

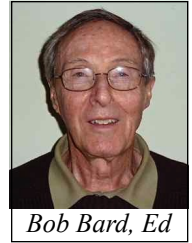
Having fun helping others...“watering the rosebuds”

# THE RÍO Rotarian

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Bob Bard, Ed

## Ongoing bell saga

Sadly, our Pres. still hasn't found his bell. However, he does still have the gavel, and he bangs it ferociously on the lectern, attempting to control the meeting.

## Moment of reflection

Pres. Jim says it's 11th anniversary of our loss of Adam Kinser while he was serving our country. We pause, then we sing "God Bless America."

## Esoteric lyrics quiz

The fun continues as Dr. Ted once again wins; he guesses the Temptations sang, "I Wish It Would Rain."

## Visitors and guests

Visiting Rotarian, Doug Walker, walks in from Palm Desert; Cole says, hi; Hector mocks our Pres., saying blah, blah, blah, then he greets Interact President-Elect Alyssa; Greg greets Alan Hartford, RVPD; Cub greets Chris Harding from Abel's.



Today's Guests

Cub brings Chris Harding (left photo) & Greg welcomes Alan Hartford.

## Rio Vision

Edwin says first quarterly informational meeting 5:30 p. m., Monday, Feb 9, at Vet's Hall; local service organizations invited. Delta Collaborative will present program on new Community Center.

## Booster Club Dinner-Dance

Slippery Pickles will play. Boosters Club fundraiser.

## Career Day

RVHS Counsellor, Loretta Abbott, is putting together a feature article in local rags touting this event, Feb. 18, Wed. morning. All 4 grades at high school participate.

## Rotarian of the Month

Kelley G is named Rotarian of the Month. She'll be President-Elect 2016-17. She currently serves on New Member Orientation and Interact Counsellor. Thank you, Kelley, for stepping up to the plate!

## G. G. Fields Photo Finish

Gary Laz presents gorgeous photo of Rotarians Gary, Sue Mortimore Simonsen, Pres. Jim, Evelyn, Cub in winner's circle.

## We're sending 4 students to Camp Royal, June 14-20

They're looking for adult volunteers. We selected 2

students, next year's Interact Pres. and Veep; Ms. Abbott picked 1, and there's still one open slot. Please let Betty know if you have a particular candidate in mind.

## Student Rotarians Report

Maria, Sarah and Dylan say RVHS project hit a snag, but they're working on it; due to cancelled dance, new Valentine's Day dance will take place during Spirit Week; all RVHS basketball teams beat Esparto, but not San Juan; Highland's next. Battle of Sexes coming, soon.

## Moment in Rotary History

We sit on the edges of our seats as Pres. Jim reads to us all about our club's earlier days (like over 100 years ago, folks.) Wow! Hey, there may be a test next week to see who was listing. Remember, Rotary was founded Feb. 23, 1905, in Chicago by Paul Harris, an attorney. It was called "Rotary" because the meeting location rotated among the members' places of business. By

1921 Rotary was on 6 continents and adopted the name Rotary International a year later. You may wonder what Rotary's motto and code of ethics are. We strongly suggest you check that stuff out.

## Superbowl Party Pack Auction

Gary, *et. al.*, created a box of everything you've always wanted but were afraid to ask for to throw a wild Superbowl Party. Dr. Joe swings into action, and raises \$250, half from Danny & half from Cub. It's rumored that the box contains Whiskey, mini garbage can,

penalty flags, football signed by Tom Brady of deflategate, Lira's gift card, much more. Cub donates his half to Danny's Superbowl Party at 401 Club.

## Confessions

Wayne hurries to confess before the medallion is sold out from under him. He enjoys week in L. A. with Universal Studios' behind the scenes tour with gourmet meal. He couldn't afford it, so he used his MasterCard.

Joe spent last weekend in La Jolla on business trip. He's the sole remaining charter member of his professional Ass'n. Dan says he must pay \$20. Sorry, Joe.

Gil enjoys Beach Boys Concert, Friday, at Napa. These old f\*\*ts sing nearly 4 hours, straight, in perfect nostalgic harmony. He pays \$20.

A well-preserved Gary celebrates 40th anniversary in Rio Vista, prompting an incredulous Pres. Jim to say (1.) "How old are you?" and (2.) "Nice Hairpiece!"

Greg celebrates 3rd anniversary as Chief of Police in Rio Vista and pays \$20.

Betty happily announces arrival of new grand-daughter, Riley Nichole, and pays \$25 to PHF.

Gene says C of C Awards, Feb 20, at the Point; Spirit

of Excellence Award will be announced. Pres. Jim mentions Bill Dutra has supported town in many ways, including supplying barges for fireworks shows.

Jim Mac discloses girlfriend's birthday and commits *faux pas*, revealing inappropriate data. No need for fine, when girlfriend reads this, he'll be sleeping on couch. Jim and his gal celebrate her birthday with trip to Napa Valley and Little River Inn, where he shoots 5 birdies for a blistering 81 (including one 9), prompting Jim Larsen to query, "Did you play all 18?" He pays \$100 to PHF.

Announcement

Gil reads Mokelumne River Bridge closure schedule. From March 2 to November; deck and operating mechanism will be completely replaced. Vehicular traffic will be one-way, with a few brief closures, and boat traffic will be completely closed for 4 months.

Celebrations

Wayne has birthday Feb. 4; Wayne and Betty have 12 years with club.

Announcement

Cub says Dad visited dealership first time after 7 month absence. Johnny is in good spirits. We wish him the very best.

Coin Auction

Dave Greiner hangs in there, but loses to Hank at \$65. It's good to see Hank (and Harvey) at meeting.

Program

Pres. Jim kicks off our Club Assembly program with a discussion of a newly structured fine schedule recently approved by our Board of Directors.

He distributes list of Board designated fines that all members must pay for certain common occurrences; these fines range from \$2-\$5 and go to general fund. The list also designates where members may direct all other fines for which they may be recognized or choose to confess; we have noted that these fines often seem to be substantially higher.

Hale seeks relief, Bard falsely accused

"What if you buy a used vehicle from a fellow Rotarian? Is there any relief?" Hale asks. Before Pres. Jim can tap dance around this germane question, Wayne asks how is it possible to fine anyone without a bell? Our misguided Pres. asks your editor if he's done with the bell, yet. When we explain that we know nothing of its mysterious disappearance, we are threatened with a fine for failing to stand while addressing the Pres.

After the bell's disappearance, we received a photo of the bell sitting on the hood of our Pres.' vehicle in front of Raul's Striper Cafe. Then, in an effort to help solve this crime, we published it in the "Rio Rotarian."

Kelly helpfully suggests that the Pres. be fined for each meeting the bell or gavel is missing.

Golf Tournament

Pres.-Elect Greg will chair the golf tourney, which will be held on a Wednesday in May.

Corvette Show at Abel's

Cub predicts successful All-GM show, Sat., May 16, with 11 Corvette clubs participating and about 500 cars. We need a committee chairperson for lunch booth.

Tequila Y Más

Hector reports 7 persons have volunteered to chair committees. Event is Sat., July 25, 6:30-9:30.

Hog August Bites

Lee reports event scheduled for Sat., Aug. 22, downtown Rio Vista. Event chair Robert says 7-member board held first meeting Wed. Seed money fundraiser will take place, Friday evening, April 10, at Fosters, with tickets available, there, for \$50. \$10 per ticket sold plus 10% of the bar that night will go to the Hog August Bites' coffers. Board members will be guest chefs and bartenders.

Bass Festival

Dr. Ted says we need a chair for Bass Festival Linguica Booth, Oct. 9-11. Pres. Jim implores that we all participate (and have fun.)

Demotion

Despite Pres. Jim's objections, demotion will be June 26, the last Friday of the month.

Solano County Firefighters of Year Awards Banquet

Lee says event will be held Friday, March 27, at Garden Inn, Fairfield.

Charter Night

Our Pres. wings it when asked about Charter Night. However, Kelley comes to the rescue, suggesting that as head of Rotary Information, she'll try to railroad Jamie into chairing event, this year.

Next year's movers & shakers

Our leadership next year will be: Greg, President; Kelley, Pres. Elect; Jim McCracken, Sec'y. and Webmaster; Derek Jones, Treasurer; Gary, Executive Sec'y.; Bob, Bulletin Ed.; Evelyn, Club Service; Lee, Community Service; Jim McPherson, International Service; and Dan Schindler, Vocational Service.

Bring a guest

In closing our Club Assembly, Pres. Jim reminds us to Light up Rotary and invite a prospective member to breakfast.

50/50 Raffle

Wayne's winning ticket gets him a dud marble.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
Friday, February 6	Humane Animal Services, Solano Sheriff's Dep't. Animal Control Officer Kim	Eileen Kennedy
Friday, February 13	Rio Vista Mayor Norm Richardson	Walt Stanish
Friday, February 20	John Noe, D. D. S., Walnut Grove Rotary—Rotaplast	Gene Resler
Friday, February 27	AFS Students: Nikola Heidemann, Germany & Gabriel Caseta, Brazil	Molly Coito
Friday, March 6	T. B. A.	Dave Greiner