



THE Rio Rotarian



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

-Dr. Ted Schulz

Welcome

Betty announces that our song of the day is, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," but requests that Gene to take the lead. Gil reports that, oddly, for the past 40 years that he's been in the Walnut Grove Rotary, and this is the ONLY song they sing.

Guests & Visiting Rotarians

Rob introduces our newly hired Police Chief, Dan Daley. Ken welcomes Mayor Richardson, and Dr. Ted brings back Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer (and Lions' Pres.) Jason Miller.

Announcements & Updates

- Camp Royal. Betty announces that students will hop on buses this Sunday and head to Camp for the week. Pres. Kelley thanks her for her flawless management.
- Governor's Dinner with Board will be July 20; July 21, D. G. will be our breakfast speaker. (see below)
- Jason Miller invites us to his Change Command on June 23, 10 a.m. at the Station. He thanks Rotary for our commitment to the community and our camaraderie with other clubs.

Thank You Ed. Bard!

After countless years of dedication to our beloved Rio Rotarian, our esteemed Editor, Bob Bard, is taking a few steps back from this daunting endeavor. He will be handing the "gavel" to us less worthy editors, but lend a helping hand as the Executive Editor. We'll do our best to capture news in the same capable manner as Ed. Bard, but do anticipate less humor and potentially less content! Thank you Bob for your many years of service. Please come back soon.

Student Report

Josie survives graduation and all the parties that followed. This summer she'll be working as a lifeguard, and having her wisdom teeth removed. Ouch!



Josie Hamilton is all smiles after graduation

Confessions

Pres. Kelley launches into confessions by calling-out Tom, who responds that, "It's been a crazy few weeks," avoiding any fine. Kelley thanks him for his dedication to the scholarship program.

Jon Blegen hops to NYC to visit his daughter—squeezing in many great meals, ballet and the musical, *The Great Comet of 1812*, a musical adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's 19th century Russian novel, *War & Peace*. He volunteers \$50.

Derek Abel. He was on the track last week, and was pleased to announce he was not hit by anyone. He offers \$10, but relents to razzing from Pres., and ups the ante to \$20.

Program: City Report

Norm, summoned at the 11th hour by Program Chair Ken, scrambles to deliver a concise program on the status of our City.

Announcements Cont.

- Demotions. Friday, June 30, somewhere in Rio Vista according to facilitator Gary. No regular meeting.
- Installation Dinner, Saturday, July 8, 5 p. m., Woodland.
- Hank Tussy is honored on CBS Sacramento. A must-see segment.
- Kim Guggemos, on behalf of the City of Rio Vista Police Department, thanks our Club for supporting *Every 15 Minutes*.

Celebrations

Patrick Byron celebrates his 33rd birthday, and Edwin Kingman hits his 2-year anniversary.

Marble Draw

Patrick draws the lucky number, but the Mayor does not draw the lucky marble.



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Mayor Norm Richardson

- Transportation. Hwy 12 and Church. This \$4M CalTrans project will cover turn lanes. This should help with congestion.
- Caltrans is investing \$75M for improvements on Hwy 12 from Summerset into town. Expected improvements include turn lanes and center mediums—which are requirements of Complete Streets. Sidewalks on both sides of the highway are included.
- Bridge. This summer Caltrans will begin scraping, painting and replacing the elevator on the bridge. Furthermore, they will be adding a bathroom for the employees—which will require a sewer line. Work will be completed in the evenings, but will take 5 years to complete.
- Delta Breeze is very important for our aging population. Despite funding cuts, they are working with other agencies and adjusting routes.
- Flood Control. This year the State awarded a \$500K grant to do a feasibility study on the property from River Road to City Hall. Lois Wolk was instrumental in securing this grant. A flood wall will make the waterfront valuable, shifting the area from a 100 year flood to 200 year zone.
- In 2014, the State passed the Ground Water Sustainability Act requiring Rio Vista to develop Ground Water Sustainability Plan. Dave will be dedicating 2 hours a month to this.
- The Planning Commission and City Council will have a study session on the Liberty Island development.
- The City has a business park that is underutilized. Deed restrictions were lifted 4 years ago, but because leases do not generate much revenue, they have been unable to make improvements. With the passing of the City's Marijuana ordinance, we have reputable companies interested in building grow houses, which could generate significant revenue for the City. There will be substantial fees and oversight to ensure compliance with the ordinance.

Rotary Welcomes New Police Chief



Rio Vista Police Chief Dan Daly

Police Chief Dan Daley provides an enlightening “I Program” despite not being a member of the Club (yet). Let the Chief in! Before signing-up for the position, Chief Daley felt it necessary that town was a fit for him and his wife. She approved, so he approved. He notes that while there is a staff shortage of officers, he is in the final stages of background checks for all four open positions. Programs that Chief is working on are the establishment of a Reserve Officer Program, and potentially a K9 unit to address drug issues in town and on the highway. Community policing is a strength of his, and he plans to continue with this. Welcome Chief Daly!

District’s annual Awards and Installation Dinner. The event will be full of fun, fellowship and great food. The theme for this year is a Western Hoedown, so come join the fun in your western duds. Our own, Cowboy Bud Wolf, is gonna read a couple of his cowboy poems.

Date: Saturday, July 8th.

Time: 5:00 to 9:00 PM

Location: Woodland Community Center, 2001 East St, Woodland, CA

Cost: \$40 per person, but if you buckaroos wait till June 15th, it’s gonna be \$50 bucks.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>PROGRAM CHAIR</u>
June 16, 2017	To Be Announced	Dick Burkhart
June 23, 2017	To Be Announced	Leon Guzenda
June 30, 2017	Demotion	Jim McPherson, Dan Schindler
July 7, 2017	“Danny like pictures more than words.”	Edwin Okamura
July 14, 2017	To Be Announced	To Be Announced