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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

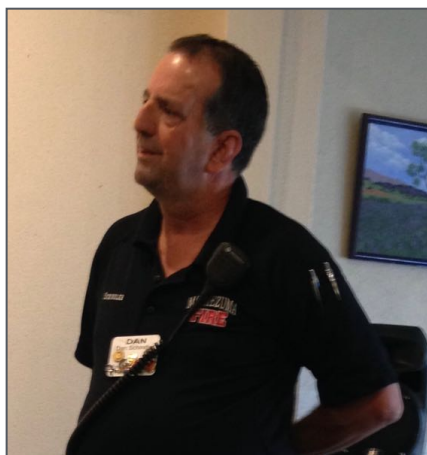


Moral courage is a rarer commodity than bravery in battle or great intelligence.—ROBERT F. KENNEDY, 1966 SPEECH

Rotary Scholarship winners receive awards, this morning



Above, Dan Schindler and Kelley Graupensperger flank scholarship winners proudly displaying their awards, from left: Chris Galeno, Carlin Cline, Josie Hamilton, Jake Hagan, Susanne Johnson, Casie Mortimore, Melissa Sanchez, and Karina Mandujano.



Above, Rotary Scholarship Committee members Hector De La Rosa, left, and Dan Schindler praise our hard working winners and encourage them to pursue their academic goals.

Right, note from grateful students expressing their appreciation of our club's support.

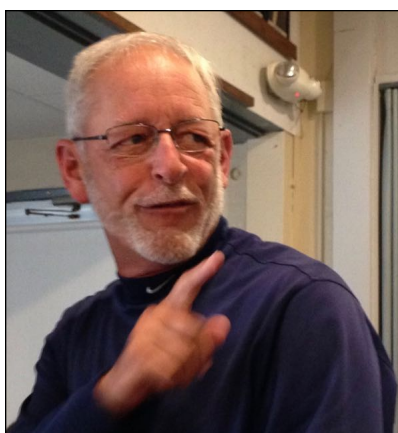
Opening Remarks

With pledge and prayer complete, the Club launches into a ho-hum rendition of the RVHS fight song, until Ram Cheerleader Jimmy Mac steps in to pump up the volume.

Patty and Jay are summoned to the front where Pres. Kelley presents them their membership goodies after 6 weeks of travel-

Dear Rotary Club,
Thank you so much for the sponsorship and the driving force behind the Rio Vista High School Interact Club! You have impacted our future in many different ways! Thank you so much for the support, we really appreciate it!
Sincerely, The Interact Club
2016-2017

Joshua House
 John White
 Holly Whitcraft
 Josh Hamilton
 Maria Agan
 Marisa Dupes
 Cassie Hartman
 Emma W.
 Jeff
 Melissa
 Laura
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Above left: Kelley presents new member packets to Jay and Patty Huyssoon; center: Dr. Ted's guest, Bill "Morty" Mortimore; right: Dave's guest, his daughter-in-law, Molly Acosta.

ing the country.

Guests

Ted welcomes his good friend, Bill Mortimore and Dave Mason introduces his daughter-in-law, Molly Acosta.

Announcements

Jimmy Mac cheerfully proclaims that donations for Harvey Felt's Memorial Scholarship fund have been funneling in from numerous local families, totaling \$670.

Walt unveils Delta Life, which is published annually by the Isleton Chamber of Commerce, and is packed with local information. Those interested, can drop by the Rio Vista Visitor's Center for a copy. He further comments that the Rio Vista Chamber has printed a new set of placemats for local restaurants.

Pres. Kelley reads a heartfelt thank you letter from our beloved Interact Club. Interact writes of how Rotary has impacted their future in many ways—to which as Pres. points out, "could be positive or negative." Kelly, accurately speaks to how we have equally enjoyed their presence. Interact has been truly amazing.

Ted's guest, Mr. Mortimore, announces that he would like to make a donation to Harvey Felt's Scholarship Fund. Mr. Felt was Bill's neighbor over 20 years, and Bill misses him every day. His feelings are shared by the entirety of our club. Service above self.

Jimmy Mac stands a second time to mention he was at D.H. White this past week, where he witnessed Rotary's-own Bob Bard donating \$1,900 (on behalf of the Rio Vista Foundation), to purchase Chrome Books for students.

Student Report

Enthusiastically, Kelley summons the large contingent of Student Rotarian's to deliver their final report of the year. Amongst cheers, the students exclaim

that it's graduation, and the ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on the football field. In sports, Josie receives her 4-year letter, and Casie receives All League MVP in swimming. Today's senior breakfast followed the Rotary meeting. Street Painting was on Wednesday; senior sunset was Thursday; and yearbooks have been distributed. Jimmy, half-jokingly asks if he can sign Josie's yearbook. Cheyanne proudly announces that she's completed her first year at San Jose State (and does plan to return), and Molly completed a year of accounting—which culminated in her receiving a promotion to credit analyst. Congratulations to all our grads—young and old!

Confessions

Jack stands for a potpourri of confessions, noting that he joined Rio Vista Rotary 23 years ago, having previously been an active member of Wichita's Rotary for 8 or 9 years; his granddaughter is expecting his 5th great grandchild; and 70 years ago, this month, Jack graduated from college. He, with pleasure, donates \$100 to Harvey's Memorial Fund.

Jim Lira recounts a fantastic golf tournament that he played at the Del Paso Country Club (in Sacramento), with Honor Guard ceremoniously opening this memorial tourney. He met many great people, some of whom had connections to Rio Vista. Jim readily donates \$25 to Ted's Dictionary Fund, and \$25 to the Harvey Felt Memorial.

Jim McCracken sheepishly admits that he bought a car from the "other" dealer in town, and volunteers \$50 to Harvey's Memorial.

Dennis proudly confesses that he was bookended when he welcomed a new grandniece into this world, while congratulating another grandniece for graduating Summa Cum Laude from UC Davis. He joins in the Rotary spirit, and also donates \$50 to Harvey Felt's Memorial.



From left are RVHS graduating Seniors Josie Hamilton, Chris Galeno, Susanne Johnson, Casie Mortimore, Carlin Cline, Melissa Sanchez, Karina Mandujano, and Jake Hagan, followed by Cheyanne Bastedo, who just completed her first year of college, and Molly Coito, who joined the group as a continuing education student of banking finance. Congratulations to all!



a tornado in Oklahoma. Jay closes on positive note by emphasizing, "It was a good trip, and Patty really enjoyed Jamestown...." They too jump aboard with a \$100 donation to Harvey Felt's Memorial Scholarship.

Jimmy Mac spends a moment to gloat about our Interact Group this year, which he believes may be the GOAT (greatest of all time). He graciously donates \$100 to Josie's Paul Harris and is hopeful that one day Josie and other Interact members come back to join Rotary. On this note, Pres. Kelley also thanks Josie for all that she has done for the club, and presents her a card from the Club.

Program

Dan and Hector take a few moments to articulate the process for selecting this year's scholarship recipients. Each anonymous applicant was graded with an all-en-

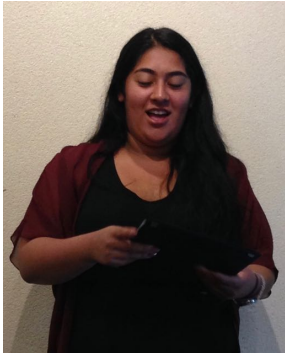
compassing point system. While in previous years the committee met in-person to determine winners—this year judges read applications on their own. This was admittedly difficult for Danny, who confesses that he doesn't like to read. Despite this, the quality of the essays kept both Pres. Elect Dan and Hector engaged. A heckler suggests that Danny does enjoy pictures though—just not "words."

Hector glows when recalling a candidate that wrote of how Rotary brings together many cultures and beliefs, yet we are all able to work as one unit. Pres. Kelley reminds winners that they need to follow the instructions provided with their scholarship.

50/50 Raffle

Josie can't find the winning marble for Dick.

After much anticipation, Patty and Jay deliver their short version of their 6-week adventure across our beautiful Country. To understand the full magnitude of their undertaking, Jay explains that they began their journey with a mere 84 miles on their car, and completed it with over 13,000 miles. They were 40 miles from Toronto, Canada, and 3 or 4 days later, they were in Tampa, Florida. While their short program would not allow for details of every visited town, Jay suggests that if you simply followed all the crappy weather around the country—they would have been just ahead of it. Patty begins her rant, noting that within days of launching on their trip, they blew a fuel pump in Fresno, had their car hit in New Mexico, their windshield cracked in Tennessee, and were pelted by



Congratulations to our 2017 Rotary Scholars:

- Josie Hamilton. Harvey Felt Memorial Scholarship. Cal Poly.
- Karina Rojas. Rotary Scholarship. UC Davis.
- Melissa Sanchez. Rotary Scholarship. Oregon State University.
- Jake Hagan. Rotary Scholarship. California Maritime.
- Jacob Fortes. Rotary Scholarship.
- Suzanne Johnson. John Lewallen Scholarship. Cal Poly.
- Chris Galeno. Rotary Scholarship. UC Davis.
- Carlin Cline. Rotary Scholarship. Attending Cal Poly.
- Casie Mortimore. Rotary Scholarship. San Jose State.



Above, left: 2017 RVHS Yearbook, center: book cover with students sporting Camp Royal shirts, right: new publication promoting tourism and commerce on the delta

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
June 9, 2017	To Be Announced	Ken Wudel
June 16, 2017	I. O. T. (The Internet of Things)	Dick Burkhart
June 23, 2017	To Be Announced	Leon Guzenda
June 30, 2017	Demotion	Jim McPherson, Dan Schindler
July 7, 2017	To Be Announced	Edwin Okamura