

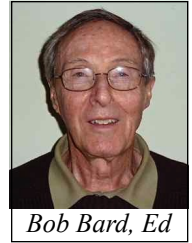
Having fun helping others...“watering the rosebuds”

THE RÍO Rotarian

Knowledge is realizing that the street is one-way, wisdom is looking both directions.

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Bob Bard, Ed

In Memorium

We pause for a moment of silence for former RVHS Coach Ted Dunbar.

Lyrics quiz

Thank goodness Evelyn was able to recall the Platters, “My Prayer.” Your editor used to hear that song while driving his cousin’s ’57 Corvette...in 1957!

Our guests

Jack greets Raúl, Hector welcomes Interact Veep, Alyssa, and poker winner, Stephanie, Greg presents Fire Chief, Alan Hartford, Harvey greets Cole.

Demotion

Ted had an announcement, but he left because he couldn’t find a chair.

Luncheon for Neil

Evelyn reminds us: we’ll visit Neil on Wed., Jan 21.

Student Report

Dylan Coito reports on his studies at Santa Barbara City College. When he says he’s never attended Rotary breakfast at the Point, Cub explains that’s because he wasn’t born yet. His curriculum is heavy on environmental and social sciences, and he has all A’s & B’s.

Thursday night poker

Kelley reports on tournament: 3-girl winners, Stephanie, Kelley G, and Felicia McGahey, but no points!

Annual Booster Club Dinner Dance fundraiser

Molly is ticket salesperson; tickets are \$75, Sat., Jan. 31. Band: Slippery Pickles. See Molly by Jan. 28, before she leaves on 1½ week trip out of the country!



Sid Leutholtz, PM, Ben Ali Shrine Chief Rabban

New Paul Harris Fellows

Pres. Jim presents PHF awards to 2 of your editor’s grandsons, Griffin Misquitta (Cathi’s younger son) and Jameson Bard (Jimmy’s son), Pres. Jim Mac’s grandson, Rotary Steel, Stephanie De La Rosa. Tim Kubli receives PHF+2.

Our most mature member

Pres. Jim reports that Dick Brann turned 98 on Xmas eve. Happy Birthday, Dick! Wow!

Lira’s remodel

Jim Lira reports he’s “out of the loop,” regarding store’s face lift; the kids did it all. Next up, redoing the store’s insides.

Mel’s mountain madness

When Mel’s truck got stuck over the holidays in the mountain wilderness at 8,000’, he had a great adventure demonstrating what navy SEALs are made of. He proved that he could walk about 20 miles, lost in the freezing forest with no supplies or camping and hiking gear, using sheer guts and discipline, and not die trying. (Don’t forget, he’s 89.) Mel thanks Lee Williams and Brad Caine for helping him rescue his truck. He paid \$270 for taxi ride back from ranger station, and donates \$250 for Lee’s daughter’s PHF. He plans to thank Brad. Next time, Mel will tell his wife, first, so that she doesn’t file another missing persons report. Neat vacation.

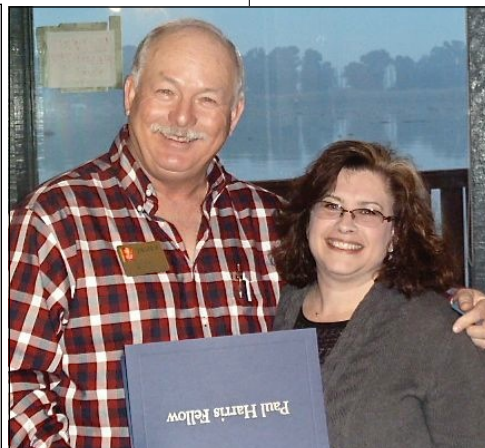
Congratulations, Mel, we knew you could do it! Better go soak your feet, now. Get a new GPS.

Jack has new great grandchild (that makes 4)

He gives \$50 to general fund, wasn’t told kid’s name.



Pres. Jim presents PHF’s for Bob’s grandsons, Griffin Misquitta and Jameson Bard.



Stephanie De La Rosa receives Paul Harris Fellowship award from Pres. Jim. Oops, award’s upside down.



Tim Kubli receives PHF+2 from Pres. Jim. Kudos to Sec’y. Jim Larsen for facilitating distribution of PHF’s.

Confessions

Betty and Larry enjoy New Year's Las Vegas trip. They somehow manage to stay up to 12:30 a. m. and ring in the New Year. She gives \$20 to TIP411.

Wayne performs radical realignment on his vehicle utilizing very poorly located light pole at BART lot. Didn't do the light pole a whole lot of good, either. He took wife and her daughter on 7-day Caribbean cruise; won jackpot. Pres. Jim levies \$500 fine. Wayne gleefully waves medallion and sits down.

Hale & Sue also visit Caribbean, visiting 4 countries you've never heard of. He gives \$50 to Riverview Washington, D. C. trip.

Derek Jones takes Xmas trip, visits 5 dog parks, gets good weather, and contributes to general fund.

Jim Lira visits Las Vegas, gives \$50 to Riverview Washington, D. C. trip.

Milestones

Club memberships: Robert (1 year), Ken (19 years), Hank (54 years), Neil (46 years), Harvey (42 years), Danny (2 years); Birthdays: Dick Brann (98 years), Walt.

Program

Betty introduces our speaker, Sid Leutholtz, whose parents built the Rio Sands Hotel in 1964. Sid is the 2015 Potentate-Elect for the Ben Ali Shriners. He talks about the Shriners Children's Hospital in Sacramento.

Sid, who lives in Lodi, reminisces about Rio Vista, recalling such old time Rio Vistans as Harvey, Hank, Evelyn, Jim Lira and Betty. He shows us a video telling about the works of all Shriners Children's Hospitals.

These hospitals not only treat kids in a comfortable, non-threatening environment using the latest technologies, but they also conduct vigorous research and development programs geared specifically for their youthful patients. There are 22 such hospitals, here, in the U. S., with the Sacramento facility being their flagship unit.

The Shriners raise the money to pay for these hospitals, with insurance companies footing a portion of the bill. Operational costs for all of the hospitals are \$850M/year, with Sacramento costing \$57M/year.

50/50 Raffle

Edwin has lucky ticket, but draws unlucky marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
Friday, January 16	Bret Burkhart: "The Life of a Radio News Anchor"	Dick Brukhart
Friday, January 16	Board meeting following regular meeting	Pres. Jim McPherson
Wednesday, January 21	Lunch with Neil Hamilton	Evelyn Wilson
Friday, January 23	T. B. A.	Hector De La Rosa
Friday, January 30	Club Assembly	Pres. Jim McPherson