

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ



Right: Bob Bard, Editor
Left: Edwin Okamura, Cub Reporter



HELENE MADERE BRIDGE

Peace makes all things possible. Hope makes all things work. Love makes all things beautiful.—ANONYMOUS

Announcements

Kelley announces that Charter Night is officially Monday, February 13 (although we may celebrate another night) and asks for an event coordinator. Derek stands and is instantly volunteered to run the event. Due to his hectic schedule (of getting married, building a home, and selling a home), he backs down. Takers?

Jim Lira mentions that Hank Tussy is unfortunately not doing well, according to Judy.

Visitors

This morning's guests: Jason Miller, Coast Guard and Lion's member, Randy Pratt, 5th generation Rio Vistan living at Vineyard Bluffs and working for the Sheriff's Department, and Alyssa De La Rosa, daughter of Hector and former Student Rotarian/Interact Member.

Celebrations

Birthdays: Hector (12/28), Tom (12/17) and Tim (12/30)

Tardies

Dr. Ted and Tom pop into the meeting. Each spins and Ted opts for the less embarrassing option of paying \$5. But, Tom spins and must call his wife on speaker phone and express his love for her.

Student reports

Josie says that today is the last day of school before winter break. She'll be a Justice during their mock Supreme Court. On the college front, Alyssa advises that while "C's get degrees," she will get B's. Molly says she is getting A's, and will be taking computer courses during the next session.

Announcements

Ted notes that someone donated dictionaries to give as gifts to 20 children. He asks if anyone would like to participate. \$20 donors will receive thank you cards from 4th graders.

Confessions

Dennis travels to Leavenworth, WA (between Seattle and Spokane), despite numerous mishaps. The town was rebuilt like a Bavarian village, and during Christmas is lit up with over 1 million lights. Despite marijuana being legal, he didn't see any apparent signs of residents under

FLASH!

Succumbing to mounting cries of encouragement and adulation, Danny Schindler has graciously agreed to serve as next year's Rotary President!



Randy Pratt speaks on law enforcement.



Officer Natalie Rafferty comes to hear our speaker.

the influence. He donates \$50.

Tom Donnelly purchases a new Volvo (not from Cub), and volunteers to pay a

\$100 fine.

J Mac is awestruck by Josie's leadership and donates \$20 to the dictionary fund.

Danny Schindler, after being ratted-out, incoherently attempts to rationalize his attendance at the Lion's dinner. Jason Miller stands to articulate the facts of the matters, including Danny's stealing a set of Whiskey glasses and being shamed into returning them. Despite stealing and not passing the 3-way test, he receives loud applause as he agrees to become Rio Vista Rotary's next president. He is not fined.

Leon, visits the Culinary Institute of America (the other CIA), and glows about their wine and tapas/dim sum-style food—which is exceptional, and ½ the price of going to The French Laundry. Leon donates \$20 to Dictionary Fund and \$30 to General Fund.

Program

Greg Bowman's wife, Valli, works for Wayne, so he's well versed in RVPD situations. He proudly shares with us that Rio Vista boasts the first sexual harassment case in the U. S., adding that Julie is on administrative leave, and it will cost us \$120K-\$150K to find a new police chief.

Wayne lays out the expenses of investigation, search for a new chief, and other challenges facing our police department,

including non-resident personnel, structural problems with the P. D. building and new officers using our department as a "stepping stone," leaving us rapidly for higher paying jobs. He says the sheriff's office could absorb our personnel, pay them better, and continue to provide us adequate police protection.

Wayne introduces Randy Pratt, who has worked for the sheriff's office for 13 years, 12 of them as a canine handler; he's an explosives detection canine handler for Solano and Napa counties. He's been our resident deputy for 2 years, covering 300 square miles around Rio Vista, but not including the incorporated area of our city.



Justices have the gavel!



Student Rotarians report; from left: Josie Hamilton, Casie Mortimore and Abel Zapien.



Molly and Alyssa also report.

Randy explains that he is not addressing our group in any official capacity, merely as a resident of our city with a daughter who attends River-view School. While doing his job, Randy encounters local problems that we never hear about; he tells us about them.

He speaks of a recent drive-by shooting, stolen catalytic converters, burglaries of businesses, residences and vehicles, and other recurring local crimes. Our farmers expect to lose \$50K annually to thefts and vandalism. Flooded with 911 calls for medical and other emergencies, there's no time to focus on narcotics enforcement.

With limited resources, our city can afford only two types of officers: those who can't get work elsewhere and rookies. Our department is limited to two officers on duty simultaneously, and when one of them must go to Fairfield on police business such as bookings, that leaves us with one for our entire city. Measure O does not bring in enough revenue to keep good officers here.

If the sheriff's office absorbed our police department, we'd have more coverage, and we wouldn't have to

find another chief. For this to occur, the city council would have to ask the county for assistance.

Following Randy's talk, many questions were asked, and a heated debate ensued concerning the best way for our town to obtain adequate continued police services. If you have further questions or comments, you may contact Randy at 707-689-3954.

50/50 Raffle

Ted had lucky ticket, Natalie drew unlucky marble. There was no medallion auction. See y'all next year!



As I look out from our lanai I am almost sorry I missed a Rotary breakfast. No I'm not.—Jim Nordin

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, December 23	No Rotary (Christmas is Sunday)	S. Claus
Friday, December 30	No Rotary (New Years Day is Sunday)	Father Time
Friday, January 6	Patrick Byron, "I" Program	Bob Bard
Friday, January 13	TBA	TBA
Friday, January 20	TBA	TBA