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THE RÍO

"If you can't explain something simply, then you don't really understand it."

—BILL GATES, MICROSOFT



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

Rotarian

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Dick Burkhardt
Cub Editor



More Music to our ears

The clanging from the old shipwreck (impostor) bell woke us all up. Our President/ Police Chief / City Manager opens up the meeting by asking Wayne how his right foot WAS this rainy morning. Wayne answers with the one word, "HEAVY". An eloquent grace was offered by Hale Conklin followed by the club's enthusiastic singing of "God Bless America" Gary and Jimmy Mac put arms around each other and really get patriotic.

Guests

Visiting Rotarian, Jim Coleman was introduced from the Danville Club. Hale welcomes, "one of the 7 wonders of the world" local Front Street Attorney Jon Blegen. Cub welcomes two of his sales employees, Jim Knapp and Anthony Wong.

Kelly is back from P.E.T.S (Rotary new president training).

She reports that she had a great time and learned a lot. "The weekend was enlightening, encouraging as well as scary." She is planning an exciting year to come with the theme focused on "Harmony." She forgot to get the poster from the party room so she pays a fine of \$25.00 to her Paul Harris.

Committee Reports

Kelly announces that we are having a Golf Tournament May 11. Prices are the same at \$115.00 per person and \$500. 00 if you want to be a hole sponsor. She will be looking for all the help she can get.

Celebrations

Club sings "Happy Birthday to Jamie.

Then IT Happens

Cub's cell phone goes off and disrupts the meeting. Cub spins the wheel and has to give up a raffle ticket. He chooses to give it to Birthday Girl Jamie.

Presentation

President Greg awards a Paul Harris to Jimmy Mac for his grandson. Jim points out to President Greg that his grandson's name is misspelled on the certificate.

Announcements

Our club has a new sound system donated by Mr. Derek Abel.

Secretary Jim McCracken announces that as of February 29th the Hank Simonsen Foundation and the matching program is out of funds, and the club can no longer provide matching funds for individual Paul Harris donations.

President Greg announces that this next Friday night on March 18, our club is sponsoring a table at the Solano County Fire Fighters awards banquet in Fairfield.

Derek Jones gave an update report on the proposed Community Center and said that the next meeting is scheduled for April 4th to discuss everyone's priorities of what they would like to see at a new Community Center.

Then IT Happens AGAIN

Cub's phone goes off and he has to spin again. The wheel lands on "Give one minute of advertising for your business and pay the club for the privilege". Cub says, "We service all makes and models, blah... blah...blah." But, he did say that he had such a good business year in 2015 that he is going to offer a Sting-Ray for the Golf Tournament "Hole in One" contest.

Our President says that this meeting is turning into the Derek Able Show and that with one more spin Cub gets a Hat Trick.

Student Reports

Finals Week is next week. Then, they will have Spring Break. Swim teams started competition last week. The Girls lost and the Boys won. Several of the students are doing Life Guard Training. Baseball is not going too hot right now, but they are getting better. April 2nd they play at Raley Field, and the students are selling River Cat

vouchers for \$25.00. Lee makes a special introduction of Hank Simonsen's granddaughter, Casie Mortimore, who helped give the Student Report. Hank Simonsen was a key member of our Rotary Club and was a major leader in providing our Mobile Eye Clinic, as well as the PHF matching funds program.

Confessions

Wayne was the first to stand up and confess that he and his wife went down to Long Beach to catch a cruise boat to Mexico. He said that his radar failed him while driving, and he got pulled over; he argued with the officer and still got a ticket. Jamie fines Wayne for \$74.00 which matched the speed for which he was written up.

Jimmy Mack (aka: Crane Man) gets up to confess that the Rio Vista Police knocked on his door because it was reported that he had a stolen Army Vehicle. Jim donates \$25.00 to the Police for being so understanding. Jamie gets up and gives \$40.00 to the Dictionary Fund for her 40th birthday. Edwin gets up to confess that he and his wife took a short trip to L.A. and that, not to out do Wayne, he made it from L.A. in 4.5 hours. President Greg asks what plane was he flying? He pays \$45.00 to the General Fund. Dr. Ted gets up to remind the club that we are trying to recruit a Lion Club member so we need to get the fines way down.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Program

Jim Nordin, active member and City Treasurer, gave a report on the City of Rio Vista's financial standing. Jim presents financial data over time from 2005 to 2015. The city was hit with having to pay back a PERS fund for pensions that the State should not have made available. Also, the city had to give back RDA Redevelopment funds back to the State. The city hit its peak in the year 2012. The city now is breaking even mainly because of Measure O, the ¾ cent sales tax which went into effect in 2012 and will expire in April of 2018. After that, the finances of the City are going to be very difficult. Fasten your seat belts.



Jim Nordin discusses city finances.



Greg gives J Mac PHF for grandson.



Wayne pleads case; Jon lends ear.

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Fabulous Friday
Follies**

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DANCE & COSTUME CONTEST
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BEER TASTING AND THE DS160
BEER PONG TOURNAMENT**

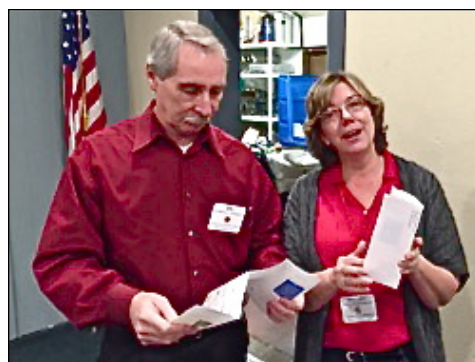
FRIDAY APRIL 1, 2016
Jester's Court
Yolo County Fairgrounds
Woodland
5:00-9:00 PM



Jamie celebrates birthday.



Cub suffers cellphone malfunction.



Ed & Kelley discuss golf tourney.



Cub's guests, from left, Jim Knapp & Anthony Wong, ruefully witness Cub's cellphone humiliation.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
Friday, March 18	David Trojan, Travis AFB Researcher, Plane Crashes in Rio Vista Area	Wayne Woodward
Friday, March 25	Veterans Administration Website	Alan Hartford
Friday, April 1	It's April Fools Day (and the first day of the District Conference)	Tom Donnelly
Fri.--Sun., April 1--3	District Conference, Yolo County Fairgrounds, Woodland	D. G. Ken Courville
Friday, April 8	Assemblyman Jim Frazier	Dick Burkhart