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Laughter is like a windshield wiper, it doesn't stop the rain but allows us to keep going.

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Bob Bard, Ed

Full house

Today, we pack Raul's with 42 members and guests, the legal limit.

Guests

Joe welcomes Rick Frampton, Jim McCracken greets Skip Thomson, and Hector presents his daughter, Alyssa. Naturally, Gil is always welcome.

Celebrations

Greg and Jim Larsen have birthdays, & Jim McCracken celebrates 2 years with Rotary and wedding anniversary.



Rotarian of Month

Pres. Jim presents a medalion to your editor, Bob Bard, pictured at left, in appreciation for publishing your favorite newsletter, the "Rio Rotarian."

Student Rotarians Report

The game of the week, Vs. Modesto is tonight. It could be a rough playoff; visitors are favored. GO RAMS! They're planning to hold the prom at the Nines, (alias Sir Flair's) this year. No twerking allowed. New class scheduling is planned. Kelley G will offer guidance to Interact.



Student Rotarians, from left, Sarah, Maria, and Mikayla

We're off to the races...tomorrow!

Gary and Cub give last minute rundown on appropriate attire and transportation. We'll depart 10:00 a. m. from Abel's. Cub suggests \$20 a head tip for drivers, who will receive tickets for event. Thanks, Gary & Cub!

Poker grudge match update

Danny won last night's scrimmage at Foster's. Ted says bring \$20 donation to big event, next Wed., Nov. 19, at 6:00 p. m. for pizza at Poppy House. Beat the Lions!

Christmas Party

Evelyn says it's happening at Foster's, Friday, Dec. 5, 6:00 p. m. social, 7:15 p. m. dinner. Signup now!

Fine-free brag

Joe's grandson plays AAA Hockey in Chicago.

Confessions

Walt wins a 3-minute Lira's Supermarket shopping spree. The event was a fundraiser raffle prize sponsored by Sister Cities Ass'n. He manages to fill his carts with over \$800 of food. He's feeling so generous that he donates \$50 to Community Services.

Gil visits Boise and 2 sons who have birthdays near Veterans day. He and 6,000 others watch patriotic parade led by governor. He's so inspired that he gives \$50 to dictionary fund.

Mel is obviously just as inspired as Gil when he watches PBS special on warfare; he throws in \$50 more.

Hector spotted Edwin driving by during our meeting on his way to Lira's, last week, to buy food for Poppy House luncheon. He must have been just as "inspired" as Gil and Mel because he gives \$50 to general fund.

Gene spent 6 years in National Guard, but wasn't called up. However, to honor vets, he gives \$25 for PHF.

Pres. Jim 'fesses up to 35 years with operating engineers and pays \$35 to Community Services.

Program

Jim McCracken introduces our keynote speaker, Skip Thomson, 5th District Solano County Supervisor, noting that Rio Vista is part of the 5th District.

Skip discusses county finances, our local Veterans Hall and the effects of Proposition 47.

Skip notes that since he last addressed our group, the county has morphed from being \$50 million in debt to having \$30M in reserves. He adds that our unemployment rate has diminished, while the tax roll is up \$2.3 billion, due to property re-assessment.

Skip reveals that the August earthquake caused \$2M of damage to public buildings in Vallejo. He says CalPERS is a major liability for the County that will double from last year's \$9M by 2021.

He says EPA comments set the governor's pet twin tunnel project back.

Chief Greg gives us a perspective from law enforcement on the problems that will result from passage of Prop. 47. Jim Lira explains the problems that his business is already experiencing from it's passage. Dan explains that there will be fewer prisoners to help fight wildfires. Evidently, passage of the measure was facilitated by the low voter turnout at our recent election.

Skip says that the Veterans Hall needs lots of work. He is committed to restoring it, but it may take a budget augmentation (maybe \$200,000) next year to do it.

Help, Pres. Jimmy! I've been cuffed and stuffed for losing control of Rotary meetings. The charges were reduced from felony to misdemeanor, but they still won't release me. Please help me! Love, the gavel.



Awender's audacious auction

Derek shells out \$55 for Tom's Nicaraguan rum.

DG Pam here next week

Board to meet at Poppy House Thurs. eve., Nov. 20.

50/50 Raffle

Hale has the right ticket but can't find right marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Wed., Nov. 19	Rotary-Lions Grudge Match Poker Tournament	Dr. Ted Schulz
Friday, Nov. 21	D. G. Pam Gray	Jim McPherson
Friday, Nov. 28	No meeting—Enjoy your Thanksgiving	Tom Turkey
Friday, Dec. 5	No morning meeting—Xmas Party: Foster's, Social 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:15 p.m.	Evelyn Wilson
Friday, Dec. 12	T. B. A.	Tim Kubli