



"No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery."

—ANONYMOUS



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



Opening rituals

Mercifully, we forget to sing, this morning. Hector notes that Student Rotarians are discreetly silent during Rotary Grace. What? No one ever revealed to them the most reverent verse, so here it is as it appears in the Rio Vista Rotary Roster published in 1975 under the direction of then President Buddy Kuwaye:

A Rotary Grace

O Lord and giver of all good
We thank Thee for our daily food
May Rotary friends and Rotary ways
Help us to serve Thee all our days. Amen
Perhaps next week our Interactors will lead us in a

Rotary Grace.

A Kelley Quiz

Our Pres. recites lines from Willy Wonka, and, remarkably, we have a winner.

Guests

J. Mac presents Sue Simonsen, we welcome Cole Felt, Tatyana greets today's speaker, Naomi Walker, and Hector presents Alyssa.

Announcements

Following an awkward silence, J. Mac says, "Monday is Labor Day."

Pres. Kelley asks Hector for Hog August Bites audit, but Hector's unable to reconcile finances, as he must attend golf event, today.

Tom is unable to deliver Bass Derby update due to absence. Sadly, Danny is also unable to give Beer Booth report, as he was not here last week.

Milestones

Birthdays: Gene-Sept. 1; Dave Mason-Sept. 10; Dennis' wife, Merilyn-Sept. 3; Rotary anniversary: Tom-21 years; wedding anniversaries: Edwin Okamura-Sept. 4 (22 years); Jon Blegen-Sept. 6.

Student Rotarians report

Girls Volleyball won against Galt and Natomas, Football tonight Vs. Amador (we won last week, we play Delta next week,) Senior meetings, funds needed, Art Club activities discussed.

Confessions

Someone unsuccessfully attempts to get Ken in trouble for

"taking a knee during the pledge."

Danny and son go to Monterey for SCUBA certification. They're planning dives for channel islands; he also has medallion and escapes huge fine.

Wayne delivers a less than succinct narrative covering a pleasant stay at 29 Palms; not getting to see Rod Stewart in Las Vegas, where they gambled, instead; 26 years of payroll; being outmaneuvered on the road by Molly; cleverly passing an online course in 45 minutes, and failing to identify the reason for taking the course in the first place. He pays a whopping \$25.

J. Mac takes **far** less time publicizing trailer his sister and ex are opening across river to serve coffee, espresso,

breakfast burritos, hamburgers, etc. He pays \$25 for advertising.

Jim Nordin and Linda spent three weeks in So Cal caring for wife's uncle who'd had heart attack, then they went on 10 day cruise to Alaska. He pays \$50.

Jack brags that he paid his one-third of Dodgers-Giants bet he had with Ted.

Program

Tatyana recruited Naomi Walker (they both work at

Richards Real Estate) to give a talk on hosting foreign exchange students. Naomi and her husband do not have children of their own, so they decided to answer a newspaper ad and try hosting a foreign exchange student 24 years ago. Although they were in their late 40's and didn't expect to be selected, the Walker's were chosen to be a host family. It was a positive learning experience for



Tatyana Pool, right, presents today's speaker, Naomi Walker.



Student Rotarians present weekly report, from left, Susanne Johnson, Daryn Katsuki, Josie Hamilton, Karina Mandujano, Casie Mortimore and Emma Okamura.

the student, a boy from Denmark, as well as Naomi and her husband. They were caught off-guard when the first thing the boy did was ask them what their rules and expectations were. He learned about Halloween, and by Christmas he was beginning to dream in English.

It turned out that their student befriended a German exchange student who spent a lot of time at their house.

Naomi says they got two for the price of one. The following year they had no exchange student, but the year after that they hosted a girl from the Czech Republic, just after it was freed from Russia. The following year they hosted a boy who enjoyed cycling, and their fourth student was a boy from Spain. They also hosted several part-time exchange students.

While hosting these students, all but one of the teachers were supportive. One teacher, however, was opposed to the program and made the students' lives miserable.

After hosting 4 students over a 5-year period, Naomi has been extremely pleased with the ongoing interaction and closeness between most of the students following the host experience. She says they often know more about U. S. politics than she does. She describes her relationships with the

former students, as she maintains close ties with 3 out of the 4 of them. She highly recommends the experience of hosting foreign exchange students, as it enriches both the host families' lives as well as the students' futures.

Gil asks who the program's sponsor is. It's the American Scandinavian Student Exchange (ASSE.) Molly mentions that her family has been a host for AFS

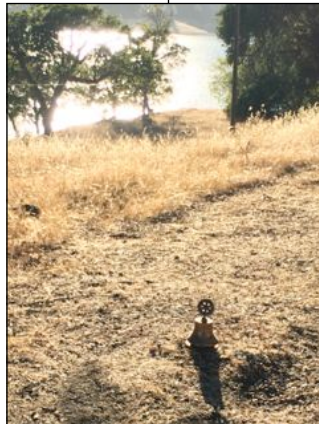
students, and 2 students are hosted each year in Rio Vista. Gil mentions that Rotary also runs a foreign student exchange program in which the Walnut Grove club participates. Each student stays with a different host family for 3 months during a total of 9-months in a foreign country.

J. Mac pays to not play

He misses Delta Dozen golf tourney, Monday, 'cause he had to work till midnight. He's so upset that he pays \$25.

Coin auction

Bragging that he made the solid gold medallion himself, J. Mac, the "Auctioneer with the Golden Voice," works the crowd for \$100, as Jon cannot match Hector when it comes to throwing his money around.



Hi, Pres. Kelley! Having a wonderful time at my secret fishing lake! Miss you!

50/50 Raffle

Fast Eddie thinks he's got it made, this time, but comes up empty on the marble draw.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, September 9	Rob Hickey	Jim Nordin
Friday, September 16	To Be Announced	Tom Donnelly
Friday, September 23	John Broughton, General Manager at Frontier	Edwin Kingen
Friday, September 30	China and the Terra Cotta Soldiers	Jim Nordin
Friday, October 7	Bass Derby--No Meeting	Nobody