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Rotary Club of Rio Vista, D-5160

Call the meeting to order: Serdar opened the Rio Vista Rotary Club's 3543. and the Term's 43. or the last second meeting. As week's program chair Tom Donnelly led the pledge and the grace. Gene Resler led us in "America the Beautiful"

Guest Speaker/Speaker: Denis Edmondson, Commander of the American Legion Post 178.

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests of Rotarians:

Celebrations/Birthdays:

- Gene Resler's wife Pat has birthday on June 20th.
- Molly and Tony Coito have wedding anniversary on June 15th.

Treasurer's Report:

Committee Reports:

Patty Huissoon - Asked the demotion committee to hang out for a while after the meeting.

Tom Donnelly and Lisa Duke - Will invite the new scholarship recipients to the next meeting.

Announcements/Correspondences:

- Serdar Gurel - Shared the "Thank you" card from the Rio Vista High School Model United Nations team.

Confessions:

- Gil LaBrie donated to the general fund in the name of his Walnut Grove neighbor, Interact Otto.

Interact: No Interact attendance today

Week's Program Chair I-Program: Close to the fathers day, Tom Donnelly talked about his father, Ray Donnelly and his accomplishments. Local dentist and philanthropist. He discussed his grandfather as well. Ray was a B-25 pilot in WWII. After the war, he took advantage of the GI bill, went to UCSF and graduated in 1952 from the school of dentistry. That is also where he met his future wife and Tom's mother. He was involved in the Solano county building commission. He was a Rio Vista Lion and the local dentist.



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Program:

Tom Donnelly introduced (Retd.) Brig. Gen. Dennis Edmondson, the commander of the American Legion Post 178 in Rio Vista. He has served in the Air Force, Army and various other posts. He is a recipient of the Army Commendation and other awards. He was a Rotarian and a Kiwanian.

In the program Dennis Edmondson gave information about the “American Legion”.

The **American Legion** is the nation’s largest wartime veterans’ service organization with a membership of 2.4 million men and women. Chartered by the congress in 1919 as a veteran service organization.

It’s activities are;

- Seeks to ensure that the military’s pay, benefits and force readiness needs are met.
- American Legion Baseball; a national institution, founded in 1925, having thrived through a world war, several national tragedies, and times of great prosperity as well as great despair, has thought and teaches the importance of sportsmanship, good health and active citizenship.
- A constitutional speech contest “The American Legion Oratorical Contest” encourages high school students to develop deeper knowledge and appreciation for the U.S. Constitution.
- American Legion Boys and Girls State is a unique summertime educational program for rising high school seniors that focuses on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with governmental bodies and elected officials. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of its respective state government.
- The American Legion is one of the nation’s largest supporters of scouting.
- American Legion is the largest single donor organization of blood to the American Red Cross.





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Next Week's Program:

Robert Cattey invited Jim Wheeler, the executive director of the "Chamber of Commerce of Rio Vista" as the speaker for next Friday's meeting.

Marble Draw for Donations:

Again Patty Huyssoon had the right ticket, but in her name Kim pulled a clear marble.

Mark in your Calendar!

District 5160's Awards and Installation, July 13th, 5:30-8:30PM, Davis Veteran's Memorial Center.

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