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# THE RIO ROTARIAN

02.02.2024

**Rotary**



Rotary Club of Rio Vista, D-5160

**Call the meeting to Order:** President Serdar opened the Rio Vista Rotary Club's 3526. and the Term's 26. meeting for "Creating Hope in the World"

Serdar led the pledge and his way of Grace;

"As a Rotarian, I wish for people in our country and the world to live in prosperity and peace with each other and with nature, disease free, with clean water, healthy food and educational opportunities available to all."

Vicky Turk led us by "RVHS's Fight Song"

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

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guest of Rotarians:**

**Celebrations/Birthdays:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Confessions:**

- Garen and Derek confess to painting of Derek's childhood home painted by Garen.
- Lee and Edwin confess to cocktails at the Monarch grill.
- Jon Blegen confesses to shooting his age in golf, 76 this week.

**Announcements:**

- Serdar announced **the Governor's visit and Charter Night** for February 15th, dinner and meeting at the Point. DG Claire Roberts will meet with the board at 5:00 pm. After 6:00 p.m., the meeting with Rotarians and their guests will begin. Claire will be the speaker for the evening.
- In the absence of the medallion holder Virginia auction for the month of February held by Bill Fraser and Dan got the medallion.
- Molly stands up to discuss attendance at this year's Rotary Conference in Sacramento. Gil is going, Molly wants to go, and tries to get the pulse of who else is going. Edwin moves to sponsor 4 members to the conference. Jon Blegen seconds the motion and it passes. The club will sponsor 4 members' registration fees.

**Interact:**



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### **Introduction of the new member:**

Dan Schindler brings up Mark Kobold to introduce him to our club.

Dan has him say his pledge into Rotary and welcomes him, also introduces the 4-way test as well.

Serdar pins him, gives him his membership certificate and package.

Mark Kobold lives in the Liberty Neighborhood. He and his wife Debbie have 4 kids and 6 grandchildren.

He was self-employed as a demolition contractor for about 25 years in Danville, California.

After retiring from the contractor field,

he pursued finishing college and received an undergraduate degree in Health Science, from there completed a study program to become an addiction counselor. Last year completed a Masters degree in addiction science. He is presently an AOD certified counselor.

His wife Debbie has graduate degree in psychotherapy and presently works as a licensed marriage and family counselor.



### **Program:**

As previously announced, we held an adult meeting. Serdar opened the floor to the members for feedback, concerns, discussion about our club and the direction, needs and wants.

In addition to the opinion that he manages the meetings well and tries to achieve his goals as president, the majority of the members think that Serdar manages the meetings in a very formal way, but they acknowledge that every president has his own way and agree that he continues to move forward in his own way.

Hector discussed that the incoming president should plan ahead and let the club know their desired projects so we can get a head start on their project.

Gil told when he was president in 1989 and how much Rotary and the club has changed throughout the world, the different channels of service that used to exist, how attendance was a big factor in the past but with the changes in the world. Rotary has had to adapt to the World's changes. Would like to see the technology get to the point to live-stream every meeting to create more involvement.

Tom Donnelly would like to train up a new member to take over the lead for the linguica booth.

Lee Williams would like to see us attend the Rotary Convention in San Francisco 2029.



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## Next Week's Program:

### Marble Draw for Donations:

Tom Donnelly had the right ticket, but unfortunately pulled the wrong marble.

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

**Camp Royal is set for August 25-31, 2024!**

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.

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Save the Dates for our **District 5160 Assembly!** March 23, 2024 for the South, Fairfield

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**Camp Venture 2024**, June 19-23 at St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA

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Calling all Interactors and Rotaractors (and advisors)!

District 5160 is holding its first ever joint Interact-Rotaract District Conference! Please join us for a day of meeting other Interactors and Rotaractors from all around the district. There will be social activities, a group service event, workshops, and more for all attendees!

When: Sunday, February 25th, 1pm-4pm

Where: UC Berkeley Student Union (Tilden Room, 5th floor), 2495 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, CA 94720

Fee: \$5

Register here: [tinyurl.com/2024districtconference](https://tinyurl.com/2024districtconference)

Form will close on February 10th, so register ASAP!