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"Having fun
helping others...
watering the
rosebuds"
—DR. TED SCHULZ



Actress Mary Anderson: "What is my best side, Mr. Hitchcock?" Alfred Hitchcock: "You're sitting on it, my dear."

Opening frivolities

Hector proclaims he's our President today, and announces a puzzling process for determining who will lead the pledge, and song. Bob and Gary poke fun at the President, suggesting we sing La Cucaracha. After a few verses, Hector breaks up the fun, and demands the instigators spin the wheel.

Visiting Rotarians & Guests

District Governor Elect (5160) Gary Vilhauer and his wife Leslie (Special Advisor to Gary) stopover from Danville Rotary. Sec. Jim introduces his guests, Patty and Jay Huyssoon, and Molly announces today's speakers, Breanna Bettencourt and Sam from Norway.

Milestones

Sec. Jim addresses Hector, as El Presidente, and is immediately instructed to spin the wheel, with his fine being doubled after a comment about Mexico. Cub celebrates his 12th anniversary, and acknowledges that this is the longest commitment he's ever had.

Student report

Josie, Holly, Sam, Casie and Breanna report that it's the last day of spirit week, with guys wearing blue and girls, pink. Vice Dance will be Saturday with the Prince and Princess being crowned. 103 tickets are sold. In sports, softball tryouts finish with official practice beginning today; swim continues despite issues with the pool; and golf is in full swing. Holly reveals that she's been accepted into the pre-nursing program at Sonoma State.

Golf Tournament

Dan conveys that their next meeting is at Hector's this evening, 6 p.m. There will be wine, spirits and food.

Charter Night

Charter night will be Saturday, March 4, 6 p.m. at The Point. Lee secures Jason Miller of the Coast Guard as guest speaker.

Confessions

Patrick confesses that he, his girl friend, Chelsea, and twenty of their friends, attended the Northern California Hemophilia Foundation Crab Feed in Sacramento. He fines himself \$20.

Molly celebrates Three Mile Brewing's 1-year anniversary with friends, including Rotarians Dan and Hector. Molly donates \$20.

Edwin, after being called out, admits to taking a wine trip to Mendocino to celebrate Vera's 50th birthday. He contributes \$20.

Jan and Jon Blegen meet their children in Orlando to visit Harry Potter World in Universal Studios. Jon is amazed by the cost of entry and massiveness of the park, but does emphasize that, "It's great for young people." He follows up to brag that they could see dolphins swimming in the bay outside their hotel room. Jon donates \$25 to the "swimming pool fund."

Eddie and Betsy fly down to Long Beach and visit the Queen Mary. From there they board the Norwegian Jewel in route to Acapulco, followed by Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, the Panama Canal, and ultimately disembark in Miami. Eddie is surprised to see rain upon his return, after becoming accustomed to humidity, and 95-degree weather. Jimmy Mac suggests a \$2,000 fine, but Eddie exposes his coin.

Ted humbly announces his Pharmacy is honored as "Retailer of the Year" at the Chamber's Awards Event, and donates \$100.



AFS students, Sam Karoliussen, left, and Breanna Bettencourt give program.



Gary Vilhauer, D. G. 2017-18 and his wife, Leslie, visit from Danville Rotary.



RVHS students from left: Samuel Karoliussen—AFS exchange student from Norway, Casie Mortimore, Carlin Cline, Josie Hamilton, Holly Witcraft, Abel Zapien, and Breanna Bettencourt—AFS exchange student to Austria.

Jimmy Mac takes a day trip to Bellingham, Washington to celebrate his late uncle's 85th birthday, and sees many cousins. He donates \$25 to the dictionary fund.

Program

Molly is a liaison for AFS; she presents Breanna Bettencourt from Isleton, who spent her Junior year in Austria, and Samuel Karoliussen, who comes from Norway and is attending RVHS here for a year.

Breanna passes around a souvenir binder filled with memorabilia from her time abroad. It was prepared by her host family. Although she periodically got homesick during the first 4 months, she soon came to appreciate the experience and enjoy her host family. When the 10 months abroad were over, she didn't want to leave; she says it was the best experience of her life.

The culture in Austria is different; shoes are not worn inside schools or homes, persons stand on the right side of escalators to let people pass, and door knobs and light switches are different. The drinking age is 16, so Breanna's now a beer connoisseur.

English is taught early in all the schools, it is a second language spoken by everyone. She visited Germany and the Czech Republic. She lived in a small town, 20 minutes from school by bus. The mountains in Austria are beautiful. Breanna still talks regularly with her host mom and sister.

Sam comes to us from the city of Trondheim, Norway. He presents a slide show demonstrating

his city's location and sights. He proudly shows us a photo of the Norwegian male & female Olympic ski champions. Although the northern lights are somewhat visible where he lives, he shows us spectacular photos of them as seen from the northern part of Norway.

He shows us a photo of sodd, a typical Norwegian food. It looks like a potato and pork stew, and he doesn't rave about how delicious it is.

Sam shows us a photo of the royal castle, a grand building, in Oslo. The royal family lives there, but they apparently have minimal official function in the governance of Norway.

Sam is thoroughly enjoying his stay in America; his host family is the Mingay's. They're planning a family trip to Lake Tahoe.

Sports in Norway include soccer, handball and skiing, which is 20 or 30 minutes away from Sam's home. The speed limit, there, is 100KPH, but you can't go that fast on most roads. Drivers like stick shifts. The crime rate is low. They like pop music. There aren't much drugs in school. Sam says he'll finish his Senior year when he returns home.

Medallion

Eddie returns the coin for which he paid \$100 and had a FANTASTIC adventure south of the border...way south, that is. Leon steals it for the bargain basement price of \$30.

50/50 raffle

Derek Jones is the big winner, at \$86! Wow!

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
March 3, 2017	No meeting (Tomorrow night's Charter Night)	(No program)
March 4, 2017	Charter Night, Speaker--Lion Jason Miller, Coast Guard Chief at Rio Vista	Lee Williams
March 10, 2017	Emily Gollinger, Planning Commissioner--Rio Vista Skatepark and Dogpark	Pat Byron
March 17, 2017	Meals on Wheels	Hale Conklin
March 24, 2017	To Be Announced	Jim McPherson