



# THE RIO

"If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there."

—WILL ROGERS



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

# Rotarian

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



## We remember victims of Nice, France tragedy

Following a dull thud of gavel on table, (what, the bell is already missing?) Kelley requests a moment of silence prior to opening rituals, then she asks who said, "If my mind can conceive it and my heart can believe it, then I can achieve it?" Give up? Muhammed Ali. Gene leads us in "America the Beautiful."

## What happened to my badge?

With no badge for many a day, Gary's just a sitting duck. He must spin and pay \$2. Get that man a badge!

## Guest

Jim Lira welcomes Sue Simonsen.

## Board meeting with D. G. Fred Collignon

Board meets at Foster's, 6:00 p. m., Thursday, July 28. Please let Kelley know if you can make it.

## Hog August Bites Beer & Chicken Booths

Derek Jones passes around signup lists for each booth. He'll try to set up another ATOD meeting for us to get RBS certifications.

## Bass Derby

Possibly influenced by Dave's reporting, last year, Tom says it's doing great. (A few guffaws) Kelley says Walt picked up application, already.

## Celebrations

Jon Blegen, birthday; Past Pres. Greg, 5th Rotary Anniversary (absent, playing golf); Jim Mac offers to pay \$5 for alleged "Rio Rotarian" recognition of anniversary, which was actually celebrated by Jim Nordin, who is absent, today. Our kindly, good-hearted Pres. generously fines neither J. Mac nor the editor. *Whew, that was close!*

## Student Report

Josie says school starts Aug. 10. J. Mac says it used to start the day after Labor Day; what happened?

## Confessions

Dave decided to buy his wife, Tina, an Indian Motorcycle, and ended up buying his and hers models, claiming, of course, that he bought only his, and Tina bought hers. (Chorus of moans and groans) Al Hartford, a kindly man, fines him only \$4 (\$2 per tire.)

Jim Lira sees James Taylor Show at Tahoe, and Jim's family was awarded in presentation at Vet's Hall, Thurs. eve. He pays \$50 to General Fund.

Al brags they've sold out all 300 BBQ tickets for Hot Shots' support of 911 memorial at fire station. He lauds

RioVision for their support. They'll be minting and selling \$30 coin as additional funding source for memorial, with Shea Homes donating concrete work. Al kicks in \$25 to Gen'l. Fund.

Walt says Cindy Green and he were also recognized, along with Jim Lira, at Vets Hall, Thurs. eve, but he can't afford to match Jim's contribution, so he gives \$49.99 to Gen'l. Fund.

Kelley notes Derek's not wearing badge (he took old one home and forgot to bring new one.) He spins and pays \$2.

## Critically important announcement

J. Mac says Pres. Greg wants to do finger printing on bell, so please deliver it to him. *Like that's gonna happen.*

## Program

Your editor felt that it would be a great idea to catch our Camp Royal students as soon as possible, following their return from a week at Camp Royal, while the experience was fresh in their minds. They certainly did not disappoint. They were very punctual, showed up wearing royal blue Camp Royal shirts, and came ready to talk about their motivational experience. All had participated in making a poster thanking us for their life-changing trip.

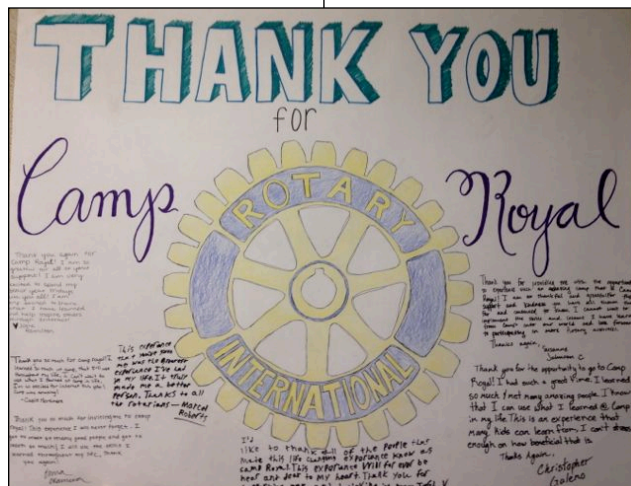
Camp Royal is a week-long annual camp held on a ranch near Weaverville in the Trinity Alps in northern CA. It is run by our Rotary District 5160, and clubs from our district are eligible to send students. The number of students depends on the number of slots available and how many students the club pays for. Campers are limited to high school students who have just completed their Junior years. The camp is a leadership training program staged in an outdoor forest setting.

The days are structured, with the kids attending

leadership seminars, participating in symbolic motivational events, and working on projects, all the while learning to interact positively with each other, trust each other, and, hopefully, develop life-long friendships.

Josh says Camp Royal teaches you self-reliance, who you are, and how to relate with other people in a manner that benefits both parties, whether you agree with them or not.

Chris says Camp Royal was amazing, and he didn't want to come back. They taught him to be himself, accept others and



Each Camp Royal student contributed to this large poster in appreciation for their enlightening experience.



Camp Royal campers, from left: Josh Vieira, Chris Galeno, Susanne Johnson, Emma Okamura, Casie Mortimore, & Josie Hamilton

interact with them as they are.

Susanne says this was not just a summer camp you might expect; she learned many life lessons to implement from the amazing speakers, there, mainly, to be true to yourself.

Emma really had a good time at Camp Royal. So many people were supportive and friendly, so that she felt really comfortable, there. She learned a lot of life lessons.

Casie says camp was amazing, and everyone was very genuine. It was nice to be accepted by everyone, and she learned a lot.

Josie learned that you can't lead others till you really know who you are. Only then, will you be ready to deal with others.

Here are the students' aspirations: Josh: a little undecided at the moment; Chris: UC Davis, Business or Finance, something with math; Susanne: UC Davis or Cal Poly, Biochemistry or Pharmaceutical Chemistry; Emma: USC, NYU or Boston; Casie: undecided on which college (J Mac suggests Delta); Josie: OSU, Ag Business, then Notre Dame, Law. Quite obviously, these kids are not just your run of the mill students.

Our Interactors have plans to visit Senior Center Friday, July 29, bake cookies and interact with Seniors. Susanne hopes that they can make it a regular activity, as the Seniors appreciate seeing and talking to youngsters.

Gary asks if the RVHS students stick together or mingle with others. The campers explain that although they stay together at first, they're broken up into platform (living) groups and, with the help of "ice breakers" when they arrive, they soon make new friends and best buds. The other students, there, are phenomenal people and everyone quickly "breaks out," with the encouragement of the speakers/counsellors.

They discuss the Rope Course, the 14' Wall where they rely on and trust each other, the Breaking of the Board where they punch through barriers, and the Flying Squirrel where they pull people up in harnesses. Each activity has a symbolic meaning. Since the Wall (representing a difficult achievement in life) is too high to climb, you must work as a team to help each other conquer it.

During the evening the campers sit around a fire and entertain each other, telling scary stories and playing musical instruments.

Josie says a Vietnamese nurse named Cho, a sweet lady, advises that you should eliminate a negative outlook on life. If a driver cuts you off, stay calm, keep smiling. Josh says he learned to stand up for himself, be open and not feel shunned. Cheyanne, who attended camp last year, still visits with camp friends on social media, where they give each other advice.

#### 50/50 Raffle

Gil has right ticket, draws wrong marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, July 22	2015 Fire Season	Dan Schindler
Friday, July 29	District Governor Fred Collignon	Kelley Graupensperger
Friday, August 5	Golf Tournament Slide Show, Rotary Foundation Video	Bob Bard
Friday, August 12	Alan Hartford talks on Cuba	Alan Hartford
Friday, August 19	To Be Announced	Greg Bowman