



"There is no path to happiness: happiness is the path."

—BUDDHA



HELENE MADERE BRIDGE

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



Ding dong the bell is back

Somewhat the worse for wear, the naughty, itinerant bell has returned! So, we pledge, pray and sing.

Welcome, visitors

Tim welcomes our guest speakers, Marissa Medders and Chris Drake, park rangers; Kelley welcomes a grizzly Ed Kingen.

Announcements--board actions

Our board voted to send 5 students to Camp Royal, this summer. We're considering holding Charter Night at the Grand Island Winery. The board also discussed Appreciation Night, possibly March or April at Montezuma F. D.

More welcomes

Danny welcomes Gordon Whiting of KRVH, Kelley greets Patrick Byron.

Committee announcements

Danny will have a full report (maybe for Appreciation Night) in 2 weeks. Ted receives permission to order 96 dictionaries for fourth grade classes. Wayne passes out Program assignments, and Kelley says let Bob know who your program is so that he doesn't drive me crazy. *Humph!*

Please trade program dates with other Rotarians if your assigned date doesn't work for you, but let Wayne know, if you do so. Wayne is the Program Chair, not me.)

Milestones

Cole Felt will be 25 on Jan. 18. Betty and Wayne celebrate 14 glorious years in Rotary.

Guest

We're delighted to greet our guest, Cheyanne.

And a thank you...

Kelley reads a nice letter from Audrey Francis, to whom we presented a scholarship to U. C. Irvine.

Student Rotarians' Report

School's in session again! Rallies held to choose classes for next year, Basketball, today, at San Juan, they lost the last 2 games, more players needed, Girls Soccer lost their last games, swim conditioning and golf are starting, Literature first period was "rough." They had to read *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *Genesis*, *Mathew*, & *Revelations* for Bible.

College Report

Molly & Cheyanne report. Cheyanne loves S. J. S., but housing's expensive; she passed all her classes, next semester it's Chemistry, Biology, 2 communication classes, and Intermediate Volleyball. Molly aced her final and got

an A in Financial Accounting, completing her first year. J Mac "innocently" asks if she also played Volleyball, to which she attests that she didn't have time, as she's working 2 jobs.

Confessions

Leon "lost" his badge; it wasn't in the box. But, he recalls that he took it home, so he graciously gives \$20 to the Dictionary Fund and \$20 to the General Fund, to which J Mac thoughtfully offers, "Take it home, again."

Cub walks in, spins, lands on \$2 spot that says, "Help Pres. set up next meeting." He pays \$10, instead.

J Mac experiences *cellphonus interruptus*, ignores spin, pays \$10.

Badge-less Gary generously donates \$25 to Interact.

"I" Program--Patrick Byron

Patrick has lived in Rio Vista most of his life. He graduated RVHS in 2002, then went to work for DryVac. From there he went into design, manufacture and installation of countertops while attending school part-time. After a few years he started installing armor on military vehicles.

He got a job in a Stockton company called Specialty Precision Machining, where he made parts for lab testing machines in the oil fields. Then, he went to work for Tesla in their machine shop in Lathrop. He transferred out of machining because he has severe hemophilia, and he now works with a small medical cannabis collective. He is looking into other fields, now, as working all day on his feet is not sustainable, due to health concerns.

He's been dating his girlfriend 4 or 5 years and says he probably should be married, now. Of course, since they met on a leap year, there's only been 1 anniversary since they met, and that's not a very long engagement.

He loves fantasy football, he can still ski, hunt, fish and camp a little. His family is the defending champs for the local Chili Cook-off.

Pat left town in his early 20's but returned a year ago and bought a small home on Logan. He really appreciates living here in a small community.

Wayne rudely asks Pat if his hairline is similar to J Mac's due to cannabis use. Although such a spurious question is best left unanswered, Pat claims that both of his grandfathers had similar hairlines.

Pat enjoys artistic endeavors, particularly drawing and mixed media. He does graphics and abstract design.



Kelley presents a \$1,000 donation check for radio station KRVH to Gordon Whiting.



Marissa Medders and Chris Drake discuss Sandy Beach County Park.



Interact members report, above, from left, Chris Galeno, Josie Hamilton, Casie Mortimore, and Abel Zapien.

Rio Vista Rotary donates \$1,000 to Radio Rio KRVH

Kelley introduces Gordon Whiting, who is an advisor to KRVH, our high school radio station. They're on the air 24/7 because the station's automated. They play music from the 50's to contemporary styles. The station was started 44 years ago, and it's run by students.

A student vocation program, there, is currently being revitalized. Companies like Tesla hire Broadcast majors to work on podcasts and broadcasts that disseminate product information and market the company's products. Students acquire broadcast skills and build their confidence under under Gordon's tutelage.

This year, 30 students signed up for Radio Club. Club members go on the air twice a week and learn to overcome their fears. Club activities now include broadcasting at Rams Football games, keeping members engaged after academic classes are dismissed.

Gordon spent many years as a radio producer. He was in the film business for 18 years working for the Saul Zaentz Co. in Berkeley, where they won 3 Best Picture Oscars and made all of the *Lord of the Rings* movies. He's lived in Rio Vista a year and a half, and his son attends RVHS. He thanks Dan for inviting him here, today.

Hector asks if his son, Gabe, is lying when he says he works hard at KRVH. Gordon affirms he's telling the truth. Gordon says many kids, now, don't have radios; they use their phones, instead. So, Gordon's working on providing streaming capabilities at the station, so that the students can receive KRVH programs on their phones. Gordon appreciates positive feedback from the listeners, as that motivates student broadcasters to participate and hone their skills.

Kelley presents a check for \$1,000 to Gordon in support of Radio Rio and the improvements he envisions.

Program--Rangers at Sandy Beach

Tim introduces Marissa Medders, head Park Ranger at Sandy Beach County Park, and Chris Drake, Solano County Parks Manager. Chris and Marissa have each worked for the County Park Service for about 10 years, and Chris worked at Sandy Beach for 8 years.

Sandy Beach Park covers 38 acres and requires lots of time and energy to operate and maintain. The rangers are stewards of the land. They are charged with providing a safe environment while preserving the land. Solano county parks host 184,000 visitors each year, with Sandy Beach being the park most utilized and bringing in the most revenue. The other parks are Fellows Landing on Grizzly Is. Rd., Lynch Canyon off the I-80 corridor, and Lake Solano, about 5 miles west of Winters.

A total of 6 rangers run the 4 parks, with the total workers numbering 14 when students are hired during the summer. Activities at the parks consist of camping, picnicking, fishing, boating, hiking, biking, horseback riding (bring our own horse), interpretive events, educational trips, and special events.

The number of visitors rises each year, and the system is close to capacity during the summer. In fact, they must close the day use facilities, often, at Sandy Beach during the summer because the park is filled to capacity.

Marissa used to work at Sandy Beach during the summers when she was in high school, and she's been working there full time ever since she graduated from college. As a ranger she learned to work with people, help kids who volunteer to do cleanup work, work with the Watersheds Explorers program, and provide an educational program for kids.

50/50 raffle

With very few marbles left, J Mac is the BIG WINNER.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
January 20, 2017	Marleen Maltby/Mrs. Solano County--Rotary Play for All Park	Bob Bard
January 27, 2017	Camp Royal Video	Bob Bard
February 3, 2017	To Be Announced	Derek Abel
February 10, 2017	Kathy Wright, Teacher, RDUSD--Cutting Edge Teaching Methods	Don Beno
February 17, 2017	To Be Announced	Jon Blegen