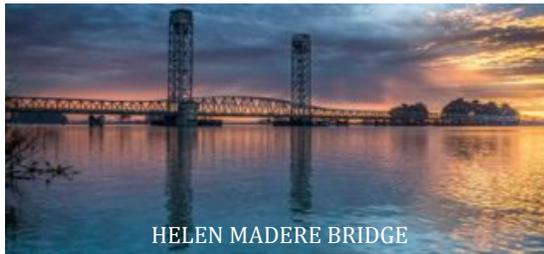




Bob Bard
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"Having fun helping others... watering the rosebuds"
—DR. TED SCHULZ



People use big words to make themselves sound perspicacious.

Guests

Matt Brown hails from Rotary Club of Walnut Grove. Patrick introduces our speakers, Emily Gollinger and Lisa McDowell. Dave introduces his son's good friend from the Navy, Tom Gaffney, and we welcome back James Knapp, Rob Hickey, Alyssa De La Rosa, and Patty and Jay Huyssoon.

Appreciation Dinner

Lee pleads for much-needed volunteers for our club's

ner in Fairfield. We have a table, so notify Kelley if you're interested in sitting at our sponsored table. Montezuma Fire Protection District 2016 Firefighter of the Year is well-deserved Dexter Mayhood.

April 1, our Coast Guard will sponsor Teal Day. Participants will trek from City Hall to Lira's, placing teal ribbons on trees to heighten awareness of sexual assault. Details have been posted to our Facebook page. Kelley good-humoredly suggests that Lions' members would



Speaker, Emily Gollinger



Program Chair, Pat Byron



Speaker, Lisa McDowell

Appreciation Dinner on April 5. Students that are planning for military service are also being invited, along with active military, farmers and public safety workers. If you know of candidates, they are welcome.

Golf Tourney on Track

Dan informs us that golfers and sponsors may begin signing up. Flyers are circulating, details are now on Facebook, and District 5160 is now in the know. Derek announces that this year there will be two Hole-in-One cars. Thank you, Cub! Dan's committee is now working on raffle prizes.

Reminders and Notes

Next Friday is the Rotary Firefighter of the Year din-

appreciate us assisting them with their wheel-chairs.

Hale reminds us that the Sheep Dog Trials kick off next Thursday at 5:30 p.m., with a sheep run down Main Street, concluding at the pole barn, where baa-baa bingo gambling will take place. The official trials are March 31 - April 2. Get your tickets at Pet's 4 All, Books RioV or at the gate.

Walt informs the Club that our Farmers' Market launches Saturday, May 13.

Greg Lucas and Chris Mingay follow up from last week's meeting with a letter thanking us for our support. Their season begins in March, and they expect 6 teams for the spring and summer months. They continue to seek donations to supplement those children that cannot afford the expenses.

Congratulations Jimmy Mac!

While others may offer crystal or a watch on a 15th Anniversary, we congratulate Jimmy Mac by singing Happy Anniversary, and fining him \$5.

Student report

About 15 Interact members took their photos for the high school yearbook. Kelley asks the students to send a photo for posting to our FB page. Students signed up for AP tests in May, and explain that if you pass, you needn't take the course in college. Qualifying AP courses are calculus, literature, psychology and history, to name a few. Prom is at Trilogy this year, with tickets on sale for \$70



Student Rotarians report, from left: Jacob Fortes, Chris Galeno, Casie Mortimore, and Emma Okamura.

(individuals), and no apparent discount for couples. Jimmy Mac asks the students if they'll be dancing with "Trilogeans," and Lee recommends "live" music from Cub or Gene.

While students have not made final decisions on their college of choice, they have all been accepted into a plethora of universities, including Monterey, Sacramento, Cal Poly, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, Sonoma, San Jose and UC Irvine.

In sports, Swim Team is undefeated through their first few meets. Casie is looking forward to their upcoming swim-a-thon. Jacob joins the Golf Club and thinks they lost their match to Bradshaw. He shoots "double par." Baseball falls to Bradshaw.

Confessions

Derek is shamed into standing to confess the non-newsworthy event of having given himself a haircut. He donates \$5. Lee announces that it's been 10 years since his last car purchase. After purchasing a fully-loaded truck from Abel, he passes his fine over to a receptive Derek.

Jimmy Mac uses his industry's biggest show—Conexpo—as an excuse to visit Vegas, and to celebrate his buddy Kevin Graham's birthday. He donates \$50 toward the dictionary fund.

Dan and his son were back in Monterey for a week-end of Advanced Scuba Certification. Due to prior commitments, he drives back to Rio Vista for an Awards Night, then turns around and miraculously makes it back to Monterey in 2 hours, 5 minutes. He claims he was, "driving with the flow of traffic." This certification will come in handy when he heads to Cuba in June. \$50 goes to Interact.

Gil donates \$100 to his wife's Paul Harris, as he celebrates his 9th anniversary (3/25) since open heart bypass surgery.

Molly missed last week due to her father-in-law's passing. Our condolences go out to her family.

Edwin feels the need to donate, so he recounts this morning's nightmare, where he runs his hands affectionately through his wife's hair only to find a large patch remaining in his hand. He offers \$25 to Ted's dictionary fund. Ted reminds us that April 19th dictionaries will be distributed, but that the real fun is when police and fire read to the children on the 26th.

Program

Pat introduces our speakers, this morning, Emily Gollinger and Lisa McDowell. They discuss plans for a multi-use project consisting of a skateboarding site, a dog playground and a soccer field at the Val de Flores

park behind D. H. White School. They present large artists' drawings picturing various views of the completed project. As can be seen from the illustrations below, there is ample room at the site for all three uses.

Emily and Lisa describe the efforts of youths and adults who are planning, fundraising by recycling electronics, attending council meetings, and seeking grants and donations. Ramps in the skatepark will be concrete for durability, and helmets will be required. Insurance will be expensive. Construction is planned May-August, and costs, not yet bid, are estimated at \$160K.

50/50 Raffle

An Interactor drew the wrong marble for Dennis.



Above, top half: a view of the dog park and the skate park; the smaller drawing below it is the site plan of the entire project showing the dog and skate parks on the left and the soccer field on the right. Soccer players will no longer have to dodge dog poop.

Below: four views of the skate park, with features to challenge riders at various skill levels.



COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
March 31, 2017	Rio Vista Fire Chief Jeff Armstrong	Dan Schindler
April 5, 2017	Appreciation Night at Montezuma Fire Dep't.	Lee Williams
April 7, 2017	No Rotary Meeting	(Leon gets off easy)
April 14, 2017	Three Mile Brewing Co., Tony Coito	Hector De La Rosa
April 21, 2017	Jill Shapiro: Rio Vista Internet Improvement Coalition	Leon Guzenda