



# THE Rio Rotarian



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

*-Dr. Ted Schulz*

## Welcome

With formalities completed, Pres. Dan seeks advice from Gene, Cub and Jimmy Mac on a song—all of whom draw a blank. Breaking with tradition, we go song-less, and everyone disappointedly sits.

## Our Guests

Hector stands to introduce his children, Gabe and Alyssa. This week he blurts out that Alyssa's his favorite, having apparently favored his son the previous week.

## Birthdays & Celebrations

Sec. Leon announces that Gene has celebrated a birthday, and Gary, Edwin and Tom have anniversaries. Gil informs the Club that he too is celebrating his anniversary—so we all sing *Happy Celebrations Dear Rotarians*.

## Confessions Abound

- Gene celebrates his birthday and anniversary in Seattle, where his brother-in-law provides fabulous tours of the San Juan Islands, the Space Needle, and Boeing. He donates \$50 to the Harvey Felt Scholarship.
- Gil spends 16 days in Europe traveling via Viking cruise ship from Nuremberg to Budapest. His Hungarian-born wife, recounts to their family her escape from Hungary in 1956.



*Gabe keeps a safe distance from fellow Interact members (left to right) Tilly, Mariko and Kiara.*

## Student Report

With some encouragement from Papa Hector and the Club, Gabe cautiously joins the Interact students who report that membership sign-ups are great. Their first meeting was primarily introduc-

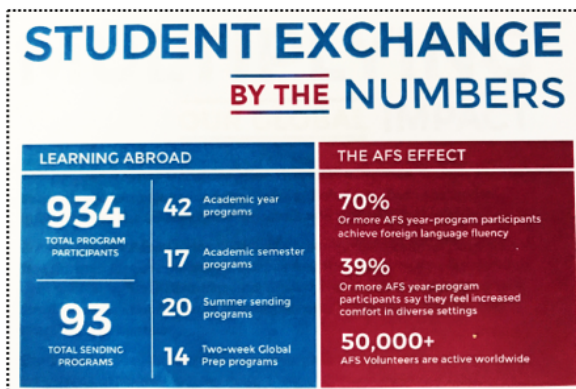
tions, but they plan to meet every Monday and Thursday—with Monday dedicated to report-ing on the previous Friday's Rotary meeting, and Thursday to planning their report for Rotary.

In sports, Tilly reports that they won 2 of 3 volleyball games this past week, and that the rivalry Delta Game will be today. (Editor's note: RVHS was up 42-0 at the half, and Delta forfeited the game). Interact is working on their club project and will report back.

## AFS: Bringing People Together

Molly opens with a brief history of AFS along with the numbers. Worth mentioning is their mission statement, which is to, "Work

towards a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities through a global volunteer partnership."



## Confessions Continued

- They visited numerous historical sites. Gil puts \$50 towards his wife's PHF.
- Jon avoids the heat wave in California, spending time in Ketchikan fishing. He donates \$50 to the Harvey Felt Scholarship.
- Molly announces she'll be picking up her Italian AFS student today—Samuele. While technically not a confession, she generously gives \$20 to the General Fund.
- Pres. Dan dives off of Catalina Island, and films 800 lb. Sea Bass in kelp fields. He was then off to La Jolla for more diving. He puts \$50 to Harvey Felt's Scholarship.

## Committee Reports

- Tom reports that Bass Derby planning is doing well, and Patrick is eager to learn the Club secret to perfect Linguica (cheap wine).
- Patty reports that we'll be netting about \$1,600 - \$1,700 from HAB beer sales.

## Marble in Hiding

Lucky Dick has his number pulled but unluckily pulls a clear marble.



### Newsletter Staff

**Co-Editors:** Edwin Okamura, Dick Burkhart

**Executive Editor:** Bob Bard

**Student Reporter:** TBD

AFS began in 1914 and is now in 70 countries, operating

predominantly as a volunteer organization. Students that are interested in the exchange program must go through a rigorous application and screening process that can last upwards of two years.

Candidates are selected by the New York head-quarters, and then distributed region-ally, where families are paired with students. The pro-gram is not in-expensive, with children's families spending upward of \$15,000 for air fare and insurance. Once

the student has been placed, the host family covers all other expenses. Rio Vista participates in the Silver & Gold region, which covers Solano County, Chico, and into Nevada. Our region has only one paid staff, with the remainder being volunteer.

Molly, has participated as a host family, has volunteered for many years and, like most host families, has grown from the experience. The hosted children are considered family. She looks forward to introducing Samuele and Cecilia at an upcoming meeting. The participating students are required to speak only English while in the US and are also asked to limit their conversations with their families back home.



*Molly, avoiding the paparazzi, flashes a smile for the camera from behind Pres. Schindler.*

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
September 15	TBD	Don Beno
September 22	TBD	Betty Davis
September 29	Editorial Guess: Tequila	Hector De La Rosa
October 6	TBD	Tom Donnelly
October 13	No meeting—Bass Festival & Derby	Tom & Garry