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If you can laugh at yourself you'll be amused your whole life. JERRY REYNOLDS



Rotarian

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

DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



Awesome call to order

Eschewing traditional ritual "Rotary Grace," Jack offers marvelous motto, "Act with integrity, serve with love, work for peace."

Wear red, support our troops!

Pres. Jim proclaims everyone wearing red, today, is fine free.

Great lyrics quiz

Greg says Taylor Swift sang, "I never miss a beat, I'm lightening up my feet," and aces out our Student Rotarians, crediting his 16-year-old daughter for the win.

Guest

Greg presents Ed Kingen; Hector greets daughter, Alyssa; Ted welcomes Walt Manos. Before meeting, Walt told your editor that RioVision is working with Dan Mahoney, Riverview School principal, to install bocce ball courts and raised planter beds for community garden on vacant school grounds. We pass bocce ball interest sign-up sheet around and get a few additional persons to show interest.

"Rio Rotarian" book report

Hector fulfills Wheel of Fate penalty for crime of refusal to rise when addressing Pres., last week, and gives excellent report on newsletter. Not too many hands go up when he asks how many people read the amazing "Rio Rotarian," last week. Well...that was a whole week ago...who could remember? But, even those who didn't read it knew that there was a photo of Lee Williams sleeping though his stop on BART.

Birthday boy

One year older, now, Jim Nordin returns from Chicago conference & month-long Australia visit.

AFS thank you card

We receive thanks for \$500 donation. Fifteen students go to Illinois, and 1 goes to Austria for a year, beginning in August.

Prom update

Don says it's this Saturday!

Student Rotarians

Wow, 150 Prom tickets sold, but the students need rides to Pete's Steak House and Trilogy. Gary has some trucks they could use (not too clean & comfy.) Student body elections, today, speeches, yesterday, Baseball, Golf lost, Swim won, Girls Softball won, Girls Soccer tied. Next week, students lead meeting. Uh oh.

Golf tournament committee report

About a dozen foursomes left, Linda, Betty, Kelley,

Evelyn and Jamie are ready to go.

Tequila Y Más



Wayne Woodward talks on California drought.

Meeting Monday at Hector's, 7:00 p. m.

Hog August Bites

Lee says vendors and city getting ready, and it'll be twice as big this year. Pres. Jim suggests Lee provide sombreros for antennae so police will overlook DUI's. Lee says they'll use Chihuahuas instead. Chief Greg's eye brows perk up.

Bass Derby Report

Dave, who was ruthlessly railroaded into chairing event, is absent.

Schulzus Interruptus

Dr. Ted says to call him if you have the special demotion chair. Sadly for Pres. Jim, the demotion is **not** cancelled.

Fine free bragging

We have new projector; now Edwin can leave his at home! Check with Linda if you need to use it.

Jack reports on perpetual annual sports wager with Donnelly employee; each year, the loser has donated to Rotary. He says she'd be half way toward PHF, had the funds been so directed. Then, Jack alleges that your admittedly generous editor had taken a "cheap shot" at someone we all know and love. Jack explains that he had really wanted to acknowledge Edwin's thoughtful gift from L. A., last week, but was afraid someone would notice that he wasn't wearing his badge if he stood up. But, since receiving the allegedly cheap shot, he stood up and paid up, somehow intimating that your editor should do likewise...that'll be the day.

Not so fine free bragging

Linda's a grandma, again; her son & wife adopt two girls, 4 & 7 years old. She gives \$40, even though she's wearing red.

Jim Nordin visits Australia, but doesn't bring any Rotary Club flags back. He pays \$100 toward PHF.

Don supports foster kids, so he gives \$40 in recognition of Linda's grandkids, who had been foster children.

Program

Pres. Jim presents fellow Rotarian, Wayne Woodward, who speaks about CA water issues. Wayne, who owns and operates a drilling business, answers the question, "Is there a drought in CA?" He not only says there's a drought, but he shows us eye-popping evidence of the severe water shortage problems that CA is facing. It is quite obvious that these problems are not



Edwin Kingen, Frontier executive, is Greg's guest.

new; they've just been exacerbated by the recent drought. Some reservoirs in our state currently look like there's enough water, and some look like they're about dry. But, photos of our snow pack over the past 4 years reveal a diminishing amount of snow, with this year's snow pack being 5% of normal. The snow is necessary to refill the reservoirs.

Wayne presents a pictorial view of our state's entire water system, describing both surface water and ground water. We're draining our aquifers bone dry. Salt water incursion into the delta is rapidly advancing as we draw water out. The C&H plant located near the entrance to the delta used to draw fresh water from the Carquinez Straights to process sugar in 1928.

Recently, however, the salt water reached the Antioch bridge.

To block the incursion of the salt water, a temporary dam will be placed at False River, May 8, with dams at Steamboat and Sutter Sloughs slated for later. Using maps, charts, and photos, and drawing from his own experience drilling wells in CA, Wayne presents a compelling story of the many problems that are occurring as a result of the depletion of our aquifers. The land is subsiding as water is removed and not replaced. Salt water from our rivers may irreversibly contaminate the aquifers.

50/50 raffle

Dr. Joe's ticket wins. but he gets the wrong marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
Friday, May 1	Interact Club to preside at our meeting, Program To Be Announced	Interactors
Friday, May 8	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
Wednesday, May 13	Marta Dron Memorial 15th Annual Golf Tournament	Greg Bowman
Friday, May 15	Linda Orrante" Update on Delta Collaborative Efforts for Community Center	Jim Nordin
Friday, May 16	All GM Car Show: Corvettes & Hot Rods at Abel's—Rotary Sandwich Booth	To Be Announced