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CARDIOLOGIST'S DIET:
*If it tastes good,
spit it out.*



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

Rotarian

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

DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



Pres. Jim announces that Jim Larsen's daughter, Mary, passed away; she had been fighting cancer since last summer. Also, Nancy Lovick recently passed away. We pause for a few moments of silence.

Visiting Rotarians

We welcome Steven Beaman, Brian Gustafson & Kevin Johnston, Dixon; Bryant Burleigh, Solano Sunset, Vallejo; & James D. Marshall, Fairfield-Suisun Twilight.

Guests

Jim Lira welcomes his wife, Shirley, daughter, Christine and son, Mike; Don introduces our speaker, Amy Bettencourt (with baby on board); Hector greets his daughter, Alyssa.

Lyrics quiz

Gene Resler amazingly guesses "Oh, Danny Boy" and collects his second fabulous McPherson prize.

A luau in Vallejo

Sporting an "aloha" shirt, Bryant Burleigh invites us to attend his 3-year-old club's 3rd annual luau, and maybe stay overnight for the District Assembly the next day in Vallejo, April 24. Fliers are on the tables.

Appreciation Dinner, Wednesday, April 1

Lee says signup list going around. He reminds us that Firefighter of Year awards dinner in Fairfield is next week on Friday.

Milestones

Birthdays: Dave Greiner and Jim Nordin (they're not here). Club anniversaries: Jim Mac and Dave Mason.

Golf Tourney

Greg says we're getting good responses for sponsors; committee signups look good. He enjoyed PETS immensely...3 days of amazing inspiration with really not that much drinking. He thanks us for providing a wonderful complimentary poster, adding, "There will be payback!" Nice.

Hector notes that some happy Rotarians played golf so late, last night, that they couldn't make today's meeting. Really?



Look Ma, no hands! Our Pres. chains bell around neck for safe keeping.



Pres. Jim presents PHF awards to Christine Lira Farrell and her brother, Mike Lira. Parents Jim & Shirley Lira (not pictured) are in attendance.

Hector says sell your ten ball drop tickets for \$35.
Tequila Y Más

Hector needs volunteers for committees. Event has raised > \$10K for 2 years of high school scholarships.
Demotion cancelled? That'll be the day!

Again, Pres. Jim makes anemic claim that there's no demotion, this year. Yeah, right. Dr. Ted begs to differ.
Dylan gets official badge

Student Rotarian Dylan gets badge and reports tickets for Prom go on sale, Monday; Girls Softball and Swim Teams are undefeated, this year; Golf team's okay, Dr. Ted reports that when he was Cub's coach, he took away Cub's driver. Cub says that Ted didn't like getting beaten by his students.

More new badges

Cole Felt and Alan Hartford receive new badges.

Two new PHF's

Jim and Shirley Lira proudly look on while their daughter, Christine, and son, Mike, receive Paul Harris Awards.

Fine free brags

Molly attends Dixon Rotary's major fundraiser, a Crab Feed, which was a huge success.

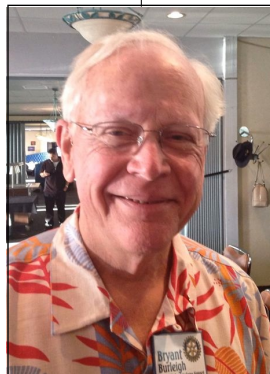
Hale reads amusing excerpts from fourth grade Dictionary recipients' thank-you notes.

Pres. Jim offers well-deserved accolades to Molly for taking it upon herself to pinch-hit for Danny and sell 50/50 raffle tickets.

Then, Jim thanks your editor for publishing the "Rio Rotarian," including the introduction (at no extra cost, whatsoever.)

Gil says it's his wife's 79th birthday and the 7-year anniversary of his heart surgery; so, he gives \$200 toward his wife's PHF.

Pres. Jim reports his company recently



*Bryant Burleigh,
Solano Sunset Rotary*



*James D. Marshall,
Fairfield Suisun Twilight Rotary.*

delivered a Viet Nam era Huey helicopter to the Nut Tree Airport museum. He had previously helped move a DC4 from the old Rio Vista airport, where it had been used as a restaurant, to the Nut Tree site.

Bragging meriting fines

Eddie and Betsy take romantic Caribbean cruise, taking in New Orleans on the way, and bringing back vintage Tequila for Hector's collection. (Hector donates one bottle to silent auction.) Sgt.-at-Arms sub, Molly, brazenly sets fine at \$50, drawing numerous hoots for her exceptionally auspicious behavior. Unfazed, Eddie courageously says, "it oughtta be doubled!" He pays \$100.

Cub runs for 2 days on 5-mile Thunderhill track and takes 4th out of 88 units, passing \$300K Porsches in his Corvette. Rich (works at Abel's) dominated, winning by over 3 secs. He pays \$50 towards PHF. He adds that 7th Annual All GM Car Show is May 16 and discusses Rotary food booth. Joe may chair. Lee and Jim Lira will cook. Cub gets in his last licks saying Derek Abel Band plays the Point, April 17. Be there!

Pres. Jim adds May 16 is RV Alumni baseball game, which supports RV Baseball Team.

Dave Mason bought new truck from a Rotarian's place of business, and Pres. Jim naturally asks, "Did you get the Rotarian's discount?" Perhaps somewhat abashed, Cub says, "I'll pay his fine."

Edwin's starting to feel old because it's his daughter's 16th birthday. He gives \$100 to the General Fund; it can use the money.

Al Hartford built a maple desk for the firefighters' use AND he gives \$100 to start a PHF fund for his granddaughter, Audrey.

Program

Our own River Delta Unified School District Superintendent, Don Beno, introduces this morning's speaker, Amy Bettencourt. He says she'll discuss changes in funding and testing procedures recently invoked by the state.

Amy presents a brief history of her experiences in RDUSD, recalling former Rio Rotarian, Rick Hennes' administration as Superintendent, when times were



Above, Brian Gustafson, Dixon Rotary, and left, or own Moll Coito.

different before new standards brought about by Common Core.

In 1997 CA state standards were reformed, grade by grade. Then, in 2000 "No child left behind" was invoked. She explained that states are evaluated on a skewed playing field, with CA statistics unrealistically compared to those of OR. Four states, TX, AK, NE, and VA opted out.

Last year RDUSD received \$185K to train teachers utilizing new techniques. Classes get divided into groups, with teachers directing them, rather than lecturing to them at the front of the classroom. A grant was received for \$250K for books; Amy says that books last about 8 years, and the new books are being carefully vetted.

Amy says that digital technology is making inroads into education, with subjects such as advanced math now available in home tutorials. Our schools boast 300 tablets, but they're still a long way from e-books.

Amy discusses base grants, supplemental grants and concentration grants, noting that our district is in declining enrollment (with the exception of this year.)

She disputes the claim that we have local control, noting that it is limited by the funding available.



Amy Bettencourt, RDUSD

Sexual Assault Awareness Day Reminder

Sat., April 4, noon, walk up Main St., courtesy USCG. 50/50 Raffle

Lucky program chair Don has ticket but not marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
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
Sunday, April 12	Beach Blanket Babylon	Hector De La Rosa
Friday, April 17	"I" Programs: Cole Felt, Alan Hartford, Jamie Wilson	Kelley Graupensperger