



THE RIO

"I can accept failure; everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."

—MICHAEL JORDAN



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

Rotarian

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



Fire alarmus interruptus

Right after we bless our breakfast, someone's beeper goes off, and Kelley quips, "It was the lord answering back."

Guests

Your ed. presents Patrick Byron; Leon greets grandson, Christopher; Hector welcomes son, Gabriel, who chose Rotary over sleeping in.

Xmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 10, Hwy. 12 Diner. Kelley passes sign-up list around. Please choose between salmon, prime rib or chicken. If thou signest up, thou shalt be charged, even if thou showest up not to eat. Danny tries to protest, but he forgets to swallow, first; the crowd is amused.

We support St. Brigid's Church project

Two weeks ago, Susan Reeve and Linda Jensen spoke to us on the Children's Clothing Exchange and the Food Pantry Project. Today, Linda attends our meeting and

accepts a gift from our club--2 cases of children's underwear, which Walt presents to her. Linda thanks us, as her project cannot accept used underwear. Walt also brought a barrel into which we can place food donations. The barrel will be at our meetings for the next 2 weeks. Remember, most needed items are canned tuna or salmon, meat or chicken, fruit, meal items like Ravioli, spaghetti or chili and boxed cereals (no rolled oats). Select cans or plastic containers, but not glass. Pull lids are appreciated by the homeless.



Linda Jensen returns to tout Food Pantry donations project.

Speaker Schedule

Wayne says there are 2 open slots for speakers in December. He adds, starting January dates will be assigned alphabetically, so snarky Bob (whoever that is) will likely be assigned first.

Horse Races, Golden Gate Fields, Saturday, Nov. 19

Gary says there are 3 openings if you want to go.

Poker tournament, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 5:30

Gary says 16 Rotarians signed up, but few Lions. Kelley says we'll have to invite the Seroptimists.

Montezuma Fire Dep't. Steak & Prawns Dinner

Saturday night, Vets Hall, tickets still available.



Dick Brann 1916-2016
A great Rotarian

A great friend

Celebrations

We sing to Molly on her 4-year Rotary anniversary. Kelley quips, "It's almost time for you to be president, Molly." However, Molly's response was less than enthusiastic.

Student Rotarians report

Varsity Girls Volleyball had playoff, Tues., lost to Capital Christian, Thursday, (19-0 record); Girls Basketball starts, Friday; Football, Friday, VS. Golden Sierra, away; tryouts for Girls Softball & Soccer; Boys Soccer, 5 showed up; Interact distributed food bags; Greet-N-Meet, Wed., they'll write to Vets.; we welcome Marcel Roberts, who's been here once before; J Mac asks Josie about her Def Leppard shirt (it's not her dad's, and she likes the music.) Casie's headed for San Diego & cousin's wedding for New Year's. Chris will help mom, Thanksgiving, cutting veggies. All Interact students made honor roll.

Confessions

Tim enjoys Disneyland with grandkids and gives \$25 to PolioPlus, routed through Interact program.

Past School Board Trustee, Lee, a country boy who is proud of our you't and sometimes leaves folks wondering what the heck he said, has known Gabe De la Rosa since he was knee-high to a grasshopper. Well, Gabe makes honor roll at RVHS, and Lee is so proud that gives \$15 to Ted's Dictionary Fund.

Program

Walt introduces Norm Richardson, our mayor, who is currently up for reelection. Norm says Assemblyman Jim Frazier, who chairs the Transportation Committee, recently addressed the council. Jim says that the recent renovation of Hwy. 12 west of town will be completed from Summerset to the bridge with 12' lanes, 8' shoulders, left turn lanes, median strip, and sidewalks through Core Rio Vista. In one year the cost went up from \$15M to \$75M. It may take 1 or 2 years to start the project.



Rio Vista Mayor Norman Richardson addresses Rotary.

It would have cost \$1B to reroute Hwy 12 around Rio Vista and build a new bridge high enough for ships to sail under it. But the total transportation budget is

\$3B for all of CA; so, it won't happen. It will take \$55M and 3 to 4 years to replace the motors, plus wrap and paint the bridge.

There's a 3-year capital improvement project to replace water and sewer lines under our city streets, and they will be repaved afterwards as part of the project.

Enabled by a bill written by Sen. Lois Wolk, we are applying through the Solano Water Agency for a \$500K state grant for a flood protection feasibility study including all along Hwy 84 (River Rd.) and the waterfront, to build a flood wall. Then (in a couple of years) the work could be funded by Prop. 1 monies.

Next month, the Dept. of Water Resources will be releasing an Environmental Impact Report that determines the location of \$100M+ of buildings at the Old Army Base, and Norm believes that Rio Vista's location will be chosen over Stockton's, bringing us 160 jobs.

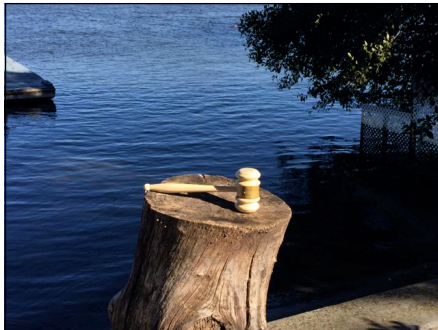
This year, Norm is chair of the Solano County Transportation Authority, the first R. V. mayor to hold that title since Eddie Woodruff. We're hosting 160 high-ranking government officials at the Transportation Awards Dinner at Veterans Hall, Wednesday. Included guests will be Lindsay Transportation, local manufacturers of the "Zipper" moveable barrier system used on the Golden Gate.

Norm is proud of the Promenade, which was funded by a grant, as are many city projects. The boat dock now needs air every 2 weeks to stay afloat. We have a \$250K grant that must be matched by \$70K to replace it, and Rio Vision has raised \$10K toward that goal. But, the Army Corps of Engineers is slow to issue a permit.

Gov. Brown is trying to defeat Prop. 53 because it would interfere with his pet projects, the twin tunnels and high speed rail. *Vote "yes". Ed. Oops! Was that po-*



Student Rotarians from Interact report on RVHS happenings, from left, Josie Hamilton, Chris Galeno, Casie Mortimore, and Marcel Roberts.



Hi, Kelley! What a gorgeous day for relaxing on the beautiful delta!

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The arsenic content in well 10 (our most productive well) has been corrected from 50ppb to 5ppb, and our water is safe to drink!

Norm discusses the devastating effect of the 2008 Great Recession on our city staff, and revenues are not back to where we were, but the city is larger, and we've increased public safety personnel.

Norm fielded our questions regarding Sandy Beach sewer treatment plant tie-in to old Army Base development, paving of streets, performance bonds, new fire & police stations on Church Rd., new fire chief, broken lights on Promenade, whatever became of Chief Greg, what if Measure O fails, governor took away redevelopment funding for school districts, and Jim McCracken's (and Dave Hampton's) tenacious efforts for a new medical facility in town.

Thanks for your service, Eileen

Eileen Kennedy has resigned from our club. We wish her the very best!

50/50 raffle

Jim McPherson's ticket did not net the right marble. The last word...where have all the members gone?

Attendance has been really sketchy, lately. We have approximately 46 members, but 11 of them have either left our club or don't attend, leaving us 35 active members. Our club must pay for a minimum 30 breakfasts at the Point every Friday we schedule a meeting. Less than 30 have been showing up, lately. **We need new members**, preferably young, enthusiastic ones.

And now, my pledge: I, Bob Bard, do hereby declare that I will fine myself \$10 (that's a lot) for every new member brought into our club from now until Jan 1, 2017. Please bring a prospective member next Friday.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, November 11	Sister Cities	Ron Jones
Wednesday, November 16	Rotary-Lions Poker Tourney, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Play--Poppy House	Ron Jones
Friday, November 18	"Less" Lethal Weapons	Greg Bowman
Friday, November 25	No Rotary--Thanksgiving Holiday	Tom Turkey
Friday, December 2	It's about Time	Jack Krebs
Friday, December 9	TBA	TBA