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Rotary Club of Rio Vista, D-5160

Call the meeting to order: Serdar opened the Rio Vista Rotary Club's 3544. and the Term's 44. or the last meeting. As week's program chair Robert Cattey led the pledge and the grace. Gene Resler led us in "Take Me Out To The Ball Game"

Guest Speaker/Speaker: Jim Wheeler, the executive director of the "Chamber of Commerce of Rio Vista"

Visiting Rotarians:

Guests of Rotarians: Lisa Duke - Beth Amatrone

Celebrations/Birthdays:

- Lee and Paula have wedding anniversary on June 23rd and Hector and Stefanie on June 27th.

Treasurer's Report:

Committee Reports:

Patty Huyssoon - Gave information about the demotion and asked the demotion committee to hang out for a while after the meeting.

Molly Coito - Was back from Camp Royal, very excited because of the amazing week with all 60 kids. She had a great time.

Tom Donnelly - Announced the new scholarship recipients. Three of them were in our meeting.

Announcements/Correspondences:

- Serdar Gurel - Announced with the permission of our incoming president Gil LaBrie, that Lisa Duke, Roxanne Cooper's sponsor, and last quarter's 100% attendees; Bob Bard, Robert Cattey, Serdar Gurel, Patty Huyssoon, Ed Kingen, Gil LaBrie are all fine for July.

Confessions:

- Edwin Okamura - Went to Iceland and Denmark. Experienced volcano eruption.
- Bill Fraser - Went to Japan. Were mainly in Tokyo, visited Hiroshima.



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Serdar discussed his tenure as president and thanks the club for the last Rotary year.

“As I finish my year as president at the end of the Rotary term, I want to thank my fellow board members and all the contributing members. Even though I couldn't accomplish all the projects I dreamed of, I did my best to be deserving of your trust.

What will make me happiest as my term ends is passing on the responsibility to a trustworthy friend and no longer having to prepare the weekly “Rio Rotarian” after each meeting, thanks to the help of my friends who supported me with photos and notes. I wish the new president and the board of directors the best of luck.

And now I would like to present some small gifts to our board members as a thank you for their kind support during the term. These are called **Nazar Boncugu** from Turkiye.

The Nazar Boncuğu, or Evil Eye Bead, is a traditional Turkish amulet believed to protect against the evil eye, which is thought to bring bad luck or harm. The bead is usually made of blue glass with a white and blue eye design in the center. It is commonly used in jewelry, hung in homes, cars, or workplaces, and given as a gift to ward off negative energy and bring good fortune.”





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Interact: Interacts talked about summer, upcoming college plans. Seth discussed Camp Royal and what a great time he had.



Week's Program Chair I-Program: Robert Cattey gave information about the Cattey family; they came to Rio Vista in the late 1800's. He went to Cal Poly, studied agricultural engineering, then worked for Boeing. Was drafted into the military. Worked in agriculture, fertilizer business. In Stockton taught girls softball, took a trip to Chattanooga. Discussed his trip to Europe with friends in 1964. One stop was Berlin, tried to cross into East Berlin. Stopped at the customs, forced to hold 26 hours in a small room and sent back everything disappeared in their car.

Program:

Jim Wheeler, the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, gave information about his background in the city and his involvement with the Chamber. The events that the Chamber hosts, helps with. The August Chamber meeting will be held at the Dutra Museum. Bass Festival is coming up in October and is the chambers biggest event. The parade will be on Sunday at 11 am this year. Shriners are coming back with their go-karts. Thanked Rotary for all their help.





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Next Week's Program:

Next Friday we have Demotion in Point Restaurant. Happy hour at 05:00pm

Our president Gil LaBrie announced that we don't have a meeting on July 5th and the meeting on July 12th we will have the club assembly, a business meeting.

Marble Draw for Donations:

Gene Resler had the right ticket, but pulled a clear marble.

Patty thanks Serdar for his work as president.

Register!

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