



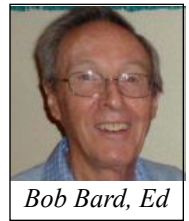
"Having fun helping people," Dr. Ted Schulz

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## Prayer before Pledge

An amazingly devout Pres. Ted prays before we pledge, sing, eat, greet and meet.



Our guest, Supt. Don Beno, R.D.U.S.D.

## Visitors

Jack welcomes Don Beno (who's late); we greet Noel Gomes and her charges, Carlin and Kiley; Joe brings Russian son, Jacob, who's delivering cookie dough.

## The lost gavel

Sadly ignorant of the amazing power & prestige of the gavel, Pres. Ted boldly claims he couldn't care less where it is. *Shame!*

## The President's coiffure

Gary recklessly critiques Pres. Ted's stylish coiffure and is pardoned, that is, until he repeats his uncalled for transgression and is slapped with a \$10 fine.

## Club anniversaries

Rick--5 years, Harvey--40 years, Molly--1 year.

## Student Rotarians Report

Hannah and Lily say Art Dep't. wins Red Ribbon Week to decorate classrooms, No Drugs Campaign is under way, field trips to U. C. Berkeley and Sonoma State, Seniors win rally, second best float.

## Announcements

Eileen will help Dr. Ted with Dictionary Project. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is annual Lions-Rotary Poker Grudge Match (we've lost 5 years in a row.)

Derek Jones says board voted to give Rio Vision \$200, reimburse member to attend District Conference, give \$1,000 to Riverview sports, give \$500 to RVHS Interact Club, and buy flowers for Curely's funeral. He claims Ted pushes board items through before you even know about it. *Your editor says, Go get 'em Ted!*

Jim Larsen says ~\$40k Paul Harris matching funds available dollar for dollar (old members) and \$3:\$1 for members<2 years. In Limbo Land are Eileen, Linda and Edmond. Are they old or new? Well, which one could run farther? TIP411 matches \$4:\$1.

Jim Mac receives PHF+7 pin, fast approaching Hank Simonsen's mark.

We get a thank you note from Rio Vista Foundation.

Molly reminds us Xmas party is Sat., Dec. 7. with D. J. starting 9:00. Signup sheet passed around.

## Confessions

Rick reports that his twice victorious Senior Softball team lost first 4 games but caught fire, won 3 in a row, played for championships, but lost by 2 runs. He gives \$35 to PHF.

Speed King Cub smugly reports lapping 4 Porsches TWICE at recent Thunderhill Raceway event. The cherry on the cake was lapping a typically cocky driver in a \$140k GT-3 Porsche, twice. Cub gleefully pays \$40.

Lee is voted off one board & joins Solano County Fair Board, filling David Hamilton's shoes. He pays \$40.



Noel Gomes seeks support of 4-H programs.



Carlin Cline (left) and Kiley Witt describe 4-H projects.

## 4-H Presentation

Noel Gomes recounts her son, Tyler's introduction to 4-H in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She touts the values of the program, saying that projects offered to youngsters build confidence by learning and doing. She introduces Carlin Cline and Kiley Witt, who present an excellent talk on the value of the programs. Their total budget is \$4k, and they're requesting some help. Dave steps up to the plate with a \$500 donation from the Bank of Rio Vista, which is matched by McPherson Crane & Rigging, for a total \$1,000.

## Name badge accountability

Gary and Joe are reminded that it's good to wear your name badge.

## Letter passed around

We read a letter indicating a \$1,176 donation from Rotary to Sharks swim team.

## Program

Dave dispels myths regarding changes in the Chamber of Commerce. A mid-year analysis showed that over the last 4 years the Chamber lost \$100k, so a new budget has been presented to the City. The Bass Festival has been profitable, but the profits have been buoying the Chamber, so some changes are in the works.



Dave Greiner speaks on Bass Festival reorganization.

For every \$40 of revenues there were \$80 of expenditures, but that cash flow must be reversed, so that revenues are returned to the community.

Here's what we'll do: retain executive director part time, cut expenses by moving to a location rented from the city (possibly the visitor center), eliminate a storage shed, call upon service clubs to support Bass Festival with its own board.

The service clubs will return revenues to community and bring in enthusiasm and energy. In its heyday Chamber revenues funded projects and cash reserves.

## 50/50 raffle

Derek Jones had wining ticket, but not the winning marble...and the pot grows!

**Erratum** Our previous issue stated that beer booth tips would go to Interact. They will, in fact, go to the Dictionary Project.