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Bob Bard, Ed.



Our speakers this week are County Supervisor, Skip Thomson, left, and Sheriff-Coroner Thom Ferrara.

### Program

Jim Lira says when Ski Thomson first ran for Supervisor, he asked to place a campaign display at Lira's. To avoid the political fray, Jim resourcefully suggested using the contiguous lot next door, instead. And the rest is history.

Skip opens saying he won't forget Rio Vista. He's appeared before our Council and he holds office hours here to assist us with issues.

The county's 2012-13 budget projection was a \$4.7M deficit. So far, they're in the positive about \$2M and may end up with zero structural deficit. They're grappling with pension reform and the affordable health care act, which takes effect next January.

At the end of this year there will be about \$40M left to finance next year, which is a good thing. The county coffers were bolstered by \$8M this year by the curtailment of the redevelopment agencies, and property values are recovering.

Although CalPERS (Public Employees Retirement System) changes will be costly in the short term, cost savings will result in the long term.

Skip discusses BDCP (Bay Delta Conservation Plan) and Jerry Meral's infamous statement that the delta can't be saved. He describes "tunnel muck" the huge amount of dirt resulting from digging the tunnels that would cover 1600 acres 100' deep. Put it in the borrow pits. Yuk, yuk. Ed.

Sheriff Tom Ferrara took over when Gary Stanton retired in November. He started at RVPD and worked for Sheriff Al "Pat" Cardoza.

Tom discusses the problems of realignment and early release of state prison inmates. The county jails don't have exercise yards and other facilities to handle long term prisoners.

It costs \$150 a day, or \$100K a year to house prisoners, and the recidivism (repeat offenders) rate is at 70%. With AB900 funding, a new 362 bed maximum security facility at Clay Bank will need fewer staff members by utilizing new technologies.

### 50/50 Raffle

Randy Pratt draws wrong marble.

**A little known fact: next week is Rotary 100% Attendance Week. So, be there (or make up)!**

### Good morning song

We boisterously join Gene in "California Dreaming."

### Guests

Karen welcomes Walt Stanish of Pets 4 All and Janith Norman. She skillfully works in a plug for the Slow Food extravaganza, June 22. Dave welcomes Hale Conklin. (Note: Books Rio V anted up \$100 for a hole sponsorship...thanks, Hale.) Jim Lira welcomes our speakers, Skip Thomson and Thom Ferrara. Greg presents Randy Pratt, a fellow Rio Vistan.

### Milestones

Danny, birthday; Hector and Curley, Rotary Anniversaries; Neil, birthday. Neil is so happy to be walking among us that he gives \$25 to the Dictionary Fund and \$25 to the Pool Fund.

### Student Rotarians' Report

Tatum and Atalie give another excellent rundown on RVHS activities, covering tomorrow evening's Prom at Peter's (Cub quips they can dance there, 'cause it's across county lines. Rick claims they do anything in Isleton.) Scholarships are done, and we're updated on Baseball, Softball, Soccer, and Golf, where we qualified for League Match at Davis. Tatum models Senior's T-shirt. Reporters are criticized for not touting track or swimming. Karen says that Atalie won the Bass Derby design contest.

Dan updates us on Swim Team, saying we made All-League, and league meet may be right here in Rio next year! Rotary Pentathlon 5-city event will be held, Sat., May 18, at our new pool, bringing in many out-of-town families to spend their dollars here. Tim elaborates on benefits to our community from Sharks' swim meet program each year. **Thank you, Rotary! Thank you, Dan & Sharks!**



Greg's guest, Deputy Sheriff Randy Pratt

### Ball Drop tickets

Pres. Gene announces that today is the deadline to turn in ball drop tickets & cash. So, if you have tickets left over, maybe Hector can sell them!

**There's room for 8 more 4-somes to play in our golf tournament. Please help, if you can.**

### Golf gift cooler bags for players

Right after next Friday's meeting, we'll be packing goodies into cooler bags at Rio Vista Sanitation. Please join us, if you're able.

### Tournament volunteers needed

Please contact Bev to sign up to work golf tourney.

### Confessions

Lee's been muttering about some transportation inconveniences and a few debit-credit irritations, lately, but he seems to be rather tight-lipped about this #\$\$%^\* situation. How do you fine someone who's already upset? (You don't.) Good call, Gene.

Chief Greg missed last Friday's meeting, but he caught a major bad guy, who's now locked up. He has the coin, but he's so happy that he gives \$20 to TIP411. **Good work, RVPD!**

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	EVENT	CHAIRPERSON
Wednesday, May 8 (6:00 p. m.)	Golf Committee Meeting at Poppy House	Beverly Bowman
Friday, May 10	Soap Box Derby	Jim McPherson
Tuesday, May 14 (6:00 p. m.)	Golf Committee Meeting (Number golf balls for ball drop)	Beverly Bowman
Friday, May 17	Golf Tournament (no meeting)	Beverly Bowman
Saturday, May 18 (8:30 a. m.)	Tri-tip booth at Abel's Car Show	Lee Williams & Jim Lira
Friday, May 24	WW II Civil Air Patrol Spotters--Phil Pezzaglia	Jim Metcalf
Friday, May 31	To be announced	To be announced