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Why is common
sense so uncommon?
BOB BARD



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

Rotarian

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

DR. TED SCHULZ



Bob Bard, Ed.

The great bell saga

M. C., Hank, chides Pres. Jim for lacking a bona fide bell. Jim says, "Okay," and offers \$100 reward for return of bell. Jack admonishes Jim to go get his own bell, as did past Pres. Frank Bayol. Hank says \$100 is not enough, and Jim Lira doubles the pot. Hank then unveils historic old Mexican bell with beautiful, magnificent tone.



Jim holds gavel; bell's back!

Suddenly a mysterious woman appears out of nowhere with the original Rotary bell given to our club by Dixon Rotary at our founding, March 14, 1953. Thank you Pres. Jim for being a good sport, and thanks, Jim Lira.

Dick Brann is welcomed

Now 97, Dick is our oldest member. He reminisces that wife, Jo's, 100th birthday would have been yesterday. They met in 1941, married in 1951, and there are now 9 grandchildren.

Camp Royal

Cole attends kick-off meeting for this year. Betty and Kelley are our liaisons.

Event chair, Jamie, says, "Thanks, Mom."

Evelyn was instrumental in organizing tonight's Charter Night celebration. Also, the Point Restaurant did an awesome job.

Paul Harris Fellowships

Jamie's dad, Jim, and Tom's daughter, former Student Rotarian, Gillian, are honored as PHF's.

Beach Blanket Babylon—Sunday, April 12

Hector's taking signups for tickets to world's longest running musical revue. He relates Jim Mac's heroic athleticism, saving Gary's wife, Prudy, from a horrible fate in a runaway wheel chair left unattended by her faithful hubby. Then, he tells a story regarding a complimentary cockroach they were served at a posh S. F. restaurant.

Demotion, Friday, June 26

Pres. Jim makes lame attempt at canceling Demotion, but Ted says we'll meet at Sue's house for social hour, 6:00 to 6:30. Pres. Jim will wear gala attire and arrive by self-propelled paddle board.



Ken & Mary Ann Courville

History a la Hank

Pres. Jim reveals that we have no remaining Charter Members in our club, and that Hank is our longest tenured member, having joined in 1961. He compliments Jack on his activities as International Service chair.

Introducing Ken Courville

Jim then introduces our speaker, District 5160 Governor Elect, Ken, from the Dixon Rotary. Ken says

being DGE involves a 6-year commitment: 2 years preparation, 1 year holding office and 3 more years serving on Board. He presents his wife, Mary Ann, who will support his efforts during this time.

Ken appreciates our active, thriving club. There are 70 clubs in our district, which extends from San Ramon to Weed and from Weaverville to Burney. Globally, there are 1.2 million Rotarians. The Courville's used to live in Redding, but have resided in Dixon for 23 years.

Rotarians are now touting their clubs as leadership organizations that take on local projects by engaging community movers and shakers. Club meetings serve as a way for local leaders to get to know each other. International projects are born from this camaraderie.

Rotary was a 30-member club founded in 1905 by Paul Harris in Chicago. The next 2 clubs to be formed were in San Francisco, and then, Oakland. The Dixon club was chartered in 1930, and Rio Vista's was chartered in 1953. Under DG Otto Hieb, 2 Dixon members, Jerry Fiedler and George Drulay, plus 2 Antioch members, Ian Strange and Vic Parachini, got together to establish our club.

Ken relates stories of previous Dixon-Rio Vista inter-club meetings, where adventuresome Rotarians travelled between the Dixon Boat House and Rio Vista, navigating the delta sloughs by boat, occasionally getting lost and breaking down on the way.

Ken mentions various positions of community leadership held by club members,



Jamie Wilson says mom, Evelyn, helped chair event.



Dick Brann, 97, says Jo would have just turned 100.



Ancient melodious Mexican mission bell is presented for Pres. Jim's convenience.



From left, Judy and Hank Tussy with Antonio Gonzalez, operator of the Point Restaurant. Hank says Tussy's provided our dinner wines.

including County Supervisor Dick Brann, Mayors Eddie Woodruff, Jerry Rubier, Milt Wallace, Fred Harris, Norm Richardson, Council Members Jim McCracken, Tim Kubli, Jack Krebs, Bob Bard, School Board members Lee Williams, Greg Thomas, City Managers, Police and Fire Chiefs, and many more. PDG Fum Jongeneel was also one of our club members.

Ken justifiably applauds our lady Rotarians, saying we can't do without them. Your editor gets praised for bulletin. Ken enjoys our club's unique continuing gavel saga. (Note: Pres. Jim has shown formidable resourcefulness, somehow holding onto that gavel.)

Ken admits to playing a minor role in Beverly's loss of gavel, implicating Hector in the plot. He recalls Gene's remarkable gavel recovery, finding it his birthday cake. Your editor recalls a time when Rotarian Walt Hechtman stood up and began to sternly lecture us that our gavel antics were "childish," but he was unable to keep a straight face, started cracking up, and he finally had to sit down.

Next week Dixon Pres. Brian Gustafson and fellow members Steve Beamon and Kevin Johnson will visit our club. Ken suggests we give them some really royal treatment. Your editor can't imagine what he meant by that. Perhaps those guys should bring body guards.

Ken reviews Cub's, Greg's and Jim Mac's attendance at PETS (Presidents Executive Training Seminars) and says he hears Kelley is all set to go.

He discusses the Object of Rotary, quoting a book published in 1946. The 4 goals remain constant, the only change being to include both professional men **and women**.

Although the principles of Rotary are unchanged, clubs are given greater latitude in focus and format in order to meet changing times and not become obsolete.

Ken notes that our mobile eye clinic was shown at international convention in Bangkok. Since 2008 it's served 7,929 people. The clinic was made possible by a grant from R. V. Rotarian, Hank Simonsen. It was transported and set up under the watchful eye of Jim Larsen.

Ken praises success and press coverage of dictionary program.

Ken describes his "Rotary moment." It occurred when a Rotarian asked members to buy flowers that his wife was selling for Mother's Day, but it was August. When he was told that it wasn't Mother's Day, a Rotarian reassured the confused gentleman that all of the members would be down to buy flowers. Ken says that "random act of kindness" was his own Rotary Moment.

Pres. Jim gives Ken a floral bouquet, a bottle of fine Oakridge wine, & McPherson Crane & Rigging souvenir.



Dick, Tom and Edwin enjoy the social hour.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
Friday, March 20	Amy Bettencourt "Common Core at River Delta Unified School District"	Don Beno
Friday, March 27	Gabino Perez "School Vocational Training"	Derek Jones
Friday, April 3	Cindy Bradford "Mission Solano"	Jamie Wilson
Friday, April 10	Bill Giles "Audiology"	Linda Lannon
Friday, April 11	Beach Blanket Babylon	Hector De La Rosa