



# THE Rio Rotarian

*El sabio muda consejo, el necio, no.*

*The wise man changes his opinion, the fool does not.*

~Mexican proverb

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Wild California Poppies

## Welcome

- Leon enables our meeting on Zoom, and Jon greets us at 7:00 a. m. Molly salutes, Bob prays, but nobody sings because staying synchronized together on Zoom doesn't seem to work so well.

## Guests of Rotarians

- Our guest speaker, Solano County District Attorney, Krishna Abrams, arrives, later, at her scheduled time, 7:30 a. m.

## Landmarks

- Thom Kelly celebrates his one-year anniversary as a Rio Vista Rotarian.

## Correspondence

- Leon gives us a nastygram update: the DOJ has accepted our 2012-2015 form 990's and corresponding returns, and our charitable status remains unblemished. The IRS has not yet responded, but when they do, Leon will send them additional forms to bring us up to date.

## Confessions

- Tom reports the annual Donnelly-Krebs World Series bet-a-thon has favored the Krebs contingent, with the Dodgers' stunning win of this year's World Series. Tom parts with \$50 for the Harvey Felt Fund.

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## Interact Club report

- Fisher proudly announces that RVHS virtual e-sports team dominates, winning 2 games Tuesday.
- Jessica says today's the last day of school for a week, due to Thanksgiving Break; then, 3 more weeks of school, followed by 3 weeks of Winter Break; and then, a new block starts.
- Tuck notes only 7 boys went out for JV Football, so they will not field a team; there will be only a Varsity team, this year.
- Kayla reports the movie drive-in at RVHS will be showing "Alf."
- Sofia reports that the Student Council discussed holding an event for the winter season.

## Camp Royal update

- Kudos to our member-at-large, Cole Felt, director of Camp Royal, who was able to make our meeting, this morning. Cole, Molly, and Leon recently attended a meeting to consider holding the camp, again, this year. Cole reports that D. G. Mark Roberts often praises our club for the continued support we provide for this worthwhile project.

## Interim bragfest

- We finish club business ahead of schedule, leaving several minutes for some fine-free bragging...here we go: Leon was a track phenom as a young man. He ran a 2 hour 26 minute marathon and a 4 min. 7 sec. mile at age 17, when he weighed 105 lbs. and stood 5' 8". When he arrived in New Zealand, he weighed 200 lbs. at the same height. He now weighs 161 and has a new climbing treadmill. Jon used to run a 10 K at less than 7 min. per mile. Whew!

## Program

Solano County District Attorney, Krishna Abrams, is today's speaker, who arrives via ZOOM promptly at 7:30 a. m.

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### Nominating Committee report

- Edwin updates us on his Nominating Committee of one. He's almost done, but was hampered by COVID19, as recruitment was problematic without a motivational setting—like Foster's.

### RVHS Track Team report

- Coach Okamura notes Kayla broke her own PR (Personal Record,) flirting with running under a 7-minute mile. Edwin acts as the kids' "pace car."

### Treasurer's report

- Leon has received an interim badge for Sophia and badges for officers.
- We have \$7,270 in Checking, \$23,193 in Charitable, and \$30,467 in CD's.

### Thanksgiving



*Hale's back!*

- Jon announces there's no meeting next Friday after Thanksgiving Day. Then, he welcomes Hale's return to the fold. Hale recently underwent rotator cuff surgery, and he's wearing a sling on his left arm.

### Interact Club report

- Lacey reports even though classes are not in session, RVHS is holding Bacon Fridays, 7:30-8:30 a. m., every week, when they serve BLT's for all.

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*Krishna Abrams,  
Solano County D. A.*

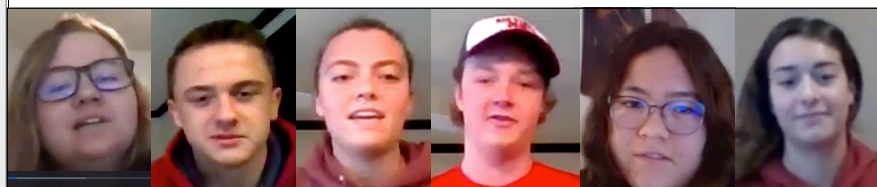
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Some of the changes that have affected the D. A.'s office and law enforcement appear in the addendum, below.



*Interact members from left: Lacey Myer, Fisher Lyon, Jessica Mingay, Tuck Forbes, Kayla Delk, and Sophia Saldana.*

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/PROGRAM	CHAIRPERSON
Dec. 4	Kandace Clatterbaugh, Golf Course Update	Ed Kingen
Dec. 11	TBA	TBA
Dec. 18	TBA	Jim Lira
Dec. 25	No Meeting Today—Merry Xmas!	S. Claus

## Addendum

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In order to reassure victims, the D. A.'s office does not favor policy changes that would release guilty parties before paying their debt to society. Lately, however, the D. A.'s office has been dealing with many COVID early release petitions.

The D. A. has been denied the ability to initially prosecute 14-15 year-olds in adult court for the most serious of crimes. Now, they must first be heard in juvenile court before being referred, if deemed appropriate, to adult court.

COVID has brought challenges to the D. A.'s office, as the office had been working more and more with community members to improve their

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their services. The Chief Justice made some emergency rules, like "zero dollar bail," for less serious offenses. However 43% of those released committed new crimes.

The D. A.'s office has worked to establish neighborhood courts in which lower level offenders appear before community volunteers without impacting the larger court system. They have successfully partnered with the U. S. Attorneys Office to get guns off the streets.

The D. A.'s office recently launched an Officer Involved Fatal Incident Protocol Task Force to investigate police shootings.

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Solano County D. A., Krishna Abrams spoke before the Rio Vista Rotary Club at a recent meeting.

Abrams noted that the District Attorney's office in each of our state's 58 counties stays quite busy modifying activities to comply with every voter-approved penal code change.

As the people vote on propositions that modify current code and Sacramento hands down these changes, the nature and size of the prison population waxes and wanes, notes Abrams. During these changes, the D. A.'s office must continue to fairly prosecute accused law breakers on behalf of the state.

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