



# THE Rio Rotarian

"We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children." ~ Native American proverb



Wild California Poppies

## Welcome

- We pledge and pray, but choose not to assault our ears singing on Zoom.

## Treasurer's report

- Leon notes there's \$12,336 in Checking and \$28,376 in Charitable Accounts.

## Milestone

- Cole has a birthday, Jan. 18.

## Confessions

- Edwin O. pleads guilty to still having Noel's Turkey Trot shirt, so he gives \$20 to General Fund and gets Noel's address, which is located in "The Compound" (Trilogy).

## Committee reports

- Edwin O. says golf tourney kickoff meeting will be next Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 6:00 p. m., on Zoom. Golf tourney will be held Wed., June 23. The link to join the meeting is: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3808787935?pwd=YVFOMFp2c-WJHc2VXOHczOHovTm5TZz09>  
Meeting ID: 380 878 7935  
Passcode: vN4NDX
- Molly says there *will* be a Camp Royal this year, although it will be virtual.

(cont'd. above, right)



Reporter-Editor-  
Publisher-Circulation:  
Bob Bard

(cont'd. from below left)

We have reserved 3 spots, and we may reserve 3 more.

Both Juniors and Seniors are eligible, this year. Lack of site rental, meals, and transportation expenses lowers our cost from ~\$895+ to \$300 per student. Virtual "camp" will be held June 14-17.

## Interact Club reports

- Lacey Meyer notes Volleyball started up, yesterday. She has been accepted to UOP, Stockton. Her first choice is Fullerton, but she hasn't heard back from them, yet.
- Sophia Saldana says yesterday and today are make-ups for scheduling classes, next year. Although scheduling had already occurred, some students didn't know about it, so they're doing it, now.
- Fisher Lyon reports Cross Country team is ready for action, but scheduling has not been finalized, yet
- Jon lauds Interact members for their faithful support of our club. He expresses gratitude to these youngsters for their diligent efforts to join us at 7:00 a. m. every Friday on Zoom.

## Unfinished business

- Donation of TV for new local Vets' home: Jon met with Noel and Mark to tour new home. There's a wall set up for a TV. Edwin O. asks that our club set a ceiling of <\$1,000 for a set with the latest technology installed by Best Buy when the home is completed. Jon puts Edwin's suggestion up for a vote, and it is passed unanimously. We'll put a plaque on the wall stating that it is a gift from our club.
- Evelyn told Jon that Lions Club will be having Louie Lira do more work on "Welcome to Rio Vista" sign. Jon will check on how much we've already donated, exactly how much more needs to be done, and what that cost will be. Once he's gathered that info, he'll report back to our membership for discussion and a vote. Derek cannot resist intimating that, to the uninitiated, the sign apparently is intended to advertise an R. V. park.

(cont'd. on page 2, left)

(cont'd. from page 1, right)

### A few words on program scheduling

Derek's program doesn't show. Derek checks his email, only to discover that his speaker left him a message at 11:30, last night, saying that he was having trouble with his wife; it wouldn't work and that he'll try to get a booster to present his program in the future.

So, Derek asks Jon to give an "I" program, today, and he invites the Interact students to consider doing a program for us in the future.

Derek mentions that he's utilizing a Program Schedule spreadsheet developed by Leon for maintaining interactive scheduling, accessible to all members.

The link is as follows: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AfGj84lz8qSxWth5jA\\_Eqn96V-gia4QsLNgFegndoktU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AfGj84lz8qSxWth5jA_Eqn96V-gia4QsLNgFegndoktU/edit?usp=sharing)

*You may make changes or updates in the schedule. But, if you do, please let Derek and me know. I use that schedule to update the "Coming Attractions" table in our newsletter. Thanks, Bob*

### Program

On the fly, Jon presents an "I" program, and he does so with excellence.

Jon was born in 1945 and raised, along with 4 cousins and 2 siblings, on all 4 corners of an intersection in Spokane, WA. When Jon was 7 years old, he lost his dad to a heart attack. To support the family, his mom accepted a job offer with Kaiser in Oakland, CA. When Jon was 8, his mom moved the family to Pleasant Hill.

When he was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, his mom remarried, and they moved on to Lafayette, which was a small community at that time. Jon attended UCSB as a frosh, but transferred to UCD for the remainder of undergraduate and law school. Before the final year of law school, Jon got a summer job in general construction and worked out of the PG&E yard

(cont'd. above right)

(cont'd. from below left)

in Rio Vista. They were building the "500" line just downriver from Rio Vista.

After law school, Jon did a stint in the Army at Ft. Huachuca, AZ. Jon took ROTC training in college, which proved advantageous while in Uncle Sam's service. It allowed him to get a deferment to attend law school and avoid being sent to Vietnam. Instead, he went class and played golf a lot. Meanwhile, he got promoted to Captain and was discharged.

Jon then did Welfare hearings for the state of CA, deciding who should stay on Welfare. Then, he became a public defender for Solano County for one year. It was a very stressful job, trying to appease the district attorney, the judge, and your own client.

When our total population was 3,200 and we had a small justice court with a lay judge, Kent Jackson, an optometrist, they'd hold court in the morning and go out to Giusti's for lunch. Kent asked Jon to consider opening a practice, here, and Jon opened a branch office of a Dixon law firm here in town. His first client was a first degree murder case, not the kind of case he wanted.

Since then, Jon has served our town as City Attorney, Lions Club member 25 years, volunteer firefighter, President of both Sharks and Boosters, as well as attorney for the Solano County Mosquito Abatement Board. He still maintains a part-time law practice. One of his daughters, Kelsey, is an attorney in San Francisco.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/PROGRAM	CHAIRPERSON
Jan. 29	TBA	Tom Donnelly
Feb 5	Dani Kelly "The Importance of Negotiation in Our Lives"	Tom Kelly
Feb. 12	California Green—Goals to Mandates	Gary Lazdowski, "The Dude"
Feb. 19	TBA	TBA