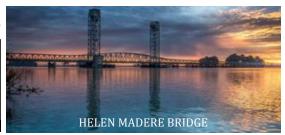
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"Having fun helping others. watering the rosebuds' —DR. TED SCHULZ

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it.—RONALD REAGAN (1986)

Guests

Dan welcomes back Rob Hickey, and Lee introduces Patty and Jay Huyssoon. This is their 3rd meeting to which Lee exclaims that we "let them in!"

Pres. Kelley quizzes Pres. Elect Dan on the most important lesson learned from PETS—to which Dan responds that it's getting the word out about Rotary. He concludes by proudly announcing that he's now "official!" He also, unconvincingly, informs the club that he kept his drinking to a minimum.

Sheep Dog Trials

Mark your calendars, as the Sheep Dog Trials are returning March 31 - April 2.

Bocce anyone?

Rotary District 5160 is asking Clubs to assemble 4-person teams for their May Joust Rotary Bocce Challenge to be held May 20. \$250/team.

Firefighters' Appreciation Program

Dan announces that March 31 will be the Rotary Firefighters' Appreciation program in Fairfield. Interested members should let Kelley know, as a table is paid and sponsored by our Club.

Golf Tournament

Dan remains standing to provide an update on

the Golf Tournament, which he glowingly says, "is on a roll." He thanks ed. for handling the fliers and the registration sheets, and notes their next meeting will be this coming Wednesday, 7 p.m. at Hec-

> tor's home. Hector's Tequila Room is nearly complete. Appreciation Dinner

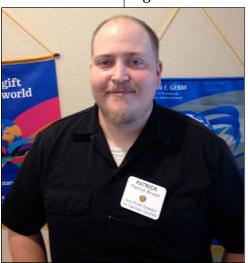
Lee reminds us that our appreciation dinner for public safety, military and farmers will be held April 5 at the Montezuma Station. Sign-up sheets will be available next week.

Clarksburg Launches Rotary Club

Gil publicizes that Clarksburg has launched a new Rotary evening club, and already boasts between 20 and 30 members. He has suggested to Clarksburg's pres. that we hold a joint program.

Before closing this week's Community Reports, there is a round of applause for Lee and Evelyn for managing a successful Charter Night. Celebrations

The club sings to Dave Mason who celebrates his 3rd anniversary with Rotary. Upon the conclusion of Happy Celebration, Lee suggests that Dave manage the linguiça booth again, with Dan chiming in that at Dave's 4-year mark, he can also become president.



Pat Byron speaks on legalization of cannabis.









Above from left: Dan reports on PETS, where he immensely enjoyed Cliff Dochterman's talk and put away a modicum of alcoholic beverage; he also updates us on golf tournament; Lee reports on Appreciation Night; Dave celebrates his 3-year Rotary anniversary; and Dennis confesses to 2 weeks of whale watching and diving on reefs of Maui.



Student Rotarians report, from left: Jacob Cortez introduces himself, a Senior at RVHS, followed by Chris Galeno, Josie Hamilton, and Casie Mortimore.

Student Report

The club applauds new attendee Jacob. Softball will play their 3rd game today, after losing 11-4 yesterday. Baseball also played yesterday, falling 11-10 to Vacaville Christian. Golf had a match, and lost by a few strokes. Swim has their first meet on Monday; Career Day is March 14; and Radio Rio is up and running again. The students proudly exhibit the first edition of "Ram's Ear," a new student paper published under the guidance of Julie Griffin. Vice Dance was a success, and happened to fall on Chris' birthday—the club sings Happy Birthday.

Confessions

Cub hits the slopes of Bear Valley with his long-term girlfriend. He reports the snowline was 7' over truck, and the skiing was fantastic. He chips in \$50 bucks.

Dennis has a blast in Hawaii, where he takes several trips to see whales and indulges in SNUBA diving. Throwing himself at the mercy of the club, Josie levies a \$65 fine.

Derek Jones confesses to missing Charter Night as he continues to get his new home in order. He generously donates \$100 of his marble-draw winnings to Interact.

Tom humbly speaks of a new

He spends 4 days on the island. He puts \$50 toward Sarah's Paul Harris.

Eddie reminds Cub that his Godfather celebrates his 88th birthday today—who just so happens to be Eddie's father. Eddie donates \$88 to the Dictionary Fund, with Derek proudly matching. Program

Patrick narrates a slide show endorsing marijuana

and its active ingredient, cannabis. He is affiliated with Delta Roots Collective, a nonprofit that promotes safe access to medical marijuana in Rio Vista and surrounding communities. While recognizing both its recreational and medical uses, his talk focuses only on its medical benefits and the recently passed legislation affecting its production, distribution and usage.

Pat has severe hemophilia; his blood has difficulty clotting. Before the 1980's this disorder was treated with whole blood products, which were often tainted by blood borne pathogens such as HIV

and hepatitis C from donated prisoners' blood. Victims contracting AIDS experienced Wasting Syndrome and had no appetite. With cannabis treatment their appetites would return, and they could eat. Also, certain types of seizures may be controlled using this substance.

Pat reviews Prop. 64 regulation of marijuana cultivation, purity, distribution, taxation, etc. He says responsible companies are likely to participate in the industry. He adds that revenues from nonprofits can be used for law enforcement and help our community. For more info visit www.medicaljane.com.



RVHS newspaper, The Ram's Ear, is back, and it is looking good!

Airport project he's won on the island of Curaçao.

50/50 Raffle Lucky Jon isn't lucky, today.

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	COMING ATTRACTIONS	
<u>DATE</u>	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
March 17, 2017	Meals on Wheels	Hale Conklin
March 24, 2017	Skate/Dog Park, Emily Gollinger, Lisa McDowell	Jim McPherson
March 31, 2017	Three Mile Brewing Co., Tony Coito	Hector De La Rosa
April 5, 2017	Appreciation Night at Montezuma Fire Dep't.	Lee Williams
April 7, 2017	No Rotary Meeting	(Leon gets off easy)