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"Keep your words both soft and tender; tomorrow you may have to eat them."
ANDY ROONEY



MADERE BRIDGE

Rotarian

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

DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



McPherson's last stand

Pres. Jim conducts his very last meeting unable to conceal his mixed emotions...happiness and joy.

We wish Purdy & Betty's mom well

Pres. Jim's invocation directs our thoughts toward Prudy Lazdowski (eye surgery) and Betty's mom's surgery.

One of his toughest quizzies

We know the lyrics but can't place them...Sinatra's 1969 hit, "My Way."

Where in the world is Dan Schindler?

Jamie is the lady of the hour, as she takes over Danny's ticket sales duties.

Draft budget ready for board action

Derek Jones tells board members to pick up copies before they leave.

Tequila Y Más

It's 5 weeks away, and Hector has 8 vendors lined up. Committee meets at Hector's house next Monday, 7:00 p. m.

Bass Derby Linguica Booth

Dave proudly announces that he has everything under control.

Pres. Jim's imminent, ignominious Demotion

Dr. Ted needs more actors & actresses and calls a short meeting following our regular business meeting. Script reading will be at Foster's, Wednesday, then final rehearsal, Thursday, at the Point. Social: Sue Mortimore Simonsen's, 105 Edgewater Dr., 5:30, Beer & Wine; 6:30 will mark Pres. Jim's long heralded departure for fantastic adventure paddle cruise down the river to the Point.

Milestones

Lee, Jim Lira and Hector have wedding anniversaries, Eileen, Jim Nordin, Lee and Jack have club anniversaries; Eddie has birthday.

Historic Student Rotarian Report (1979)

Lee (class of '79) says RVHS finally got rid of class of '78 (Pres. Jim's class), Mr. Felt kept teaching, somebody (JMCP) did burnout on painted street intersection in front of school when Lee graduated; after Lee left, Rams football team made playoffs (first time in many years.)

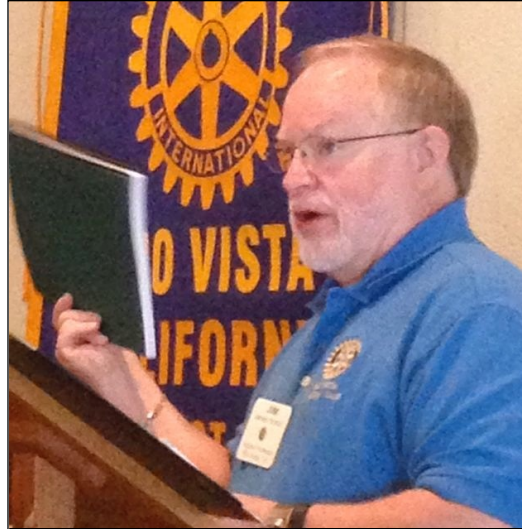
Ultimate quiz for ultimate Warriors flag

How many Corvettes has Jim Lira owned in his lifetime? Answer: 7. Evelyn's the big winner! Some wise guy just has to ask, "How many had real engines?"

Fine-free bragging

Somewhat reluctantly, Hank tells of being honored at Giants game for his WWII service—landing and holding Omaha Beach over 20-day period.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, HANK!



Jim Nordin proudly displays next year's city budget and discusses finances.

License & registration debacle

Tim relates tale of frustration as his son-in-law attempted to get paperwork completed on new vehicle. After many months of attempting to receive license for new car, he accidentally found the license plate hiding under vehicle agency's attractive advertisement cleverly installed in auto's license plate frame. The license was there all along! Nice going, fellas. Much abashed, Derek fines himself \$10.

Thank you, Aldo!

For about 5 months our club's been enjoying spacious, comfortable digs and delicious meals under the scrutiny of restaurant

manager, Aldo Ramos. Pres. Jim presents a memento medallion to Aldo in appreciation for his excellence in service.

Confessions

Al says he really appreciates our club's hard work to serve our community, and he presents our Pres. with a memento coin honoring him. Then, he gives \$100 to PHF. This unexpected gift prompts Jim to ask Greg, "Does the Police Dep't. have any coins, now?" Greg says yes, they have a hole and come on a bracelet (maybe not the kind of gift Jim really wants.) Jack admonishes Al that our tradition is to praise the Pres. before, not after, his term.

Jim praises our town for historical support of those in need, even going to far as to compliment Lions, prompting Hale to say, "He's really worried about demotion."

Wayne talks about teaching songs to his employee fresh out of high school, Jim Mac. Then, he says he forgot Al's name at Endive event, asked 3 others but they couldn't remember. Jim Mac describes indelicate lesson he learned working for Wayne on how to pick up 3 guys with one hand. Wayne quickly gives \$20 to General Fund.

Program

Pres. Jim asks, "Where's Donna?" Our program chair, Jim Nordin, says City Hall's closed, today. Employees work 80 hours in 9 days: 8 days of 9 hours plus 1 day of 8 hours, giving them a 10th day (Friday) off. Donna's day off is today, so Jim fills in for her. Jim, who serves as our City Treasurer, presents a talk on our city's draft budget.

While our auditors used to make 100 adjustments

in our books, this year under Donna Lee's watch, the auditors needed no such adjustments, making our city look better, and providing the Council with much more accurate information.

While we are now caught up and current with our audits (no more than 6 months following fiscal year), we've recently been 21 months behind. Pres. Jim chimes in, "Maybe they should work Fridays, huh?"

Unfortunately, errors are still being made at the entry level, but our accountants are catching them before they get into our financial statements.

Rio Vista's financial picture isn't rosy; the City lost 43% of revenue 7 years ago with the housing market crash. Then, Measure O saved us with a ¾ cent sales tax for 5 years, ending furloughs and filling vacant positions. The first of these funds arrived in June, 2013. The City was urged to use them for one-time expenses, but they were used for salary increases. In 2014 salary expenses increased by \$1M, most of which is attributable to pay raises, filling positions and taking people off furlough. But, revenues increased by \$600K, putting us \$400K in the hole. Without Measure O our deficit would now be \$872K, but it's actually \$216K in the General Fund.

Up to 2015 the city paid 100% of employees' benefits (PERS, Social Security, Medicare and medical.) It was the only city in CA to do that. Following a new settlement, all employees are paying their full PERS, and 1¼% of their Social Security and Medicare. Next year, it will go up to 2½%, with the ultimate goal that employees will eventually pay their full share.

PERS is an unfunded liability, but the city is funding it at 19% + \$175K annual "catch up" fee. Between giving employees pay raises and requiring them to pay their share of PERS, the city will receive a net increase in revenues. The year ending 2016 will have a small surplus, but the year ending 2017 will have a small deficit, including Measure O funds. The following year, Measure O expires, and we'll lose revenues of about \$656K.

With improved bookkeeping procedures, the city is able to be much more proactive in utilizing all special funds for their intended purposes, leaving general funds untouched. Jim is hopeful that city will endorse a new 5-year measure similar to Measure O when it expires.

The city gets ¼ of the property taxes; the county and state get the rest. When a house sells, the city waits 1 year before it gets its share. Jim's suggestion: the city

needs to sell its property that will generate retail sales tax.

The total city budget is \$5.5M. That breaks down to \$1,300/year or \$115/month/house for police, fire & streets.

Jim's take on city finances: "This is really an interesting problem, but I don't have any idea what to do about it."

50/50 Raffle

Jack draws the winning ticket, but nobody has it...that is, until Jamie checks out the tickets she sold herself. There are very, very few marbles left. She draws: wrong marble! How sad.

That pot must be growing by leaps and bounds, by now.



Hi Bob. Jimmy Mac gave me a week off for some R & R before handing me over to Greg B. It's been a rough Rotary year spending most of the time in a cardboard box and J Mac's tight jeans. See you at demotion. Mr Gavel.



Hi, Bobby! I came back early from my vacation to work construction. This nice man is hitting my head on nails. I've got a headache, but it feels good to be useful, again, so it's worth it. Know what I mean?

COMING ATTRACTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
Friday, June 26	Demotion: 5:30 Social at Sue's, 7:00 Dinner at Point	Dr. Ted Schulz
Friday, July 3	No Meeting—Independence Day	Uncle Sam
Friday, July 10	Cindy Bradford & Raymond C—Mission Solano/Bridges to Life Center	Jamie Wilson
Friday, July 17	Bob Macalay, STA Director of Planning/Solano County 2040 Comprehensive Transportation Plan	Transportation
Friday, July 24	TBA	Dave Greiner