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"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

—WILL ROGERS



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

Rotarian

"Having fun helping others... watering the rosebuds"

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



Exciting opening ceremonies

Look, this wine glass looks just like a bell! Unfortunately, Pres. Greg discovers that it doesn't ring like a bell, as he "gently" taps it with a utensil, and it explodes in his face. Your intrepid reporter is discouraged from digital capture of this newsworthy moment; we did not wish to put our beloved Pres. in a "fine" mood.

Red-eye quizie

What was the name of the theater where Lincoln was shot? We shout, *en masse*, "Ford Theater." Okay, what number Pres. was he? Lee says 16th. Good guess.

Where is Gary's badge?

Nobody knows. If they do, they're not saying. *Shame*

Update on Hank Tussy

Aldo told Jim McCracken that Hank suffered another heart attack, but he's still cracking jokes which can't be repeated, here. *Tsk, tsk. Hang in there, Hank!*

Dick delivers check at Vets Hall

Chief Greg says American Legion gave RVPD \$500 for Police Explorers program, last night.

Dictionary Day next Wednesday

Ted passes out labels and asks us to sign backs so kids can send us thank you notes.

Alan will pinch hit for Jamie

Jamie's work schedule interferes with Rotary, so Al stepped up to the plate as replacement. Sadly, he's not as pretty.

RVHS AFS student will go to Italy

Austin Francis solicits donations to defray travel expenses.

Golf Tourney...where's Evelyn?

Kelley implores us to get entries and payment in ASAP. Drew Graham to smoke NY strips supplied by Jim Lira, golf course says normal \$500 room rental fee will also include slice & plate meat, potatoes, salad, rolls, dessert table and room cleanup. Volunteers needed; Molly will bring volunteer friend; we need videographers to record possible hole-in-one; signups for \$50 raffle prize donations passed around--get baskets to Derek Jones by end of month; kids are selling ball drop tickets. *Your editor is working on repeating slide/video program to show at event.*

Celebration

Don says he's 59, tells a story making us groan, spins for his transgression, correctly answers question on wheel and redeems self by paying \$100 to General Fund.

Student Rotarians report

Alyssa says Hector's touring tequila plants in México, but she's not supposed to tell us; Prom Saturday; Swim

Team beat Bradshaw; Junior testing this week; 97% attendance, today.

Camp Royal...where's Betty? & scholarships

Kelley says we need to get Camp Royal info to students (Jim McCracken says we have 5 spaces).

We received one more scholarship application.

Confessions

Wayne's daughter has baby; he gives \$25 to Dictionary Fund.

Dictionaries

Ted praises donations to Dictionary Fund; delivery to Isleton Elementary and D. H. White schools, 10:00 am Apr. 20. RVPD & firefighters will teach students how to look up words, 10:00 am, Wed. Apr. 27. Ted says kids "light up" only when firefighters teach them, not police.

Program

Cub Abel presents slide show and music detailing his experience as a guest musician on a "Jam Cruise" this January. (A "guest musician" must pay to attend.) Cub

says, "Good thing the music was great, because the food sucked."

He says on this day in 1896 the Queen of the Blues was born, but nobody knows who that was. Answer: Betsy Smith.

Cub and 2 musician friends headed to Miami to share a balcony room on the MSC Divina for 5 days of music with some fishing thrown in for good measure. Cub didn't sleep much, but he had a GREAT time rubbing elbows (and sometimes playing harmonica) with many of his musical idols.

He enjoyed listening to his all-

time favorite musician and song writer, Dr. John Rebbenack, age 75, the most published artist alive, and an amazing piano player. During his talk, Cub played the music of the person or group that he was describing.

There are 5 stages on the boat; the music started at noon and ended at 5:00 a. m. Then, they'd go fishing and catch lots of dorado, barracuda and tuna. Cub claims that they never bothered to sleep. The guest musicians were occasionally invited to sit in with the pros. Cub was one of only 2 harmonica players on board, so he had less competition to join a session. He played mainly with blue grass and string bands. He describes himself as one of the "lettuce" musicians, meaning they ask the pros to "let us" play with them.

Cub tells story of musician named J. J. Grey who got off boat in France, but had visa problems and couldn't get back on the boat for 4 months. So, he formed a band



Derek "the Cub" Abel speaks on Jam Cruise.
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Student Rotarians, from left: Chris Galeno, Piero Tello, Alyssa Da La Rosa, Josie Hamilton, and Casie Mortimore.

with his other stranded buddies and called it “Mo Fro.”

Cub says there were 4,380 spirited guests aboard for the cruise. Then, he describes his travels after the cruise, as they visit some southern venues. His next trip will be to Ireland. If he goes on another jam cruise next year, it will be on a smaller boat, but more expensive.

50/50 raffle

Tatyana has the lucky ticket, but not the marble. *Are there really two Jim McPherson’s? See excerpt at left.*

Jim McPherson from the WSU Tree Fruit Research facility in Wenatchee brought us samples of the newest apple variety being developed: **COSMIC CRISP ! We had delicious samples**



FROM THE CASHMERE, WA, ROTARY NEWSLETTER

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, April 22	Toni Tucker--ATOD Presentation	Wayne Woodward
Friday, April 29	Jerry A. Sanchez, Solano County D. A.’s Office--Fraud Investigation	Bob Bard
Friday, May 6	TBA--Possibly “In search of the finest tequila in old México”	Hector De La Rosa
Friday, May 13	Naomi Walker--Exchange Host Family Experience	Tatyana Pool
Friday, May 20	Sharon Mendy--Pride Industries: Disabled Vets	Ed Kingen