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Rotary Club of Rio Vista, D-5160



Call the meeting to order: Serdar opened the Rio Vista Rotary Club's 3529. and the Term's 29. meeting. Week's program chair Edwin Okamura led the pledge and the grace. Jim McPherson led us by "Happy Birthday Song"

Guest Speaker/Speaker: Edwin Okamura

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests of Rotarians:

Celebrations/Birthdays:

Kim Guggemos' birthday is February 23th and Virginia Thomas' birthday is February 26th.

Beverly Bowman's husband Duncan's birthday is February 24th.

The member anniversary of Derek Abel is February 19th. (19 years)

The wedding anniversary of Hande & Serdar Gurel is February 24th. (40 years)

Treasurer's Report:

Hector - The pot on "Marble Draw for Donation" is increasing.

Accolades:

Bill Fraser - During her visit to our Club last week District Governor Claire Roberts named Bill as "Rookie of the Year" who has jumped right in to support and organize club activities. Serdar gave the special pin to him in the name of the DG. He also got his "PolioPlus Society Member" certificate.





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- Of behalf of the Assistant Governor Marleen Maltby, Serdar also thanked members of Rio Vista Rotary's PolioPlus Society members for their continued contributions over the past year and presented them their membership certificates. Derek Abel, Tom Donnelly, Jim McPherson and Jon Blegen.



Serdar gave the club badge to Clarence Isadore.

Committee Reports:

- Patty Huyssoon - She discuss the Golf Tournament.
- Edwin Okamura - The advertising campaign for our program with the Executive Director of Travis Air Force Base will begin next week.
- Tom Donnelly - He announced to seniors that the scholarship applications are in the school office.

Announcements/Correspondences:

- Members signed "Get well" cards for 3 of our members.
- Serdar discussed Governor Visit and Charter Night from last week.
- Rio Vista High School Model United Nations Club asks for financial support on Food, Transportation and Lodging by their participation Model UN Conference in Berkeley.
- Vacaville Rotary Club has their annual Poker Tournament Fundraiser on Friday, March 8th. (For details contact Serdar)
- Park Concessionaire Eric Chiu of Park Delta Bay Brannan Island State Recreation Area has an announcement; "Come together for Earth Day to celebrate our planet and cherish our natural environment at at Brannan Island State Recreation Area at 17645 State Highway 160, Rio Vista. Activities include litter removal, habitat restoration, and trail maintenance. Please meet at the park kiosk at the front entrance on April 20 at 9am for orientation and assignments. The volunteer shift is from 9am - 1pm. Wear outdoor work clothes and garden gloves"



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We had a short board meeting last Friday after our regular meeting and decided to support the RVHS Model UN Club with their remaining financial needs after their efforts to fund themselves by attending the conference in Berkeley.

Confessions:

Derek confesses to his trip to Florida.

Interact:

11 students joined us today and they gave us an update:

- UN club is having a fundraising event, they are selling Lockeford sausage meals for \$15 to support their conference at UC Berkeley on March 4th
- AFS week program, students will host other students from Michigan
- Swimming has begun, wrestling year was very successful.
- Basketball season has ended as well with a good year making into the playoffs.
- Our member the High School Principal Clarence Isadore discusses his pride in his students. Two of them were nominated for CIS student athlete of the year, big honor!
- Noelle Gomes is nominated as teacher/coach of the year as well.





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Program:

Edwin Okamura hold an I-Program:

He brought his i-program on his phone and pops it up on the screen, impressive tech. Really great presentation with photos and timelines of his life so far. Discusses his favorite hobbies, sports and the restaurants that he and Vera enjoy.



Next week's Program:

Santiago Ventura and his role as the School Resource Officer in the River Delta Unified School District.

Marble Draw for Donations:

In the new pot Serdar Gurel had the lucky number but the wrong marble.

DG Claire Roberts - Team 5160 Governor's Digest:

**Save the Date for the District 5160 Conference
Friday, April 26-28, 2024
Holiday Inn-Downtown Sacramento Arena**