



THE Rio Rotarian



HELENE MADERE BRIDGE

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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

Acting Pres. Jimmy Mac opens the meeting promptly at 7:00 a.m., without Gavel or bell in hand. Jim Lira is asked to lead Rotary Grace, and Noel O'Brien (guest speaker) is honored to lead Pledge. Lee suggests we appropriately sing, "Take me out to the Ball Game."

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Gene introduces Noel O'Brien, Commander of the American Legion, and President of the Lions Club; and his wonderful wife, Patricia. Dr. Ted welcomes David Murray.

Treasurer's Report

Marble is up to \$660, but is about to be depleted.

Confessions

- Leon has made the shift to Xfinity and has much faster service now. He donates \$100 to the Harvey Felt Scholarship.
- Gil, on April 2, will celebrate his 45th anniversary of receiving his license to practice architecture. He puts \$100 towards his wife's Paul Harris.
- Jim Mac welcomes his new granddaughter Kit Renny Schultz, putting \$100 towards her Paul Harris.
- Molly proudly announces her 2016 XC60 car purchase—and reminds us that she is fine free.

The Veteran's Home is Coming Soon!

Noel O'Brien, Commander of the American Legion and Lions Club President, spent 15 years in the Navy, and another 15 years at the VA. He received a Master's Degree in Psychology and was a Post Traumatic Syndrome Disorder (PTSD) counselor.

He reports that \$1.6M in improvements made to the Vet's Hall are complete—with funds coming from Solano County. They are now scheduling regular events there. Each Thursday, they have



(above) Commander O'Brien shows off his catch at an undisclosed location.

(left) Rio Vista educators support Soroptimist's Bingo Night at the refurbished Veteran's Hall.



Happy Hour at 4:30.

On March 29, they hosted, "Vietnam Vet's Recognition Day." They promote the welcoming back of veterans from later wars in response to how poorly they were treated upon their return from war.

A six-person Veteran's home will begin construction this May, next to the existing Veteran's Hall. This project is a collaboration between the American Legion, Berkeley Food and Housing, and Habitat for Humanity. The project will include a rose garden for residents to enjoy and to care for. They will raise funds at the Adam Kinser Golf Tournament for this project. In the future, they hope to bring a VA Clinic to Rio Vista.

Announcements

- Gary says Rotary Day at the Races is on April 13. This is an important fundraiser for Rotary. Jim Mac recounts his experience as President, when he lost the gavel, and had it returned by a jockey.
- Jim Lira announces the Adam Kinser Golf Tourney is in Aug. He suggests that we collect golf clubs and donate to NorCal PGA Hope. Clubs can be dropped off at the Vet's Hall. This program helps injured veterans transition back into society.
- Jim Mac announces that the high school alumni game will be in May.
- Bob went to see Derek's band (DAB) play in Vacaville. It was a great performance, and full house.

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- Patrick says the Golf Tourney is coming along, and tickets are now available for attending the dinner only. He asks that we bring our baskets by the next meeting, or expect to be charged \$50.
- Bob will be checking with the raffle team captains next week to see what they have come up with for their auction item.

Marble Draw

Attorney Blegen pulls the marble for the second time in a row!



Newsletter Team

Edwin Okamura, Jon Blegen

Former Interact Students Visit!

Students anxiously await final grades from last semester, which are due out today. Program testing was completed last week.

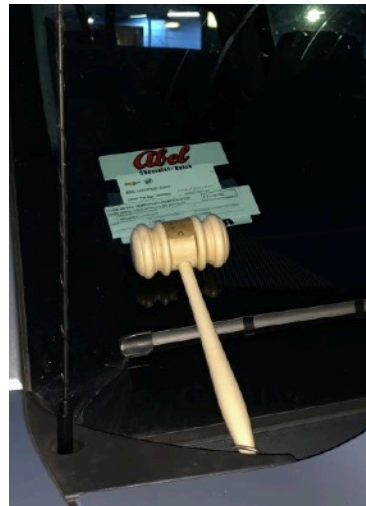
Prom is Saturday, April 6 on Sherman Island. This year's theme is, "The Great Gatsby." Jimmy Mac is going to collect checks from Rotary members that agreed to the \$100 they pledged originally towards the Vice dance.

In organization news, RUSC GSA is planning a trip next month to the SF Castro District; AFS students are back from an eye-opening trip to Boston, MA, where they visited Paul Revere's home, and Fenway Park; and FFA will have a State Degree gathering in Los Angeles from 4/25 - 4/29.

Jesus reports that Radio class begins next Monday. They plan to broadcast news, weather and community events—such as the Marta Dron Rotary Golf Tourney.

In sports, both girls and boys lost in swimming, which may have been a result of numerous swimmers traveling to Boston. Their last home meet will be on April 1.

Former Interact students attended the meeting and offered college reports. Josie Hamilton is on Spring Break from Cal Poly. She is doing well, and will study abroad this summer in Ireland, and Australia next fall. Mariko Dupuis is on break from UC Davis, and her finals went well! Chris Galeno, also attending UC Davis, expressed his thanks to his high school teachers that prepared him for college.



Edwin receives a photo of the gavel from an anonymous source. It appears to have been taken at the Abel dealership.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
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
May 10	TBD	Leon Guzenda