



THE RIO

"I have learned how to live...how to be in the world and of the world, and not to stand aside and watch."—AUDREY HEPBURN—MARIA LAZZARO—RVHS YEARBOOK



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

Rotarian

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ



Bob Bard, Ed.

Call to order

Pres. Greg melodiously taps the real gavel on the real bell, and we harmoniously sing "America the Beautiful."

Visitors & guests

Our Pres. welcomes Don, possibly implying that his attendance is a little sketchy; Edwin welcomes our speaker, a former Cordelia Rotarian and current president of Solano EDC, Sandy Person.

Bass Festival coming soon

Greg assures us that the absent Dave Mason has everything under control, prompting Cub to heckle our noble leader about fire engine rides, to which Greg pointedly responds, we'll offer police car rides & TASERS.

Sarah Gamaza thank you letter

Sarah thanks us for John Lewallen scholarship. She's enrolled at U. C. Davis, preparing to start classes.

Milestones

We salute Edwin, Jim McCracken, and Al, birthdays, and Hale, wedding anniversary.

Letter from Mel Pearson

Our intrepid Navy SEAL/D. D. S./food guru/wilderness survival wonder and adventurer *par excellence* sends his regards from his new job at Medford, with kind words for our amazing meetings and newsletters.

Honest Jim Mac returns gavel...how come he had it??

Jim rounds out his grandchildren's PHF's with yet one more. A much abashed Pres. Greg is so happy to have the gavel and additional PHF revenue that there's no fine.

More PHF's

Gene receives sapphire pin (for 2 to 6 PHF's) and Walt receives ruby pin (7 or more PHF's). Pres. Greg extends hearty thank-you's (*and so do we.*)

Student Rotarians' Report

Alyssa, Piero and Cheyanne say, "There will be a Homecoming dance, tomorrow!" It will happen at Vet's Hall. Sup't. Don personally intervened to overcome formidable transportation issues and make it happen. Yesterday's volleyball game, plus a bake sale and donations jar, raised \$280 for Devin Davis' family. Soccer lost two games this week, but won on Monday. Football, today, in Vacaville; there's a meeting to build a float.

Interact will help Xmas 94571

Kelley reports she, Evelyn, and Interact will help Rio

Vista Community Services facilitate annual Xmas event during transition, this year. Needy kids will speak at service club meetings. Cub chimes in that Abel's will have toy donation bins and lots of Corvettes, Sat., Dec. 5. J. Mac asks if they'll give away any Corvettes. Answer: what scale model did you have in mind? Kelley goads that Lions always give \$500.

Service Clubs Lunch

Lions need head count, Lee will cook, Tuesday, Oct. 20, noon, Vets Hall.

Confessions

Jim Mac spent 5 exciting days in hectic MN and pays \$100 to granddaughter, Shelby James', PHF.

Cheyanne and Lucas Walker nominated Outstanding Students of the Month; they attend Soroptimists Brunch.

Hector got carried away at "Made in Mexico" tequila tasting bash in San Diego; next morning, he hit 3 bars on bus to Puerto Nuevo, Mexico; he pays \$15 to Gabe's PHF.

Ted is so dazzled since Dodgers hit magic number that he claims Amazon Prime has fantastic deal!

Cub flew to Vegas for big party and proudly claims he lost **only** \$360 due to huge crowds at tables; pays \$100.

Edwin wins first beer mile in Rio Vista, drinking Bud at 60°, knocks 1 minute off his time, pays \$100 to PHF.



Sandy Person, President, Solano Economic Development Corporation



Alyssa, Piero and Cheyanne give Student Rotarian Report.

Al lauds Jim Lira for help making RVFD fundraiser a \$9,000 success. Jim passes praise to his kids for perpetuating spirit of charity to our community. *Thank you, Jim and family!* Jim and Al each give \$100 to Xmas 94571.

Eddie and Betsy attended daughter, Rose's softball game at Presidio, got stuck in traffic as G. G. bridge traffic barriers were moved by "zipper" made in Rio Vista, & visited with Neil Hamilton at family gathering. He pays \$30. Program

Edwin introduces Sandy Person, who's been affiliated with the Solano County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) for 25 years. EDC seeks to attract, grow and retain business and industry here in our county.

Sandy utilizes a Jack Krebs quip, saying that Rio Vista is "centrally isolated." The bay, Sacramento and Tahoe areas taken together present the world's 14th largest economy, while CA, itself, boasts the world's 6 largest economy. CA's manufacturing economy is perceived as

over-regulated.

Sandy's energetic talk provides lots of insight and factoids regarding local economic activity. In Solano county, population 4.25M, 95% of residents live within city limits, an unusually high number. It has a 5.9% unemployment rate, but Rio Vista's rate is 11%; with over half the businesses classified as "micro," only 25% employ over 50 persons. However, last year, Solano County grew 2,300 jobs; 20% were government, while 80% were private sector employers. Travis AFB is the largest public sector employer.

Our local wind farms are a huge economic driver, capable of delivering over 1 gigawatt of power. Valero provides 20% of Benicia's revenues. Food processing drives a large portion of our county's revenues. Solano county owns lake Berryessa.

50/50 raffle

J. Mac has right ticket, but wrong marble...only 9 left!

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, Oct. 2	To Be Announced	Betty Davis
Friday, Oct. 9	No Meeting--Bass Festival, Linguica Booth	Dave Mason
Friday, Oct. 16	Mary Ellen Lamothe--Rio Vision	Dave Falk
Friday, Oct. 23	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
Friday, Oct. 30	To Be Announced	To Be Announced