



THE Rio Rotarian



HELENE MADERE BRIDGE

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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

Bell-less, Pres. Dave calls the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m., and leads the Club in Pledge. Patrick tackles Grace, and Gene leads us in singing Ted's favorite song, "King of the Road."

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Jon introduces his guests, Stephanie Cobb, Pres. of the Sharks Swim Team; Jamie Saldana; and Sophia Saldana and Fisher Lion, both members of the Sharks and HS swim teams.

Treasurer's Report

With not much to report, Treasurer Jay entertains us with his "Bird" poem. Members are excited to learn the marble pot has increased to \$620.

Birthdays & Celebrations

Ted's, Ken's and Gil's wives each celebrate birthdays. Jimmy Mac celebrates 17 years of service in Rotary. The Club enthusiastically sings, "Happy Celebrations."

Confessions

- Gil reflects on his 25th anniversary since his heart surgery, and puts \$100 to the General Fund.
- Hector's daughter, Alyssa, is participating in her University Exchange program and is leaving for classes in Italy and Spain. He puts \$100 into her Paul Harris Fund.
- Edwin finally buys a Chevrolet Traverse Redline after 54 years of foreign cars. Cub will pay his fine.

Sharks Open The Season

Jon Blegen introduces Stephanie Cobb, who has been on the Sharks' board for 13 years; serving as President for the past four. The Shark organization operates the pool during the summer, with the exception of chemicals—which the City handles. This summer they will keep the pool open on weekends once school ends, and remain open through Labor Day.

Fisher Lion has been on the Sharks for 5 years, and really enjoys being Jr.



Jamie and Sophia Saldana, Stephanie Cobb and Fisher Lion are excited to open the season. (below) Coaches and swimmers are all smiles. (bottom right) Ed. Jon enthusiastically introduces Stephanie Cobb.

Coach for the 6 year old kids. He also enjoys meets, but really loves the Pentathlon. This event has been supported by Rotary for the past 35 years.

Sophia Saldana has been swimming since six years of age. Swim has helped her tremendously, both physically and mentally. She also enjoys being Jr. Coach. While Sophia and Fisher have already begun the season at the HS, Sharks begin practicing April 1st.



Confessions

- Hale, once again, calls out Ed. Edwin’s daughter for having her photo in the River News Herald 4X. He imposes a \$5 fine on Edwin.

Announcements

- Molly thanks Edwin for lending Brooke’s car when her car broke down, and offers a dozen home-fresh eggs. Edwin opines that this may have been the reason he finally gave in to buying a new car for Vera!
- Leon expresses his deep sadness about the tragic shootings in New Zealand.
- Dr. Ted comments on the beautiful sunrise, in an effort to share his “feminine side.”
- Pres. Dave recognizes Molly for the support she has provided to Rotary functions. She is presented a gold chain and medallion, and he declares her fine free for 2 months!
- Lee asked if there was an interest in doing the Appreciation Dinner this year (April). Based on Pres. Dave’s expression, it does not appear this will happen.
- Pres. Dave notes there is a board meeting today.

Marble Draw

While Jimmy Mac has the number, the marble comes up clear.



Newsletter Team
Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

Student Report

Pres. Gabe reports that the school’s bell and speaker systems are not currently working. Montana is excited that preparation for the mural in the wellness center is moving along, and that work will commence next week. Jesus passes around a sheet requesting Rotarians sign up to go on the air and describe their occupations. Dr. Bard volunteers to get local dentists to participate.



Pres. Gabe De La Rosa, Montana Olsen, Destanie Resdon, Jesus Rivas, and VP Brooke Okamura deliver their report.

Brooke describes the lockdown at the school on March 21st. She thought it was a fire drill until she, and other students, were confined in a small room. Students confirm that it was confusing because of the lack of bell and speaker systems. Ed. Edwin learned that while the systems are down, the school emphasizes that they use another system for this type of event; and intentionally do announce details over the loudspeaker. Rather, teachers are texted.

In sports, Girls’ Softball beat Winters; and Boys’ Baseball has a tournament in Gridley, and places second. In college news, State Universities are sending out acceptance letters, as are many UC’s.

Committee Reports

- **Camp Royal.** Molly reports that 16 of 17 applicants were interviewed, with the final interview today. Edwin participated in one round of interviews.
- **Golf Tourney.** Bob summarized his recent email, whereas he established 7 teams, with the intention of obtaining “significant” items for the auction. This is in addition to the gift baskets. Patrick notes that the ball drop and other activities will occur.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
March 29	Noel O’Brien - Proposed Vets’ Home	Gene Resler
April 5	Dr. Dorota Korta - Dermatology	Hector De La Rosa
April 12	Dave/Mary Kemnitz - Cars for Paradise Valley	Derek Abel
April 19	John Callahan: "Hot Rods of the Sacto Delta"	Jim McPherson
April 26	Rick Carter - Reclamation District	Jay Huyssoon
May 3	TBD	Ted Schulz