

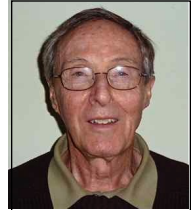


Having fun helping others... "watering the rosebuds"

THE RIO ROTARIAN

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Bob Bard, Ed

Opening ceremonies

We breeze through formalities with some help from Mel (pledge) and Gene (song).

Guests & visitors

We greet Mel's guest, Dick Burkhart, Brentwood Rotary, Gil's son, Bret, Edwin's guests, Dave Falk, RioVision, & Jim Nordin, our City Treasurer, and Walt's speaker, Pam Donoghue.

Chief Simi says Thanks!

In a classy move, Stan sends a thoughtful card saying how much he appreciated Appreciation Night.

Jim Mac says Thanks!

Chiming in with gratitude, and realizing that golf tourney proceeds support next year's budget, Pres.-Elect Jim applauds chair Evelyn and all tournament workers.

We wish Neil and Elaine the best

Jim Mac says he visited Neil a couple of times, and he's looking good.

We also send our best wishes to Eileen.

Celebrations

Neil, birthday; Dan, birthday & anniversary; Hector, 7 years a Rotarian; Mel Pearson, 79th birthday.

Hurrah for Gene!

Gene gets Past President's pin; now, it's fair to all concerned.

Blue pins

Recognized for recruiting new members: Ted, Kelley and Jack.

Name that punch line

...and win a bottle of Porto Morgado Tawny Port from Portugal. Ready? What did the waitress say at the Chinese restaurant when Ted asked her to bring him change? She said, "Change must come from within." (Sorry, we just report what we hear.)

Student report

Dylan says only 4 weeks of school left. Seniors going on Disneyland trip; Grad night coming up, and they can dance. Rick says to pick on the new guy. Good point. Tyler Gomes takes second in breast and first in freestyle. Girls baseball undefeated; boys hang in there. Every 15 minutes was awesome, and Dylan got to fly in helicopter.

Alumni baseball

Jim Lira says 8 a. m., batting practice; 10 a. m., game. Car show at Abel's, Sat., May 17, 10-2:00 p. m.

Cub won top Chevy sales mgr. award, brags he won 3 years in a row, will be in Chicago, miss show at Abel's. Medallion

According to past issues of the "Rio Rotarian," Jim Lira bought the coin, Jan. 31, for \$40, and Ted presented it to Wayne with a hole in it for a lanyard, March 28. Gil won Jared's auction, today, for \$45. That's all we've got. Demotion's Saturday, June 28, at Peter's.

Gene circulates signup list.

Confessions

Jim Mac supplies emergency generator for dance and pays \$50 to PHF.

Mel missed golf tourney to attend memorial in Seattle for youngest son; he pays \$50 to PHF.

Gil's niece marries, & granddaughter graduates H. S. among top 92 in Boise, pays \$100 to PHF.

Dave pays \$50 for golf ball damage.

Tim pays \$50 for missing golf tourney.

Joe pays \$50 to Jacob's PHF for attending and speaking at conference during golf tourney.

Kelley pays \$50 to PHF for wild shot that hit Trilogy guard house from hole #8. Amazing.

Jim Mac says Lee was "on fire" that day.

Program

Walt presents Pam Donoghue, who describes her and husband,

Neil's missionary work in Chad from 2002-2010. They designed and fabricated many custom wheelchairs and similar devices that enabled handicapped natives to experience mobility and independence for the first time in their lives. Many had been crippled by polio and land mines.

Pam and Neil took their son and daughter with them to do this work. They have formed a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt organization, and are looking for a 2500 sq. ft. facility to build walking strollers.

50/50 raffle

Rick gives ticket to Pam, who draws wrong marble.



Neil and Pam Donoghue with two wheel chairs for Chad project. (Archive photo.)

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday May 16	First Five Solano—monitoring the first 5 years of childhood	Linda Lannon
Saturday, May 17	All GM Car Show—Abel's	To be announced
Friday, May 23	Don Beno, Superintendent, RDUSD	Harvey Felt
Friday, May 30	To Be Announced	Neil Hamilton
Friday, June 6	To be announced	Kelley Graupensperger