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



"Sometimes it's easier to beg forgiveness than ask permission." —DEREK "THE CUB" ABEL



Lion Ron Jones, left, and Lion Frank Reid, right, present Hector De La Rosa with a check to Rotary for \$500 and the perpetual trophy for his astounding first place finish at the annual Rotary-Lions Poker Tournament, November 16.

Gracious presentation by the Lions in Winter

Ron Jones and Frank Reid of Lions Club drop by and suggest that they are "happy to be here, in spite of us." After a long-winded presentation by Ron, they present a \$500 check to Hector De La Rosa for winning the annual poker tournament. Ron emphasizes that the \$500 is not a personal check to Hector. There is a lively round of applause for the Lions.

This morning's guests

Sue Simonson and semi-guest/member Cole Felt grace us with their presence. Cole reminds the Club of his recent birthday and donates \$25. Cole mentions that Harvey had his gall bladder removed recently, but is doing well.

Regulations Stymie Radio Rio

Unfortunately, Rotary's \$1,000 donation to Radio Rio needed to be returned because the program had been "tabled." This apparently is a result of policy restrictions (around teaching credentials). They hope that the program can be revitalized later. Josh Vieira describes how Radio has grown and is the best iteration he's ever seen.

Announcements

Evelyn advises that there are no new Charter Night updates.

Dan Schindler holds his first Golf Tournament meeting, and is already in contract with the Golf

Club. Most importantly though, he has finalized his bartender. The Committee is now working on raffle prizes and auction items. Jim MacPherson has agreed to continuing the ball drop.

Tom Donnelly advises the Scholarship Program is moving forward famously. Applications are on the Rotary site, and Ms. Abbott at the High School has the application on her web page. Tom fumbles over whether there is a deadline for submissions, but does note that he is working on promotion to get the word out.

There will be a Board meeting next week.

Student report

Students report that Interact will be visiting the Senior Center on 2/13 and handing out Valentine's Cards to brighten their day. The Club thanks them for helping at Jack Krebs' 90th birthday. President Kelly announces that Josie won Student of the Month from Soroptimist, which draws applause. On the sports front, they announce that Boys and Girls Basketball played Golden Sierra. The Girls lost, but apparently, there were some questionable calls.

Casie reports that there will be a new coach for swimming; the Health Club and Culinary Clubs will be meeting; Literature is completing their Literary Boot Camp, which is "terrible," but "all right," per Josie. The Booster Club will have their annual din-



Camp Royal students, from left: Chris Galeno, Josh Vieira, Susanne Johnson, Josie Hamilton, Marcel Roberts, Emma Okamura, and Casie Mortimore; far right is their camp counselor, Cole Felt.

ner on Saturday.

Confessions

Derek steps up and confesses to a short hop to San Diego to celebrate his girlfriend, Julie’s, birthday. Unfortunately, the weather was horrible, and she fell ill from food poisoning. Staying optimistic, Derek says that it was still a fun weekend. Jimmy Mac suggests that the Club pay his fine, but Derek volunteers \$25.

Program

On Jan. 8, Cole Felt, a counselor at Camp Royal, sent your editor a link to the latest Camp Royal video from last summer, suggesting that it be shown at a Rotary meeting. So, we scheduled it for our Jan. 27 meeting, but the wifi at the Point is unable to connect us to the internet in order to download the video. After a delay, we are able to go online with the assistance of Dan Schindler’s smart phone and successfully show the video.

All 7 students from RVHS who attended the week-long camp last summer come to our meeting

wearing their official Camp Royal sweatshirts. Although he was headed for work after the meeting, Cole also comes.

A question and answer period follows the video. This year, only 5 RVHS Juniors applied to attend Camp Royal. Most of the District 5160 Rotary Clubs send only 1 or 2 students to the inspirational camp, but our club sends more, as this camp is such a great motivational experience for young people.

Many life-long friendships have started at the camp. The students, there, learn how to bring out the best in themselves and in others, and they have fun doing it.

The camp is located in the lush wilderness area of the Trinity Alps, west of the town of Weaverville. Campers sleep under the stars, attend motivational talks, and participate in creative activities while they build self confidence and trust in others.

50/50 Raffle

Josie draws Jon Blegen’s ticket; Jon draws the wrong marble...and the pot begins to grow.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
February 3, 2017	“Wild Adventures of the Cub” (That’s really what he told me to print. Honest.)	Derek Abel
February 10, 2017	Kathy Wright, Teacher, RDUSD--Cutting Edge Electronic Teaching Methods	Don Beno
February 17, 2017	No Morning Meeting due to Charter Night, Tomorrow Evening	
Feb. 18, 2017, Evening	Charter Night at the Grand Island Winery, Evelyn Wilson--Venue Chair	Lee Williams
February 24, 2017	AFS Student from Norway	Molly Coito