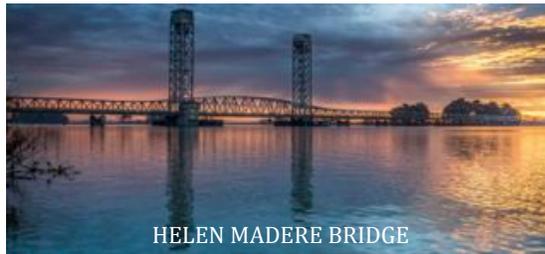




Bob Bard
Editor
(left)
Edwin Okamura
Cub Reporter
(right)



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ



"Tact is the ability to step on a man's toes without messing up the shine on his shoes." -- Harry Truman

Opening Remarks

After our obligatory Pledge and Grace, Pres. Kelley announces that Attorney Blegen would like to lead Rotarians in, "God Bless America."

Kelley then welcomes Gene to the podium for his well-deserved \$360 win in the marble draw; followed by Birthday-boy Ted being presented the largest dictionary she could find for his successful dictionary program.

Feeling vocal, President Kelley goes on to read an article on "Service Above Self: The Objective of Rotary" from the most recent copy of The Rotarian. For

your reading pleasure, go to the following link: <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/magazines/rotarian>. All members that have an address (Patrick?) receive the print version.

Guests of Rotarians

Dave Mason introduces Tom Gafney, the newest employee of DM roofing, and David Titchenal, our guest speaker.

Golf Tourney Update

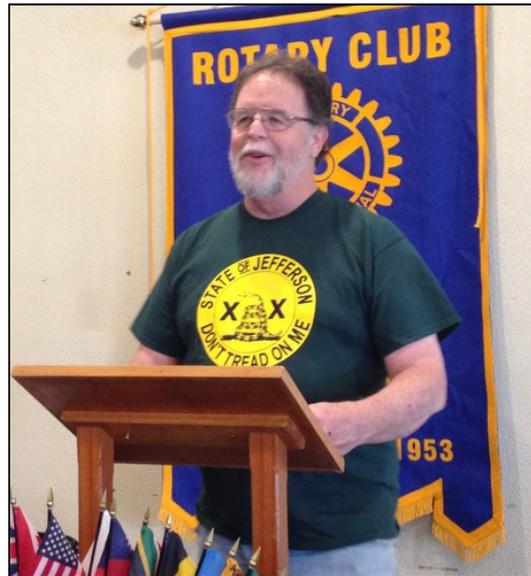
Dan emphasizes that we need to get serious! Everything is done, but he will be doing a promo on Radio Rio, the local paper, and Ed. Bob will promote within the 90-member Rio Vista Golf Club. Gift Baskets can be brought to Club meetings.

Community Center Builds Momentum

They will be presenting information on Monday, May 8 at DH White.

Hog August Bites August 19

If interested, HAB meets



David Titchenal advocates for creation of a new state called "Jefferson."

Thursdays, 4:30 at the Waste Management Office.

Area Assembly Filling Up

Dan says that we have good representation for the May 6th morning program, but the more the merrier. If interested, please let Dan know, and he can help with registration.

If We Want "Money, Money"

Kelley suggests that if we want to get "money, money," the incoming Pres. and another member will need to participate in Rotary Finance Training—which she believes can be completed online. Check-in with Pres. Kelley.

Car Show May 20 at Abel's

Cub queries us of an email seeking volunteers for Abel's May 20th Car Show. In it's 9th year, the program always generates decent money for Rotary's coffers, for not much work. Jim Lira generously brings the tri-tip and condiments. A sign-up will be distributed.

Rotary Scholarship

Tom matter-of-factly reports that there is but one application and *none* from Interact. Groans are heard from the crowd, but Josie and Suzanne retort that they have until Monday for submission.

Thanks for the Dictionaries

Jim Mac, reads a letter from Kennedy (with an "I"), who writes that, "His favorite part of the entire day was when Dr. Bard gave him a ride in his blue corvette—where he drove 142 miles an hour and got airborne in the Montezuma Hills." Bob quickly retorts that



Interact members Josie Hamilton and Susanne Johnson give report.

Jim has embellished the letter, but is drowned out by laughter. Molly tears up reading a letter from a student named Josie, that concludes with, "I wish there were more people like you in the world to help us kids." Awwwww.

Student Report

Despite Josie being stressed, she and Suzanne report that prom was fun. Ryan Mackey and Daryn Katsuki were crowned Prom King and Queen. With the yearbook completed, they are now working on a Senior Edition, with a section devoted to adults providing student advice. Dick advises that they begin saving for retirement.

The very emotional, "Every 15 Minutes" was conducted at the high school. In sports, Softball continues their winning ways; Swim Championships are this weekend; Golf has a match on Friday and a tournament on Tuesday. Josie and our club thank Ted for graciously donating golf balls.

Next Wednesday are academic awards. Fifteen AFS kids are visiting from Chicago, and they're participating in a potluck, a hike Friday and a visit to San Francisco on Saturday.

For their final service project, Interact will go to the Food Pantry on Sunday.

Finally, Jimmy Mac asks Suzanne and Josie if they have any advice for us. Josie suggests we bring more women into our club. Kelley concurs.

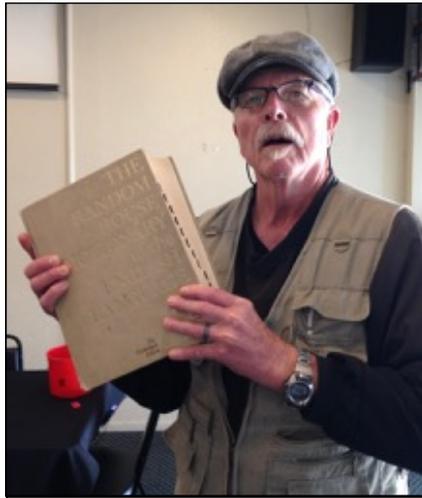
Confessions

Jon confesses that Betty—not he—came up with song for the day and donates \$10 to the Swimming Fund.

Editor Bob fesses up to buying a 12-year old/new Corvette, and generously, by his standards, donates \$1 for each wheel plus another buck for his steering wheel. Abel willingly adds another \$5. After being prodded by Lee, Bob admits that he uses his Chevy as a pick-up truck for yard trimmings.

Tom returns from his annual fishing trip to Lake Shasta, proudly reporting that he caught the 2nd largest fish at 19.5". This was important to him, because catching the largest fish would have resulted in his footing the bill on meals. He puts \$50 toward Sarah's Paul Harris.

Gil celebrates the life of his eldest son (who passed April 25, 2011), with his surviving sons in Idaho. Gil donates \$100 to the skate board park.



Dr. Ted Schulz receives vintage dictionary, recognizing his many years chairing dictionary project.

Ken pays \$25 for his 41st Anniversary in Half Moon Bay.

Leon shares a two-part confession: 1) He gives \$20 to the Dictionary fund, as he was impressed by a DH White student's desire to work in Japan, and 2) he gives \$30 to the General Fund because he inadvertently pressed a button on his Apple watch and called 911. He hopes we learn from his mistakes.

Program

Dave Mason introduces David Titchenal, who speaks on dividing California into two states, with the sparsely populated northerly portion of our state being called "Jefferson." David, a website builder, saw a sign a year and a half ago touting the creation of the new state. He supported the cause and gave a speech about it in San Andreas.

There are 33 rural counties suggested for inclusion in the new state; they span from the coast to Nevada and from Oregon down to a little beyond Lake Tahoe. More southerly counties, like Solano, with big cities are not included.

The rationale behind dividing up our state stems from minimal political representation of these rural counties in our state government. Currently, Jefferson proponents say that CA is too large to govern, taxes are too high, and regulations are too restrictive. Splitting our state is possible under both the U. S. and the CA constitutions.

There are currently 120 members of our state legislature, 40 in the Senate and 80 in the Assembly. Of these, the counties that would be split off have a total of 9 legislators, 3 in the Senate and 6 in the Assembly.

Splitting states has been done 4 times since our country was founded, most recently in 1863, when West Virginia split from Virginia.

David mentions that there have been 22 unsuccessful attempts to divide our state. He says that if this measure is struck down by the courts, the proponents will sue, and ultimately the case will be heard by the U. S. Supreme Court.

At the conclusion of David's talk, someone asks what industry the new state's residents might develop to support themselves. Someone (possibly Pat) was quick to respond, "Grow pot!"

50/50 raffle

Jim McCracken has the ticket but not the marble.

Wed., April 26, Coast Guard, fire fighters, and police/sheriff volunteers teach fourth graders dictionary skills.



COMING ATTRACTIONS		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
May 5, 2017	Montezuma Fire Chief Ron Glantz	Betty Davis
May 10, 2017	Rotary Golf Tournament	Danny Schindler
May 12, 2017	No Meeting	(We're dark.)
May 19, 2017	Amy Hartman—Greenbelt Alliance	Ted Schulz
May 26, 2017	To Be Announced	Evelyn Wilson