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Bob Bard, Ed.

Opening ceremony

We rock out with Barbara Ann, and Jim Mac offers up an extemporaneous prayer of sincere gratitude. It is nice.

Visiting Rotarians

We are honored to welcome 2015 DG Ken Courville, as well as new Ass't. DG Jon Dwyer, and his wife, Bonnie.

Guests

Greg welcomes Linda Lannon, Bev welcomes her son, Matt Brown for his 3rd visit, and Gene welcomes blood drive chair, Lorelyn Hechtman.

Blood drive

Lorelyn recounts losing her daughter, Heidi, to cancer in 2008. Heidi required blood transfusions during the latter part of her illness. Since then, Lorelyn has been devoted to holding annual blood drives. There's a need for 700 units daily. She describes painless process taking 5-7 minutes to draw blood.

Loosing locks for Deven

Greg says 2-6 pm, tomorrow's the day for head shaving event at Montezuma FD. RVHS student, Deven Davis, must undergo chemotherapy cancer treatments and will loose her hair. In a selfless act of sympathy her little sister, Lacy, will get her own locks shaved off. Greg praises us for pledging \$1,400 at last week's meeting.

Sell those Ball Drop tickets!

Bev says get stubs and proceeds to Hector. She then passes around certificate for us to sign to honor two RVHS Seniors who will enter military. Busy Bev then passes around golf jacket sign up sheet. *Thanks, Bev, for your hard work!*

Rotary anniversary

Jim Mac joined Rotary 3-22-02, and he's given \$5,000 for PHF's. He reports playing 28 innings of mara-



Derek Jones, Rio Vista Community Services

thon baseball with 3 hits and 5 strikeouts, driving in 2 runs and scoring twice. He then makes spurious claim that your fiscally responsible editor offered to pay \$1,000 if he struck out 5 times. Tsk, tsk! Anyone who knows your editor knows that would not ever pass the 4-Way Test.

Student Rotarian Report

It's spring break, so there isn't much activity at school. Atalie and Tatum say Baseball team won 11-1; Honor Roll kids got ice cream in cafeteria, and there was registration for AP test in May.

Camp Royal, June 9-15

Betty says we've registered 6 kids this year: Jared Awender, Dylan Coito, Hannah Cronin, Lily Roberts, Tyler Gomes, and Alex Correia. Ken thinks we are sponsoring more students than any club in district.

Appreciation Night

Lee says more helpers needed and passes around sign up sheet. Coast Guard attendance is iffy. Beer & wine social hr. **Remember, no meeting next Friday.**

Confessions

Betty and Larry spend 2 weeks in HI and go whale watching. Betty was disappointed to miss Rotary meeting, Tuesday, in Lahaina, but she's too late due to lack of planning. She gives \$45 to TIP411.

Bev proudly announces that Atalie was accepted to U. C. Berkeley. No fine is necessary, as she says she'll be paying for 4 years...she hopes.

Jim Mac thanks Betty and Larry for \$25 donation to Baseball program. Then, he gives \$50 to TIP411 for Bellingham family reunion trip.

Coming events

April 3--Appreciation Night  
 May 4--District Summit, Vallejo  
 May 17--Golf tournament, \$110 entry

June 23-26--R. I. Convention, Lisbon  
 June 29--Demotion  
 July 13--Installation in Woodland  
 October 17-19--District Conf., Chico, \$119 Program

Our original speaker was Tom, from the Rio Vista Bridge, a mediation service. As he is unable to be here, Joe asked Derek Jones to pinch hit (but didn't tell Gene). With little time for preparation, Derek does a yeoman's job, bringing us up to date on the project he runs, Rio Vista Community Services. He thanks Lorelyn for her past service and for recently joining their board.

Rio Vista Bridge mediation services will be using Community Services' phone and tax exempt number till they get started.

Derek presents an update on his project, which distributes 200 food baskets a week, as well as food stamps, medical assistance, ESL, WIC, Section 8 housing and bus passes to Solano College.

No emergency shelter is available locally; the nearest is in Fairfield. There are 65 homeless children in Solano County. Drug problems are first encountered at middle schools.

Future plans are to get downtown



We welcome, from left, Ass't. Gov. Jon Dwyer and his Rotary Ann, Bonnie, from San Ramon and Ass't. Gov. Ken Courville from Dixon.

location for a "one-stop" Family Resource Center housing all of the local assistance organizations.

Loretta at River Delta Unified School District applies for educational program grants so that kids don't get stuck with dead-end jobs.

Community Services is changing its mission statement to favor youth services and to enlist the support of both private and public sectors, including local businesses. Currently, Lira's points are transferable to the food bank at the customer's request.

Dictionary Program on hold

It'll happen when Dr. Ted returns!

50-50 Raffle

Hector gets the wrong marble.



Gene introduces Lorelyn Hechtman, who touts Blood Drive in memory of her daughter, Heidi, at Lira's, Thursday, April 25, 1--6 p. m.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

| DATE               | EVENT                           | CHAIRPERSON  |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Wednesday, April 3 | Appreciation Night at Firehouse | Lee Williams |
| Friday, April 5    | No Meeting                      |              |
| Friday, April 12   | To Be Announced                 | Tim Kubli    |
| Friday, April 19   | To Be Announced                 | Jim Larsen   |