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



Every time someone comes up with a foolproof solution, along comes a more-talented fool.

Following the Pledge and Rotary Grace, members attempt to sing the theme to The Beverly Hillbillies. A few lament that Rotary's own drilling-hillbilly, Wayne, wasn't around to sing along.

Visiting Rotarians er...who was that lady?

Pres. Kelley mistakenly introduces Betty as a guest. The Club welcomes back Rob Hickey, Jeff Armstrong (RV Fire Chief), Hector's daughter Alyssa, and nearly-official members Patty and Jay Huyssoon.

Announcements

Kelley announces that the Rio Vista Mobility Summit for Seniors will be held April 7, 2017. Our guest speaker, Jeff, graciously volunteers to drop off the flyer at Lions, where it may be more appropriate. Lodi Rotary will be hosting their Sporting Clay Shoot fundraiser May 4. *(Please see flyers at end of bulletin.)*

Lee lectures members on the need to sign up farmers for our Appreciation Dinner, which is scheduled for this coming Wednesday at the Montezuma Fire Station on 4th Street. He pleads that

Trilogeans come out of the compound, and that members go to local hangouts to invite farmers. Kelley reminds members that there will be no meeting this coming Friday.

High School and College Report

Chris tells us that journalism class took photos of school clubs for yearbook this week; AFS is heading to Chicago next Thurs-Mon (Chicago); and he and Josie are attending a leadership program for Interact on Saturday. School is going well for Alyssa, despite receiving her first "C," which is offset by her first "A." Hector nearly, "took off his belt," when hearing of the "C." Alyssa



Fire Chief Jeff Armstrong

starts back Monday.

Confessions

With no one coming forward with confessions, Kelley randomly selects members to call out. Gary has a non-confession overnight business trip, yet donates \$20; Gil proudly will be celebrating, April 2, his 43rd year as an architect, and willingly donates \$40 to Ted's dictionary fund; Betty provides a brief rundown on her hectic schedule; and Lee stands to

give kudos to Superintendent Beno for the impeccable shape of the Riverview field. Don accepts the accolade, but admits that it may simply be the rain.

Jim Mac proudly announces that his step daughter celebrated her 21st this past week, and that she's now heading off to Madrid for 5 weeks of study abroad, followed by another 5 weeks in Italy. In other family news, he glowingly notes that his grandson threw out the first pitch at the River Cats' stadium, and that the freshman pitcher for Rio Vista threw a no-hitter. \$25 goes to the Ted's dictionary fund.

Below: Student Rotarians at this week's meeting



Chris Galeno



Alyssa De La Rosa

Jon Blegen travels to San Diego for the Statewide Association meeting for Mosquito Control Districts where he becomes an honorary member for his many years of service. Another \$25 is donated to Ted.

A glutton for punishment, Jon asks Don to deliver yet another blockbuster “joke.” Not disappointing, Don rises to the occasion with this timely story, “Recently the Easter bunny got in a fight with the Energizer bunny. The Energizer bunny won, but was arrested. The poor guy was charged with battery.” LOL. *Jon, please promise not to ask for another one.*

Walt places 3rd (out of 20) in Rio Vista Care’s King of Kitchen contest and pays \$20 to Dictionary Fund. Ted thanks Walt and indicates fund is flush.

Hale reports that the Sheep Run on Main Street was a success, and the sheep plop contest was over almost before he knew it. *Note photo below.*

Program

Danny presents RVFD Chief Jeff Armstrong, who tells us about his background and current position as our new fire chief. With a hopeful glint in his eye, Dan says that this talk is Jeff’s “I” program. *Let him in!*

Jeff was raised in Santa Clara and Auburn, where he joined the volunteer fire department as a young man. He soon rose the the rank of Lieutenant and took positions around the country, including Charleston, SC, where he served as the full time paid battalion chief. Jeff and his wife returned to CA to be closer to family. He joined RVFD Program 6 weeks ago.

He discusses leadership and conflict, explaining that often territorial conflicts between nearby fire districts may diminish the ultimate quality of fire protection afforded to citizens and property. The fire fighting community may benefit by streamlining operations between and within fire districts.

Coordinating factors such as communications, equipment and supplies is key to improving service.

Jeff gives real life examples showing strong leadership being used to influence other’s behavior in a positive way.

50/50 raffle

Lee has the winning ticket, but can’t come up with the correct marble.



Trilogy General Manager, Ed Vitrano, left, and Edwin Okamura conduct closing ceremonies following sheep plop event.
Photo courtesy Leon Guzenda

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
April 5, 2017	Appreciation Night at Montezuma Fire Dep’t.	Lee Williams
April 7, 2017	No Rotary Meeting	(Leon gets off easy)
April 14, 2017	Three Mile Brewing Co., Tony Coito	Hector De La Rosa
April 21, 2017	Jill Shapiro: Rio Vista Internet Improvement Coalition	Leon Guzenda
April 28, 2017	Titchenal: State of Jefferson	Dave Mason