



# THE RÍO

*"Women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it."*

—ANONYMOUS



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

# Rotarian

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



## We get thank you notes...

Kelley leads us through pledge, prayer, and song, then passes around photo from Golden Gate Fields, thank you photo from Jr. Rams Cheer Leaders, thank you note for supporting Shelter Box, and thank you note from RVHS for \$500 Girls Varsity Soccer Team donation.

## Walt Stanish recognized for PHF #8

Cub asks J Mac if Walt has caught up with him, to which he quickly replies, "Hey, if you get the cash box, you can do all sorts of things." (Numerous groans are heard.) Then Jim apologizes for not heeding the 4-Way Test.

## Hey, Pres.-elect Dan, how's the Golf Tournament going?

Kelley's not-so-gentle question reminds Dan that he needs to solicit auction items.

## Milestones

Walt, Birthday; Bob and Harvey, 44 years in Rotary; Neil, 48 years in Rotary; Hank, 56 years in Rotary.

## Guests

Jim McCracken greets City Manager, Rob Hickey and Police Chief, Dan Ruden; Hector greets daughter, Alyssa; we greet Cheyanne Bastedo.

## Confessions

Evelyn Wilson proudly announces that she bought a new car, a royal blue metallic Honda Civic with 4 tires. She generously pays \$25. (The "old" fines were \$1 a wheel. Tsk, tsk.)

Hale just bought his first new car since 1961 (a Ford) but he claims he has the medallion. However, Sec'y. Jim rebuts that *he* has the medallion. Then J. Mac claims that *he* has the medallion. Hale attempts to weasel out of fine by reciting "the 4 things associated with Rotary," but Kelley is hearing none of that, and orders Hale to spin. Counsellor Blegen advocates \$1 per year since last new car. Hale gets off with pathetic \$5 fine. Cub generously jumps in and says he'll take care of it.

Tim spends one week with family in San Diego, does lots and lots of walking, and pays \$25.

Jim McCracken reports on Mexican Riviera cruise from hell: the ship sustained damage, shortening the cruise a few days, and he got sick and was quarantined to his room for 4 days, leaving him 3 days of fun and a medical bill.

## Medallion auction

J Mac sells the coin to Derek Jones for \$35, even though Evelyn tries to put in a late bid for \$40.

coming, 5:00 p. m. social, 6:00 p. m. dinner, Saturday, Jan. 21, Veterans Hall. Please donate generously to Rio Vision or Rio Vista Foundation. Donations are 100% tax deductible.

## Student Rotarians' Report

Most college apps are in. Soccer players are currently being screened for eligibility. Some Sophomores being pulled up to replace Varsity basketball players who have graduated; J. V.'s are expected to win. Girls Soccer's been winning. Josie's not playing basketball, this year; she needed time for college apps.

## College reports

Pres. Kelley attempts to get Molly to participate, but she discretely declines.

Cheyenne loves San Jose State, where she got an A, two B's and a C. Bryan goes to MSU Northern in Montana, where he plays Football, is required to attend Study Hall, and does *not* attend all of the parties; it's pretty cold, this time of year. Alyssa says Santa Barbara's wonderful; school's nyaa, but she managed to finish with straight B's. The students

like being independent, and they've learned to budget their time, not miss classes, and do all of their assignments.

## Program

Jim McCracken presents City Manager, Rob Hickey and Police Chief, Dan Ruden. Jim says that there are two sides to every story. He apologizes for rebutting our previous meeting's speaker, Randy Pratt, a local resident who works for the Solano County Sheriff's Office.

Randy had suggested contracting with the Sheriff's Office to provide police protection for our town by absorbing our local police force. However, Rob explains that it won't be necessary to pay a "head hunting" firm \$130-\$150K to find a new police chief as was reported in the recent Dec. 16 issue of the *Rio Rotarian*, a newsletter that prides itself on accuracy. He says the estimated cost will be \$30-\$50K. So far, he's spent about \$200 trying to find a new chief, and he says the total cost will be low.

Rob used to work for the city of Live Oak, where the Sheriff's Dep't. did a great job providing police services. But, he cautions that you get whatever level of service you pay for. We'll make a proposal to the Sheriff's department; however, in an emergency, personnel could be dispatched out of our city. On the positive side, our



*City Manager, Rob Hickey, and Police Chief, Dan Ruden, discuss our city's options for police protection.*



From left: Alyssa De La Rosa, Cheyanne Bastedo, and Bryan Peters deliver college students' report.

be a "one-way path." Usually, cities doing that can't afford to maintain their own P. D., and can never afford to reestablish a local department. Our citizens have already voiced support for a local police force, garnering 82% of the votes for Measure O. That shows that the people want to have their own local police and fire departments. Although there are concerns regarding stress and morale within our department, each individual loves his/her job and feels strong community support.

Wayne says statistics for Rio Vista show a high roll-over of officers and personnel, so doesn't it make sense to utilize the Sheriff's Office? Rob cautions that you must understand the limitations, such as no control over changes in personnel.

Dave says that from his view, standing on everyone's roof in Isleton, the city looks really bad since they lost their police force.



Chris Galeno and Josie Hamilton give Interact report.



We receive Thank-you card from Jr. Rams.

Although Rob is not at liberty to discuss personnel issues, he notes that the former chief resigned on a Thursday, and that by the following Monday, RVPD Chief Dan Ruden was on the job.

Jon mentions that we used to have a justice court in Rio Vista, but when we lost it, we became a step child to Fairfield.

Wayne expressed concern for black mold in police building, but Rob assured him it's only ordinary mold, and it's being removed. J Mac says, "Black mold matters." 50/50 raffle

Editor Bob has right ticket, draws wrong marble.



Rotary at the Races--posing with jockey (holding bell) are: Edwin, Danny, Molly, Lee and Bob. Molly coyly displays gavel.

| COMING ATTRACTIONS |                                                                 |               |
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| DATE               | SPEAKER/EVENT                                                   | PROGRAM CHAIR |
| Friday, January 13 | Sandy Beach Park Rangers                                        | Tim Kubli     |
| Friday, January 20 | Marleen Maltby, aka Mrs. Solano County/"Rotary Play 4 All Park" | Bob Bard      |