor Norm Richardson | Walt Stanish |
| Friday, February 20 | John Noe, D. D. S.—Rotaplast | Gene Resler |
| Friday, February 27 | AFS Students: Nikola Heidemann, Germany & Gabriel Caseta, | Molly Coito |