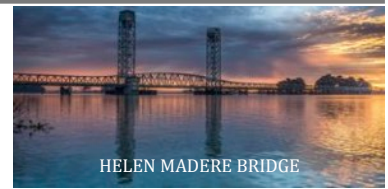




THE Rio Rotarian



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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

Following our customary Pledge and Grace, our Rotary Blues Brothers enthusiastically lead us in "Rolling on the River."

Visiting Rotarians

Hale's phone rudely interrupts introductions, requiring him to spin the wheel and accept a \$5 fine. We are elated to welcome back our favorite Calpine Delta Sunshine Club member, Jimmy Mac, and Ed. Dick is pleased to introduce John Krauskoph of the Western Railway Museum.

Celebrations

Ted and Ken's wives each celebrate birthdays, while a man by the name Mr. James McPherson (AKA Jimmy Mac) celebrates 16 years of Rotary service!

Treasurer's Report

Sitting in for Treasurer Jay, Patty reports that finances remain in good order. She give us the heads-up that February billings will be out next week, and will include outstanding invoices back to last July.

Confessions

- Cub travels to Cancun for a 10-day trip. He describes his Cenote dives as "intense," where there are 226 miles of caverns and tunnels. In addition, he dove to shipwrecks and reefs; zip lined; visited Chicanicha; ate incredible sea food; and even had time to talk politics with locals. Sgt.-at-Arms Patrick quickly (cont.)

Announcements Abound

Ed Kingen and Molly report that only two foursomes have signed up for the Golf Tourney. As in years past, members must either donate \$50, or offer a gift basket for the silent auction. With a \$50 donation, the committee will have a "shopper" put together a beautiful basket. Hector says that the ball drop tickets will be available for purchase—and while we will not be required to buy tickets, it is for an exceptional cause.

Lee reminds us that Appreciation Night is April 4, at the Montezuma station on 4th street. He passes around the sign-up sheet, along with pictures exhibiting how the steaks will be prepared this year.

Ed Kingen asks that we check our email, as he's sent out a registration form for the joint Rotary wine event. He'll have further updates next week. There may be a pizza truck at the event.

The Car Show will be May 18, and Lee reports that Rotary will set-up around 8:30 a.m. This year we will also be selling breakfast burritos. Cub reports that 280 have registered, but he expects to see 500.

Confessions Abound

Lee stands to boast that his friend and fellow Rotarian, Jay, helped him re-tool his office with new shelving. Lee donates \$50 to each of Patty's and Jay's Paul Harris Fellowships.

Jimmy Mac takes his mother, sister Shannon, and girlfriend, Denise, to the opening of a film that his son's been working on. The film is about a hospital that the Dali Lama built in Zanskar within the Himalayas. For six weeks, Ten nurses and doctors from the US treated patients at this new

facility. Proudly, he speaks of his son narrating the film, and a monk in attendance at the film's opening. He donates \$100 to Josie's Paul Harris.

Gil spends three days in NY with his wife's family. They travelled into Manhattan on St. Patrick's Day, but avoided the mayhem by dining at an Italian restaurant. Having been 3-4 years since their last visit, it was nice to spend quality time with family. He donates \$25.



Hale begrudgingly pays \$5.

Confessions Continued

- calculates his fine, only to learn that Cub has the fake medallion and is possibly in possession of the authentic coin. Cub promises to return the medallion shortly.
- Patty mourns the loss of the police chief that hired her in Antioch. He was a former Marine and Antioch Rotarian for 37 years. Besides hiring her, he also sponsored the first woman to Antioch Rotary in the mid-80s. She offers \$50. Jay courageously corrects his wife, saying, "once a Marine, always a Marine."
- Dr. Ted announces that his Daughter is in Cabo for Spring Break, so he's holding his breath. This past weekend he decompresses in the Redwoods. For his fine, he throws himself at the mercy of our Sgt.-at-Arms, craftily advising him that before he levies a fine, he should consider that he may be the Sgt.-at-Arms next year. Patrick backs down, and fines a paltry \$10.

Marble Draw

Gil has the number, but is unable to draw the black marble. Only a few marbles remain.



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Spring Break!

With Sam traveling to N. Carolina for AFS, Kiara and Gabe deliver their always on-point report. Kiara admits that she's exhausted, and Spring Break could not have come sooner. Once back, the prom committee will begin pushing tickets for their Delta Diamonds Prom. The theme will be, "Into the Wood." Gabriel says that all classes but seniors were in testing this week, which enabled seniors to focus on applying for scholarships. Jon Blegen jumps into the conversation, proudly announcing that the swim team won their meet, and that Sam is "really fast."

Historical Landmark in our Backyard

Dressed in his conductor's outfit, it's hard to imagine John Krauskopf in any profession other than trains. But, before immersing himself in the Western Railway Museum (WRM), he served in the Peace corps, worked 10 years for an international NGO, and for 24 years he ran a language school.



Ed. Dick, John Krauskopf and Sec. Leon.

With video of old railway clips playing, John launches into a fascinating history of the museum and the numerous electric trains that ran in the region. The association began, by happenstance, when a group of electric train fanatics from the Bay Area would travel around the region riding electric trains. In 1946, they chartered an Oakland streetcar for the day—only to learn that it would be scrapped within a week. Appalled, they bought the car for \$246, and WRM was born.

Today, they have six miles of restored track, 95 historic artifacts—17 of which operate—and house over 100,000 archived black and white photos. Not surprisingly, the museum is known worldwide, and conducts joint projects with universities. While, some Club members believe taking friends to Jelly Belly is sufficient, John suggests WRM should be added to our list of go-to places. He also emphasizes that a mere \$5 goes a long way toward restorations. With an operating budget of \$650K, they could use more individual and community support.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
March 30	Amanda Jenni, Center for the Arts	Patrick Byron
April 4	Rotary Dictionary Distribution Day	Dr. Ted Schulz
April 4	Appreciation Nigh: 6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner	Lee Williams
April 6	No Morning Meeting	
April 6	3-Club Evening Get Together @ Grand Island Vineyard	Ed Kingen
April 11	Dictionary Day: First Responders Teach Students	Dr. Ted Schulz
April 13	Kay Kelley - Human Trafficking	Tom Donnelly