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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 3522. and the Term's 22. meeting for "Creating Hope in the World"

As week's program chair, Virginia Thomas led the pledge and the Rotary Grace. Jim McPherson entertained us as we sang along to Bobby Darin's "Splish Splash"

Guest Speaker/Speaker of the Day: Brian Spradling

Visiting Rotarians:

Guest of Rotarians: Darcy Coulter

Celebrations/Birthdays:

51st member anniversary of Bob Bard is January 1st, 1st member anniversary of Jay Forbes is January 2nd and 11th member anniversary of Dan Schindler is January 4th.

Virginia shares a couple jokes with us.

Treasurer's Report:

Hector announces marble drawing and that Bill Mortimore donated another camp royal attendee.

Monthly Treasurers report for the fiscal year thru December 30th is;

"For the months through December, revenues total \$36,657 which consist of \$16,135 in Club Income, \$3,508 in Service Income, \$1,646 in Scholarship Income, \$150 in Community Service, and \$15,218 in Fundraising Income.

The expenses total \$35,276. The breakdown is as follows: Club expenses were \$18,227, Community Projects of \$2,660, Fundraising expenses of \$10,654, International Expenses of \$1,735, and Scholarship expenses of \$2,000.

To date, the Charitable Fund balance is \$125,000 and the General Fund balance is \$4,730"

Committee Reports:

- Bill Frazer discusses polio plus and our continuing contributions for Polio Plus Society.
- Molly discusses camp royal and updates.
- Bob Bard proposes new medallion to Rotary gifted to us by Gil LaBrie and Jim auctioned it. Virginia purchases the medallion for the month of January.



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Gavel is given to Serdar for the New Year! This gavel was a gift from Sacramento Rotary Club in 1953.

Confessions:

Dan confesses to his trip to Cuba for the Holidays.

Lee confesses to a milestone being accomplished, his little brother got his 30-year award for serving Rio Vista. He pays in his honor to Interact.

Announcements/Correspondences:

- We have a short board meeting after our regular meeting.
- Bob Bard, Jon Blegen, Hector De La Rosa, Tom Donnelly, Serdar Gurel, Jay Huyssoon, Patty Huyssoon, Gil LaBrie and Gene Resler have 100% attendance in the last quarter of 2023 and they are fine free for January.

I-Program of the Week's Program Chair:

Virginia gives a brief I-Program, discusses that she will be 62 this year. Last year wasn't good, so she is excited to being a much better year. Works at F&M as Vice President and Branch Manager.

Program:

Brian Spradling is the program today, he is from Rio Vista and grew up here. Moved here in 1980, talks about how he has seen the town change. Wants to revitalize downtown and bring back some of the vibrancy it once had. Started a downtown committee, got a bunch of downtown businesses to join the committee.

Opens Hap's Tap's in the former Hap's Bait Shop building. Discusses population growth and creating a destination for them to enjoy downtown.

Various projects underway, June 14, 2023 kick off meeting, discussed vision and future of the association. Started a grant program with the city, it is a matching grant that supports downtown business rehabilitation and upgrades. His daughter Brooke is involved and leading a lot of cool projects.





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The downtown farmers market will continue. Another future event would be the downtown racers (soap box cars) that Jim McPherson has been a big part of. Wants to create and add lighting on Main Street, with lighting across the street, a stage on the waterfront. Wants to create a community hall downtown and upgrade the building with the goal of bringing more people downtown to bring commerce to the area.

Edwin Okamura discusses some ideas for a possible hotel project.

Interact:

Seth gave us an report during break and was the only Interact to attend. He discusses the upcoming half of the school year and starting to look at Colleges.

Our guest Darcy Coulter spoke about her career and her boom operating career. She discussed the new refueled Jets, the issues they are having with them and the improvements that needs to happen. Talked about her job and took questions about her role.



Next Week's Program:

Gil LaBrie - The large erosion repair project on Sacramento River conducted by his Engineering Firm.

Marble Draw for Donations:

Tom Donnelly had the right ticket again, but unfortunately kept pulling the wrong marble!



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

- This coming Monday January 8th at 6pm, we will begin a **conversation about Mental Health Initiatives in our district**. All Rotarians and Rotaractors in District 5160 are welcome to attend! Here is the link to the Zoom Meeting - please share this with all interested members.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86542249890?pwd=SDNSejArZFcrTjFMVmVEdINHLzJldz09>
Meeting ID: 865 4224 9890, Passcode: 543290
- 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 please refer to your personalized email dated 12/18/23.
- **District 5160 Assembly!** March 23, 2024 for the South, Fairfield.
- **Interact District 5160 Warriors Night, Friday, January 19, 2024, 7:00PM, Chase Center.** This is a great opportunity to bond with Interactors and friends across all of our areas while enjoying a basketball game. Depending on your seat, the price will range starts at \$115. Please choose seats in the upper level as we'd like to seat together. A portion of the proceeds will go to Paani Project. To Register go to: <https://tinyurl.com/5160warriors24>