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**Rotary**

Rotary Club of Rio Vista, D-5160



**Call the meeting to order:** President, Serdar opened the Rio Vista Rotary Club's 3515. and the Term's 15. meeting. Week's program chair led the pledge and the grace. Jim McPherson and Gene Resler led in "Ring of Fire" by Johnny Cash.

**Guest Speaker:** Aiden Dexter Mayhood

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guests of Rotarians:**

Lisa Duke's guest Roxanne Cooper, Edwin Okamura's daughter Brook Okamura and her kind Grandfather Edwin Okamura!!!!!!

It was only after the meeting was over that we realized that our guest was not Brook's grandfather, but Edwin himself. He had fooled us pretty well.

Congratulations Edwin! Very successful face mask!



**Celebrations/Birthdays:**

The birthday of Paula Williams is October 29th and the member anniversary of Kimmy Guggemos is October 28th.

Jay gives us some zingers!

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Committee Reports:**

- Dan Schindler discusses poker tournament for Rotary, November 15th in Poppy House.
- Molly discusses camp royal, and dates along with updates on Interact.



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- Molly also gave a brief summary about the meeting with Delta Unified School District Superintendent Kathy Wright and Rio Vista High School Principal Clarence Isadore;

In the meeting, it was brought up that in the junior and senior years in high school, 6 CTE pathways are trying to direct students to certain subjects.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) provides an important pathway to success for high school students and offers each student opportunities to personalize his or her education based on their career interests and unique learning needs.

It was proposed that teachers who have not actually worked in that subject could be counseled by Rotarians who do that work.

We emphasized that as Rotary Club, we can provide support speakers for pathway students with the approval of teachers.

We were promised that the school's administration and the debate club would consider our proposal to hold a debate on a topic in front of the residents of Rio Vista in a hall that we would prepare, with the aim of both informing the community and improving the students' public speaking skills.

### **Announcements/Correspondences:**

- Eddie Woodruff announces Jack Krebs service on Saturday the 28th, 2-4pm at the Point.

### **Confessions:**

- Eddie confesses his 55th high school reunion. Only one tank of oxygen, one walker and one wheelchair so the class of 1968 is going strong.
- Derek confesses his first solo flight
- Molly went to Mendocino
- Jimmy McPherson donates to interact for a trip to his cabin

Lee Williams ended up spinning the Rotary Wheel for a fine for not wearing his badge.

Serdar taps Molly for a quick I-Program. She discusses her birth city, early life and then her marriage with Tony and their progression, raising their children here in Rio Vista, discusses their careers and brewery.



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## **Interact:**

8 Interact students introduce themselves and discuss the week at school and upcoming Halloween. Explains how they are involved and what happens. Football and cross country events are discussed. Naj wins Homecoming King election. Basketball starts next week.



## **Program:**

Aiden Dexter Mayhood - Brief History of Farming in the Montezuma Hills and the Potential Impact of the California Forever Project Thereon

As week's program chair, Jon Blegen introduces Aiden Mayhood to discuss the land grab in the Montezuma Hills related to the California Forever project. He shows historical photos of the Montezuma Hills and his heritage. He also discusses the resources and agriculture in the hills. The Flannery Group has purchased 62,000 acres at a cost of nearly \$1 billion dollars. Shows the planning map and purchases of the Flannery group and their intentions. Aiden does an amazing job of summarizing this evil project and it's villainous leadership. He also shows and discusses the "Plan Bay Area 2050" which they claim is a guide for further development of the Bay Area.



## **Next week's Program:**

## **Marble Draw for Donations:**

Winning ticket went to Garen Patterson but not the winning marble.



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We got a nice letter from Lea, our past exchange student and Interact Club member;

Thank you Lea! We miss you too.

Dear everyone,

I hope you guys are all doing fine and had fun starting productive in the new rotary (and school-) year! Right now I'm wearing a Hog August Bites t-shirt, I'm sure that event went well for Rotary too.

I'm enjoying my long summer break thanks to the austrian late school start and US early school ending. I'm in Sardinia, Italy with my family for a vacation. It's absolutely gorgeous! (-> This is my confession.....!)

As you all read this, I already started my senior year (this time for real) - wish me luck!

I really miss the rotary meetings and for us in austria it's not normal that students attend Rotary. -> We don't have Interact! But I told my austrian counselor that I want to try starting a similar idea. I can always tell my friends to join for the good meal ;)

I miss you all lots, and I really Love reading the Rio Rotarian every week!

Your first exchange student,     ♥ ♥ ♥  
Lea

### DG Claire Roberts - Team 5160 Governor's Digest:

- LOTS of folks are wearing purple at the Alzheimer's Walk in San Francisco on November 4th. Join Team Berkeley Rotary and JENNIFER JONES! To Register: <http://act.alz.org/goto/TeamBerkeleyRotary23>
  - 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>
- 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. For tickets go to: [www.martinezrotary.org](http://www.martinezrotary.org)
  - Diablo View Rotary "A Night of Texas Hold Em - Poker Tournament." November 18th, 5-10pm, Creekside Commons, \$100/player. Contact: [pokernight@diabloviewrotary.org](mailto:pokernight@diabloviewrotary.org)