



Be a gift to the world.

# THE RÍO

*"Exploration is what you do when you don't know what you're doing."*

—NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

# Rotarian

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



## Music to our ears

The meeting begins with the melodic tones of a bell from a shipwreck, followed by our own melodic tones.

## Early morning sharpness

You've gotta get up really early to out-sharp Dr. Ted, who knows not only which Pres. was inaugurated on this date in 1933, but what number he was. (FDR, #32)

## We've got a new member!

Pres. Greg welcomes Don Henry into our club and gives him 4-Way Test & membership certificates.

## Guests

Dick welcomes Dennis Elliott in Technology Marketing--he's a sailor. Don Beno made Gabino Perez an offer he couldn't refuse, so Gabino is today's speaker. (He's a RDUSD employee.)

## Kelley's at PETS for exciting weekend

She scrambles for last minute info. Of course, there's no drinking involved.

## Rotary Firefighter of Year Banquet

Lee says March 18, 6:00 p. m., Fairfield Garden Inn, we'll have a table at dinner event honoring Rio Vista and Montezuma F. D. recipients.

## Milestones

Jamie Wilson, James Nordin, Dave Greiner, birthdays; Dave Mason, Rotary anniversary.

## News that's not fit to print...even for this publication

Please don't ask Jim Lira about his house in Palm Desert. In fact, he pays \$5 not to talk about it.

## Student Rotarians

Alyssa, Madalyn, Christopher, Piero, Josie, and Casie report. Alyssa says next week is Spirit Week with each day having a different musical genre theme and color (Funky Friday is green.) Madalyn participates in Public Safety Advisory Commission meeting. We sing to celebrate Chris' birthday last week. No more parking in teachers' lot or across the street 'cause you can't leave for lunch. First Swim meet, Monday; Soccer team has goalie issues. Dave Greiner says baseball team is selling Dodger tickets to game at Raley Field, April 6; included is voucher for ticket to any River Cats game excluding Vs. Giants. Tim sees about 15 Golf Team members honing their putting skills at Trilogy course.

## Confessions

Dick, Dennis and spouses went sailing on Hawaiian tall ships. Dick gives \$50 to wife's PHF.

Professional volunteer, Molly, worked the brewery, Saturday, then headed straight to the Dixon fairgrounds to help their Rotary with a Crab Feed, the club's major fundraiser. Sunday, she attended AFS workshop to learn

the operations of 6 different student programs they run. Molly gives \$20 to General Fund.

Al gives us info on Pres. Greg's new bell. It was retrieved off the passenger liner, Cristóbal Colón, which was lunched in 1923 and sank in 1936 in Bermuda. It was part of Al's "small collection" of naval antiquities. Cub pipes up, "It's even smaller now," possibly suggesting that Al may kiss it good-bye. Al cautions that this is anarchy, with Jim Mac selling his business, Jim Lira moving to So. Cal. Then, Al pledges \$100 each for the return of the gavel and bell, urging all members to do likewise. However, a large number of members who have served as Pres. *sans* bells seem to take great satisfaction with the situation. *We recall when we were Pres., we set the gavel down, turned around for 2 seconds, turned back to grab the gavel, only to find a current member's hand already on it. He was so surprised that he let me take it back, and finally stole it, later.*

## District Conference--April 1-3

Pres. Greg reminds us to attend at Woodland fairgrounds. D. G. Ken is back from surgery, rarin' to go.

## Speakers List update

With Linda's departure, Jim McCracken requests voluntary participation of members to fill open program slots. Please go to [riovistarotary.org](http://riovistarotary.org), click on the Club News pull down menu, select 2016 Speaker Schedule, and contact Jim at [jimmccracken@msn.com](mailto:jimmccracken@msn.com) to reserve an open program date.

## Program

Don introduces Gabino Perez, School to Career Coordinator. This is Gabino's second appearance before our club. His position is funded by a Career Technical Education (CTE) grant. He explains the pieces of the CTE puzzle, which are Standards, Engagement, Literacy, Math, Safety, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills, Rigor, and Industry.

RVHS offers all 6 Industry pathways: Engineering (Digital Electronics), Building and Construction Trades (Computer Assisted Design [CAD] and Drafting), Arts, Media and Entertainment (Radio and Video), Hospitality, Tourism, Recreation (Culinary Arts Manufacturing and Product Design), Agriculture and Natural Resources (Agriculture and Ag. Mechanics, but Delta offers 1 pathway.

Each student must qualify for prescribed standards in his/her field to receive certification. The program integrates education into skills, *e. g.*, CAD utilizes both literacy and math skills.

Tim describes how transportation problems stopped



Program: RDUSD School to Career Coordinator, Gabino Perez

possible welding class offered by Graham Drilling. Gabino asks anyone with industry contacts to please contact him at [gperez@riverdelta.k12.ca.us](mailto:gperez@riverdelta.k12.ca.us).

Gil mentions Delta H. S. job fair, now with 10 industries. RVHS has 165 students enrolled in program called Project Lead the Way. Next year, third year students will get preferred enrollment, and more than 1/2 follow up program. Discussion follows regarding inspiring kids who might otherwise lose interest in school to learn academics by applying skills.

Walt notes our C. of C. placemats at breakfast will be

labeled "Discover Rio Vista" instead of "Welcome to Rio Vista" and provided to local restaurants.

Jim McCracken mentions "Honor Flight" which will take WWII vets to Washington, D. C., to view WWII memorial. First to visit from Rio Vista will be our own Hank Tussy. There are 6 WWII vets in Rio Vista.

Gary's missing his badge; it's been gone for a year.

Medallion

Cub auctions it off to Greg for \$25, cheap.

50/50 Raffle

Walt has right ticket, but draws losing marble.



Walt Stanish, President of the Rio Vista Chamber of Commerce, provides placemats touting local businesses, this morning.



Our Pres., RVPD Chief, & Interim City Mgr., Greg, proudly displays massive bell.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, March 11	City of Rio Vista Finances	Jim Nordin
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
Friday, April 8	Assemblyman Jim Frazier	Dick Burkhart