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Bob Bard, Ed

Meeting opens. Welcome new member!

Pres. Ted proudly gives Dave Mason a real badge (and no fine.)

Ball Drop tickets

A scoundrel absconds with Hector's Ball Drop tickets. Unfazed, Hector says perpetrator must buy them all. Jim Mac confesses that Gil hid them under his hat, but Gil pleads innocence. Now, we must each sell (or buy) 10 tickets.

Milestones

Hector celebrates 12 years with our club. Ted attempts to fine Greg for anniversary, but he's several months off.

Not so famous quote

Who said, "Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth?" You'll never get this one...Muhammed Ali.

Student Rotarians

Tyler and Dylan report quarter ends Friday, Tyler's enrolled at Ohio State, Boys Baseball wins 18-2, Girl's team is undefeated, Swim Team lost due to small size, but Tyler got 2 second places, although relay team lost, 3 weeks till Spring Break.

PETS report

Jim Mac attends PETS (President's Executive Training Seminar) and gets fired up. He must interrupt largest construction equipment convention in the world at Las Vegas after only 2 days, as well as miss his grandson's throwing of first pitch at Raley Field, to attend PETS. Jim meets incoming R. I. Pres. from Taiwan and sells him Rio Vista Mickey Mouse ears at PETS. All clubs supplied 4' X 5' posters of their Pres. (\$90), but they weren't displayed.

Hooray for PolioPlus!

India has been declared as Polio-free, but Rotary was not recognized for spearheading this effort.

Blood Drive

Don't forget, next Wednesday at the firehouse.

Appreciation Night

Be at the firehouse next Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 pm. Molly passes signup sheet around. Set up at 3:00. **There will be no meeting next Friday morning, April 4.**

Auction items for Golf Tournament

Please bring gift valued at \$50 to Kelley at the Dollar Store by this Sunday. If you don't, expect a \$50 charge on your next Rotary bill. So far, 26 out of 144 players signed up. Mel is once again donating dental package. Jim Mac implores us to think of something really **big and creative** for auction, like abalone dinner for 8 or a trip to the moon...who knows? (No, he didn't really say that.)



Hale Conklin speaks on Iditarod Dogsled Races in Alaska.

Medallion for Wayne

Ted drills hole in coin and presents it to Wayne to put on lanyard and wear it.

Adventures in Mollyland

Molly chaperones AFS students from New York state and Thailand for 5 days. They tour Sonora, San Francisco, Jelly Belly. Thailand high school boasts 4,000 students, and it would take 5 minutes to see it all. She hosted 7 kids for dinner.

Yesterday, she saved a life...of a dog, that is. She rescued a border collie mix, 1 of 2 dogs running down Hwy. 113. Although not a dog person, Molly put Rover in her car, and he's now happily running around her back yard. Sadly, our heroine was late for work that day!

Fine adventures

Jack visits KS & MO, reveals he's alumnus of Wichita State with undefeated season, pays \$35 to general fund and \$100 PHF.

Gene's phone goes off, he spins, pays \$5, and his phone goes off again. How embarrassing.

Don Beno celebrates grandson's first birthday in NV. Rick asks him why he's working so much, so he takes a 4-day weekend off, visits Yosemite and pays \$20.

Rick fishes with son at Elk River out of Coos Bay. Then, he attends Spring Training and receives bonus foul ball that lands under wife's seat. He pays \$20.

Cub attends company party in his honor, where he gets a moving gift—a puppy that is Moose's nephew. He gives \$50 to PHF.

Gill had quadruple bypass surgery 6 years ago, and he gratefully donates \$100 to PHF.

To encourage Don, Jim Mac reports that Rick is building luxurious chateau in mountains after arriving in Rio Vista with nothing. Then he pays \$50 to PHF because girlfriend's daughter gets into U. C. Santa Barbara.

Program—the last Great Race on earth

Hale Conklin presents excellent slide show covering his trip to see this year's Iditarod Dogsled Race. Each sled must start with 12-16 dogs, and finish with at least 6. Sled contains supplies plus mandated equipment to complete 1,100 mile trip to Nome, AK, where summer lasts 2 weeks. The trip memorializes an effort to transport diphtheria serum in 1925 from Anchorage by rail to Nenana, and then by dogsled to Nome. Hale details the amazing capabilities of the dogs that pull the sleds.

50/60 raffle

Greg's winning ticket doesn't win the right marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 pm	Appreciation Night, Montezuma Fire Station	Molly Coito
Friday, April 4	No meeting (Gil, please take note)	
Friday, April 11	Susan Schaber & Barbara Daly, "Delta Heartbeat Tours"	Joe Awender
Friday, April 18	The Rotary Foundation and Your Data (J. Krebs & J. Larsen)	Hector De La Rosa
Thursday, April 24	Follow the Can—Tour of Rio Vista Sanitation recycling plant	Gary Lazdowski