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Rotary Club of Rio Vista, D-5160

Call the meeting to order: Serdar opened the Rio Vista Rotary Club's 3511. and the Term's 11. meeting. He led the pledge and the grace. Gene Resler led in "This land is your land".

Guest Speaker/Speaker:

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests of Rotarians:

Celebrations/Birthdays: Gene - Birthday of Edwin Okamura September 26th
The 22nd member anniversary of Evelyn Wilson, September 21st.

Treasurer's Report: Hector - Tried to convince Alyssa to join Rotary.

We hope he will continue trying to convince her!

Jokes from Jay, Virginia and Edwin Kingen..

Committee Reports:

- Hector - Thursday the tv was installed at The Point. Password protected. Hector will get the camera up and working. We can now connect power points directly to the TV and have Zoom meetings.
- Molly - Emailed the RVHS principal to set up a meeting with him and superintendent Kathy Wright.
- Molly - Camp Royal, had first committee meeting. At Bar 717 only first week in June is available. A lot of students are still in school the first week of June and are trying to come up with a solution. Looking for a new venue.

Announcements/Correspondences:

- Jay Forbes is fine free for the month of October and November for sponsoring Vicky Turk.
- Next board meeting is after 9/29 meeting in Point.
- Lee - Last Saturday were the interviews for District Governor Nominees. Woody Fridae from Winters Club was selected as District Governor Nominee for the term 2026-2027. He is a very successful Rotarian. Rio Vista Rotary received praise for our Interact Club by the members of the Nominating Committee.

Confessions:

Patty told us about her wild Rotary dream last night.

Eddie - Went on a trip with his Wife to visiting family in Southern CA. Had many birthdays of the family members.

Interact:

Because of the "Rotarian Only Adults Meeting" the Interact Club was exempted from the meeting.



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Program:

Serdar, organized the meeting to hear members thoughts, complaints, or other concerns about the club. He gave the floor to each member in turn.

Hector - Guests of Rotarians and visiting Rotarians who come to visit without an invite, they are to be charged 14\$. Program chairs paid for the guest speaker. Proposed, the club maybe pays for their meals. Want to prevent people from feeling penalized for bringing a guest speaker. Orientation committee for new members, club expectations, such as fees, guests, and other important club information. He recommends a little more consistency regarding certain things staying the same between presidents.

Gil - In years past and another club. Club paid for speakers. Members paid for their guests. And had an early leaver fee. He would be happy to take on an Interact member or two and pay for their fees. Feels that the ability to have Zoom meetings is important. Gives us the opportunity for advancement. He came to Rio Vista Rotary because of the excitement at this club.

Bob - He seconded what Gil said regarding guest/speaker fees. Rio Vista Rotary is doing a great job with the youth in the community. We are getting some publicity out and club information in the Beacon. Spreading the work about Rotary. Interact, kids that we are helping today are very likely to become Rotarians in the future. We need to invest in the youth. Thinks it's great to have the kids here at breakfast with us and we need to come up with a solution for the fees for the students and find a way to sustain that. Students came to Molly regarding Rotary giving these students laptops for college. Willing to find a way to make that possible. Every year the city provides grants. Wants to submit a grant to the city for Rotary to get funds for laptops.

Jay Forbes - Stated that most colleges have programs for students to apply for a free computer in CA. We have to consider this opportunity by our decision.

Virginia - Feels that everything is going well for her in the Club. She feels very welcomed and feels like we are all bonded together.

Vicky - Seconded the orientation committee.

Kim - Feels that she should be named co-secretary since Derek is always on an adventure. Happy to be a member of Rio Vista Rotary.

Jay Forbes - Greatest asset we have is our core group and out interact club. Also likes the orientation committee and the constancy of the club.



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Program (continuing):

Garen - What makes Rio Vista Rotary special is the heavy involvement of the Interact Club. Agreed with the orientation committee.

Bill - Echo's orientation committee. Agrees with people presenting own fine. Interact, give them a little more time and not rush them through their presentation.

Gene - Speakers always compliment us on our club and our interact members and say it's the best club they have been to. Loves coming to the meeting for the comradery.

Patty - Interact, give them more time and maybe cut some things from the agenda if we need to. It's important for the students to present to members of the community and encourage them in every way we can. Support the students in whatever projects they have.

Ed Kingen - Agreed with the orientation committee. Constancy with all areas in the club. Not achieved the goal of getting out into the community and using the ability to use the kids as well. Get the community to see Rotary is working in the community and making a difference.

Robert Cattey - Things the Interact club is great. Doesn't have any other concerns.

Lee - Getting the name of Rio Vista Rotary out. We don't put anything about scholarships in the community. We need to keep the community up to date on what we are doing. Other members in the community are doing this. Recommended coming up with a plan for students and the fees. Weather we adopt interact members or raise money. We have to find a solution.

Jay Huyssoon - Interact is important. We need to invest in the youth. Recommended he would adopt three students.

Eddie - Appreciates the bulletin. He was able to keep up on the club activates. Stated the interview and orientation phase used to be extensive when he joined 40 years ago. Seconded the constancy, we have bylaws lets follow then. He stated he no longer feels the passion for being a Rotarian and feels that is a result of the lack of club involvement in the community or involvement with other clubs. He feels the pride of being a Rotarian ends at the door when we leave meetings. He doesn't like the morning meetings and loved the night meetings once they had them. He loves being a Rotarian but wants the club to find the spark again. He doesn't like the linguisa booth at bass festival, things need to change with the times. Doesn't feel like we are making the money we would be. It's hard to get people to work the booth. We keep doing it because we have always done it.



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Program (continuing):

Molly - Loves coming to Rotary for members. She wanted to boost up the Interact club when she took over. She loves seeing the change in the students as the school year goes on. Working on public speaking and other important skills. Community Service we need to come up with something for our club to do.

Club members recommended that the people who aren't here today that we hear from them. We need to hear from the members who don't show up at all the meetings.

Next week's Program:

"Jennie Gornto and Lacey Dubois - Week long Science Camp at Sly Park

Marble Draw for Donations:

Garen had the lucky number but not the black marble.

Meeting adjourned at 08:16 am!

The meeting concluded 16 minutes later than originally scheduled, and that the members still had a strong interest in the topic being discussed.

DG Claire Roberts - Team 5160 Governor's Digest:

- The Rose Parade will be held on January 1, 2024. The theme for the 2024 Float is "Clean Water - The Music of Life." More information on how clubs and fellow Rotarians can support. However, if you are interested in being on the committee, please let Rene Matsumoto, Chief of Staff, know ASAP.
- To support our Rotary Family on Maui, please contact DG, Claire Roberts or COS, Rene Matsumoto for further information.
- Learn about the Rotary Ensuring Food Security Action Group, info@foodplantsolutions.org

and

- Fairfield Suisun Rotary - Super Diamond, The Sounds of Neil Diamond - "Concert for a Cause benefiting youth; Solano Community Theatre, September 23rd, 7:00PM. Pre-Concert Dinner option available <https://ftpresents.com/events/fairfield-suisun-rotary-fundraiser/>
- Rotary Club of Benicia, 18th Annual Golf Tournament, Friday, September 29th, Blue Rock Springs West Course



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DG Claire Roberts - Team 5160 Governor's Digest (continuing):

- Rotary Club of Vacaville, Golf Classic, Thursday, October 5th, Rancho Solano
- Davis Sunrise Rotary's Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 14th, 6-9PM, Central Park, Davis
- District 5230, Run/Walk/Ride across the Golden Gate Bridge to End Polio Now, 10.21.23.
For more information or to donate, go to: <https://raise.rotary.org/Debbie-Hale-D5230/challenge>
- Beer and Brats Day, October 28th, 12-4pm, Sugarloaf Open Space, 2161 Youngs Valley Rd., Walnut Creek
- Pet First Aid & CPR Training, Saturday, November 4th, Danville Women's Club, 242 W. Linda Mesa, Danville, 9am-12pm
- Texas Hold Em Tournament benefiting White Pony Express, November 4th, 6:30-10:00PM, Veteran's Hall, Martinez
- Diablo View Rotary "A Night of Texas Hold Em - Poker Tournament." November 18th, 5-10pm, Creekside Commons, \$100/player. Contact: pokernight@diabloviewrotary.org