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# THE RIO ROTARIAN

12.15.2023

**Rotary**

Rotary Club of Rio Vista, D-5160



**Call the meeting to Order:** President Serdar opened the Rio Vista Rotary Club's 3521. and the Term's 21. meeting for "Creating Hope in the World"

Lisa Duke led the pledge and the Rotary Grace. Gene Resler and Jim McPherson led us in "Jingle Bells".

**Guest Speaker/Speaker of the Day:** Lisa Duke

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guest of Rotarians:** Serdar Gurel - Steve Botelho, Dan Schindler - Mark Kobold

**Celebrations/Birthdays:**

The birthdays of Derek Abel is December 16th, Tom Donnelly, December 17th and Hector De La Rosa, December 28th. Our Co-treasurer Alyssa's birthday is December 22nd.

Eddie and Betsy Woodruff have their wedding anniversary on December 6th.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Hector discusses the success of the Christmas Dinner. He thanked Uli (Our cook for Breakfast in our meetings) for his services and presented him with a gift card.

**Committee Reports:**

- Serdar thanked again Edwin Kingen, Tom Donnelly, Derek Abel, gene Resler and Jim McPherson for the well organized Christmas Dinner.
- Bill Fraser, our Club's Polio Plus Warrior, gives us an update on the Polio Plus Society program and urges members that our club stay 100% next year.
- Patty informed us about the Zoom meeting regarding the "Community Champions Hospitality Tent" at Travis Air Force Base. In her role as our liaison for this event, she will keep us updated on any developments.
- Molly talked about the difficulty of finding the right venue and time for Camp Royal. Clubs don't seem to be very interested in our district's RYLA event. She will promote the camp at the next district assemblies and district conference.
- Patty reported on her efforts to plan the golf tournament for May 17th 2024.

**Announcements/Correspondences:**

Serdar shared the warm, fantastic holiday and new year wishes from the District Attorney Krishna A. Abrams and our friends at F&M Bank.



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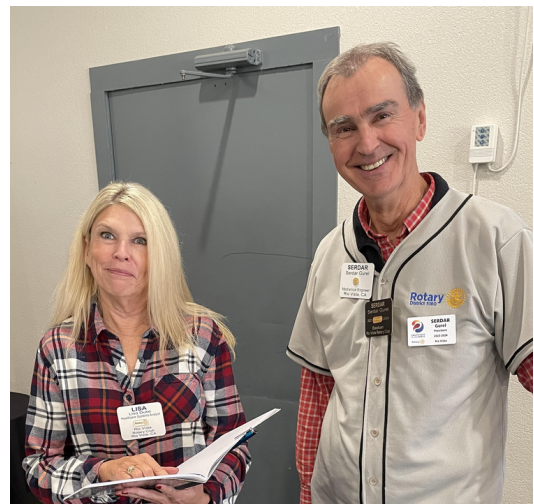
**Confessions:**

Jim McPherson confesses to his father's (A former marine) birthday and donates money for members wearing red shirts. (Remember everyone deployed)

Eddie confesses to his anniversary in Pismo.

**Program:**

Lisa shared her notes from the Zoom meeting "Panel of experienced Rotarian advisors in District 5160". The Interact clubs helped food banks, work there, partner with interact clubs abroad, artificial limb projects, ...



**Interact:**

7 Interact members talked about their Christmas break, what is going on with school, sports, and what is to come.



**I-Program of the Week's Program Chair:**



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**Program:**

Serdar discussed the evaluation of the first half of the term. He said;

“Unfortunately, a service project in my understanding, we couldn’t even do an example yet. But we still did something;

- We participated in the “Back to School Event for the Youth at Travis Airforce Base”.
- We provided candy for the children at the “Trunk or Treat” event in the downtown area.
- Had a beer booth at Hog August Bites and the Linguica booth at Bass Derby & Festival
- We donated \$500 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, \$530 to D.H. White School to send 6th graders to Science Camp at Sly Park Environmental Education Center, and \$500 to the Turkey Trot to benefit the cross-country team.
- To be visible in the community, we had weekly articles (16 weeks) in the Beacon with general information about Rotary and our weekly program content, and weekly posts on Facebook announcing guest speakers at our meetings”

In addition, Patty shared that the fire truck we sent to Mulege led the last parade there! This truck plays a very important role in this small Mexican town.

**Next Week’s Program:**

We don’t meet on December 22nd because of Christmas and on December 29th because of New Year’s Eve. We will meet again on January 5, 2024.

**Merry Christmas!!**

**Happy new year!!**

**Marble Draw for Donations:**

Tom Donnelly had the right ticket but pulled the wrong marble!



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## **D-5160 District Governor Claire Roberts - Team 5160 Governor's Digest:**

- Register for the Field of Dreams District Conference, April 26-28, 2024, Holiday Inn-Downtown Sacramento Arena. For more information and to register for the District Conference, go to: <https://conference.rotary5160.org/> Or refer to the email each person received November 27th.
- If seeking a District or Global Grant during 2024-2025, please save January 27th from 8:30am to Noon to attend District 5160 2024 Grants/Foundation Training Day!
- Save the Date for our District 5160 Assembly South! March 23, 2024
- In January, we will begin a conversation about Mental Health Initiatives in our district.
  
- Diablo View Rotary presents Snapshot Santa, December 17, 2023 5-8 PM, Walnut Creek on Ice in Civic Park 1375 Civic Drive, Free snapshots with Santa for you, your kids and grandkids in a holiday setting! Hot cocoa, coffee and cookies will be available for \$1. Donations to Diablo View Rotary Foundation are kindly appreciated!
- Rotary Club of Colusa presents "A Nite at the Races." Saturday, January 20, 2024. Colusa Fairgrounds Festival Hall, \$75pp.
- 21st Durham Crab Feed, January 20, 2024