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Invocation

Our own golden tongued Jim Mac delivers a prayer from the heart.

Early morning whopper

Pres. Beverly reveals a story about a cunning Cub and 3 ladies skinny dipping near his house.

Coming events

Membership Conference, Vallejo, Aug 18; Dist. Conference, Chico, October 18-20 (we supply food, drink).

Camp Royal returnees

Campers pick up trash in city as civic project. Dylan is only boy. Jared has to work, so he cleans up Sandy Beach, later. Dylan and Tyler drive to Durham to help with project, there.

Thanks, campers!

Celebrations

Hank, birthday; Derek Jones and Dave, 1 year Rotary anniversaries.

Recognitions

Rick returns after knockin' 'em dead in AK: 16 silver salmon plus a 22 lb. halibut. Then, is sees 7 eastern states in one day, visits sister, and pays \$5 per state.

Gene and Pat travel to nation's capital, cross Potomac to Alexandria under full moon; he pays \$30 to Dictionary Fund. Gene's trio plays 6:30-9:30 in Vacaville at Fuso's.

Ted has new high-tech, 40-lb., ultra quiet, belt-driven bike that can change gear ratio without derailleur. He gives \$10 to Hechtman Fund.

Jim and Sue McCracken take two week luxurious coach tour, highlighting scenic wonders of western states. He donates \$25.

Wayne decided to drain his koi pond when his grandson came out last week. Ten of the bigger fish died when the truck transporting them to Texas broke down. One fish named "Token," a 47 pounder, was Hank

Simonsen's pet. To assuage his angst over loosing this sentimental specimen, Wayne pays \$50 to PHF.

Hector makes Rotarian of the Month

Proudly wearing his Ignite pin to encourage everyone to actively help grow our membership, Hector accepts his Rotarian of Month award. His Tequila Y Mas event raised funds for 4 additional scholarships.



Hale Conklin gives "I" program.

Program

A hard working, civic minded person who is well known (and appreciated) in town, Hale Conklin presents an "I" program that reveals his accomplishments and values. The only resistance he runs into during his talk is apparent when he reveals membership in another less prestigious service organization in our city.

Hale cherishes most being a father and grandfather. He has a daughter, Marci, with twin daughters, 16, and a son, Grant, with twin boys, Josh and Jordan, 11, and a son Jacob, 13. After 33 years of marriage, Hale's wife, Judy, passed away in 2000 from cancer. Two years later he married Dr. Susan Schaefer, a 30-

year resident of Berkeley. Sue was a professor of business and economics at Hayward State.

Hale is an electrical engineer, educated on the "east coast," and he received an MBA from a school "on the peninsula" in 1964.

He worked for JPL for 5 years in space technology applications, and he founded a company that developed the Blue Ice refrigerant. Then, he worked for holding companies and salvaged failing businesses.

Hale's been a referee for the North American Soccer league, and he's taught referee instructors for the U. S. Soccer Federation.

He's an instrument rated private pilot. He and Sue were active in "Angel Fight," transporting needy patients, *pro bono*, for medical treatment, mostly for cancer. These flights have been more rewarding to Hale and Sue than anything they've ever done.

Probably the least rewarding thing Hale's ever done is selling his airplane and buying a 42' cabin cruiser. He describes cruising the delta as being less exciting than sitting for 2 hours on a tarmac waiting for flight clearance.

Hale has a 4' X 8' N scale railroad layout that makes HO gauge look huge. He illustrates by holding up one of his tiny rail cars.

Hale likes learning foreign languages, *e. g.*, French, Italian, Russian and Spanish. He says "Tequila Y Mas" means tequila is corn. However, Hector, who apparently speaks some Spanish himself, disagrees.

Linguica booth

Bev says we need a chairperson. 50/50 raffle

Greg can't find the winner.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	EVENT	CHAIRPERSON
Thursday, August 8	Board Meeting at Rio Vista Sanitation	Beverly Bowman
Friday, August 9	Amazing Features of the Rotary Website	Jim McCracken
Friday, August 16	Current and Future State of Rio Vista	Norm Richardson
Friday, August 23	District Governor Visit	Steve Lack