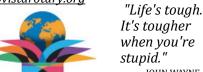
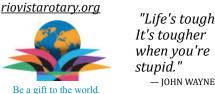
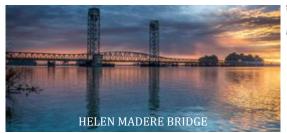
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Nancy Vogel speaks on impact

of twin tunnels project.

Rotarían "Having fun helping others... waterina the rosebuds" —DR. TED SCHULZ



Bob Bard, Ed.

Clang, clang!

What was that? Is the bell back? Where is it? For that matter, where is everybody?

We've got high friends in Rotary places

We pledge, pray, and murder a popular piece of country music.

It's been a very good year

The crowd chants "Battle Hymn of the Republic" as Pres. Greg waxes nostalgic while presiding at his final meeting. He vows to levy \$25 fine on all who dare to mock his oratory. Then Jim Mac reads text from Kelley, saying she took a job in Las Vegas, so Greg will have one more term. Greg informs Jim that his car just got towed.

Guests

Gil presents friends from Walnut Grove, Emily Pappalardo, and John Lewallen.

Demotion

Party's at Sue's house, 105 Edgewater Dr., 6:00 p. m., Sat., June 25. Jim Mac passes around signup sheet and suggests that Greg bring the gavel and bell. Greg looks in vain for his good buddy, Richard "Dick" Head. **Milestones**

Betty's not here for birthday or wedding anniversary, Hector, Jim Lira and Lee have wedding anniversary. Student report

Kids are at Camp Royal, this week. Where in the world is Gary's badge?

This morning, he's wearing Cole's badge. Al says it'll be a "single" fine, and someone says there may be no garbage pickup at the firehouse. Greg threatens a new toll on garbage trucks in town to balance things out. Wayne's had no traffic fines in "quite a while."

He says his lawyer, **not** Jon Blegen, took care of it. Jon suggests Wayne keep quiet once in a while and not incriminate himself.

Due to unforeseen circumstances...

Ted says he'll pay \$100 fine because he won't be at the demotion and won't be able to be in the play. Greg's ears suddenly perk up. "I'm a little confused. According to Mr. McPherson this was a very quiet..." And the cat's out of the bag, but the show must go on. Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Edwin Okamura expresses gratitude

He thanks club for sending Emma to Camp Royal, and donates last week's 50/50 Raffle winnings (\$67.00) back to General Fund. Thank you, Edwin! J. Mac chimes in with this reassuring remark, "You'll still get a 1099... that's 2/3 of \$100." Cub says, "Look at the math on this

guy!" Jim boasts, "RVHS, Class of 1978." Cub retorts, "Birth year, 1978."

There's a dry spa at the pharmacy

Wayne lauds Ken's conservation efforts honoring Jerry Brown, but says he'll fill it up for \$2 on his way home. Dave's 50GASSER

When he applies for new vanity plate for his vintage '50 Chevy, they place his name on the Terrorist List, as DMV personnel just aren't very hip. It'll cost him \$200 in legal fees to straighten things out. J. Mac thoughtfully suggests that Dave explain he's a 50-year-old with gas. It's great to see Tom

He's back from Peru, and he'll be attending Demotion. He inquires about the whereabouts of the bell, and says he's planning 2 more trips to Peru.

Program

Dr. Ted introduces our speaker, Nancy Vogel, Deputy Secretary for Communications of the CA Natural Resources Agency. Nancy says that prior to her current position, she worked for 10 years as a reporter for the L. A. Times and Sacramento Bee.

Realizing that she's speaking to a group that may not necessarily agree with everything she says, Nancy implores, "Put yourselves in the governor's shoes," and she hopes that nobody's carrying. She says the state's been looking at water issues since the 60's, and cites the 2 central valley projects that are causing "reverse flows" through the delta and have brought about decimation of the indigenous fish population.

She describes the "Water Fix" with the twin tunnels and 3 intakes in a 5 mile stretch near Hood. She says it will be gravity-fed with a 150 ft. drop to a pumping sta-

tion south of the delta. She says the project is estimated to cost \$16B, but claims that's much less than it would cost to create an equal amount of water with any known technologies, such as conservation, recycling or desalination.

Nancy says that 2 out of 3 Californians get their water from the delta. Global warming will cause sea level to rise 5 and a half feet and impact the delta levees. There's a 62% chance of earthquake damage to the levees in the next 30



Emily Pappalardo, above, and John Lewallen (camera shy) are Gil Labrie's guests.

years. She says the levees are more like dams, as they're always holding back water.

She reassures us that the State Water Resources Control Board will maintain the quality of the water downstream of the intakes, and there will be months of hearings before the 3 intakes are okayed. Our state depends on rainfall consisting of 5 major storms per year. She says that the delta smelt will continue to decline unless the intakes are provided. The L. A. area has become more efficient with water usage and recycling, reducing their usage to 1970 levels.

During a question and answer session, Hector notes that regulatory agencies can be changed by politicians to suit their own needs. Nancy says this is an issue of trust. Hector notes that SoCal water interests have been buying NoCal properties (in the area where the twin tunnels are proposed. And, we should trust them to look out for us?)

Wayne cites many examples of central valley towns

running out of groundwater, as well as problems SoCal water interests ran into attempting to get water from San Gabriel Mountains.

Eddie Woodruff would like to see more reservoirs built to store water till needed. Since we're still utilizing methods to deliver water like the Romans did thousands of years ago, Ed Kingen believes NoCal universities and Silicon Valley engineers should be able to develop better technologies to provide water.

Jim Mac sums up our state's water issues quite succinctly when he says that the governor has "tunnel vision."

50/50 raffle

Jim Mac can't find the right marble.

Rio Vista Bridge meeting scheduled

If it takes 3 years to build a bridge, why does it take 5 years to paint it + 6 months to replace elevators? Find out at a meeting, 7:00 p. m., Wed., June 22, at City Hall.

	COMING ATTRACTIONS	
<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	PROGRAM CHAIR
Saturday, June 25	Demotion at Sue Simonsen Mortimore's, 6:00 p. m: 105 Edgewater Dr., Rio Vista	Jim McPherson
Friday, July 1	No meeting, today (Holiday Weekend)	Happy Fourth
Friday, July 8	The Honor Flight Network	Jim McCracken
Friday, July 15	Camp Royal Students	Bob Bard
Friday, July 22	2015 Fire Season	Dan Schindler