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**Rotary**



Rotary Club of Rio Vista, D-5160

**Call the meeting to order:** Serdar opened the Rio Vista Rotary Club's 3539. and the Term's 39. meeting. As week's program chair Edwin Okamura led the pledge and the grace. Jim McPherson led us "Fight Song" of Rio Vista High School.

**Guest Speaker/Speaker:** Bob Whitehouse and Zen Hunter-Ishikawa

**Visiting Rotarians:**

**Guests of Rotarians:**

**Celebrations/Birthdays:**

- Birthday of Dan Schindler is on May 2nd
- 17th member anniversary of Hector De La Rosa is May 4th
- Tom Donnelly's wife Sarah's birthday is May 7th

**Treasurer's Report:** Hector announced that Virginia has retired and resigned. She was supposed to take the role as treasurer, so now we are on the hunt for a treasurer.

**Committee Reports:**

Patty Huyssoon - Discussed upcoming golf tournament in two weeks. Leon sends us \$50 from the desert to sponsor a gift basket.

Molly Coito - Provided information about Camp Royal. So far 67 applicants have registered, hoping to get more. Goal was 100. Needs volunteers to help in the kitchen. June 9-15. Tom suggested we send our long time Interact Jimmy McPherson :)

**Announcements/Correspondences:**

- Edwin Okamura - Reminded that tomorrow, Saturday, the Rio Vista Downtown Association will host the River Rumble, but now because of the weather cast "Rainy Rumble".
- Serdar Gurel
  - Reminded that, because of the resignation of Virginia we also need to select a new president elect for the term 2025-2026. He asked Patty as the head of the nominee committee to look for a new candidate.
  - He also noted that he is still waiting for additional input for the club history book.
  - Announced a short board meeting after the meeting.



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## Confessions:

- Gil LaBrie confessed to attending the district conference, says it was "interesting". Membership has been the main focus of the conference.
- Derek confessed to surprising Chrissy with a convertible in Ohio.

## Interact:

They gave us an update; an offset smoker for May Fair display, finals are approaching, this week has been slow, application for the Rotary scholarship and other senior duties, checked out College campus for school. AP exams are coming up.

Seth went to Michigan for the AFS High cool exchange. Had a great time.

Jimmy Mac told us about the alumni baseball game.



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

Edwin skipped his own I-Program to let more time for our guest speakers and announced his guests Bob Whitehouse, the president of Travis Air Force Base Aviation Museum Foundation and Zen Hunter-Ishikawa Board member of the foundation/Member of Fairfield-Suisun City Rotary Club.



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**Program:**

Bob Whitehouse and Zen Hunter-Ishikawa present the program regarding the “Travis Air Force Base Aeronautics Innovation Museum”.

Their idea is to create a museum that people will want to visit more than once, and a solution they are working on is a project that will create a larger space that will revolve around the museum and also bring education to the community. Discussions with the U.S. Air Force, which owns the land on which the base is located, continue to gain approval for the project to move forward. The budget for the entire project is over \$82 million. Volunteers are needed for financial and physical support.



**Next Week's Program:**

Jeff Budner from Rio Vista Airport - “The present and future of the Airport”

**Marble Draw for Donations:**

Patty was so happy to have the right ticket, but she pulled a clear marble.

**Mark in your Calendar!**

Camp Royal - June 10-15, Mt. Lassen

Camp Venture - June 19-23, Moraga

District 5160 Awards & Installation - July 13, Davis