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



Compassion is language the deaf can hear and the blind can see.—Mark Twain

Cinco de Mayo?

Gene Resler considers singing "La Bamba" to celebrate Cinco de May, but has a change of heart and leads us in "America the Beautiful."

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

The Club welcomes Jim Lira back from the Desert; Betty introduces her guest and speaker, Ron Glantz, Fire Chief for Montezuma Fire; and Hector introduces his son Gabe. Josie introduces four of the five girls that will be attending Camp Royal this summer.

It's Crunch Time for Golf

Pres. Elect Dan reminds us that registration forms must be turned in immediately. We have twenty foursomes, but he expects more. Rep. Ed admits that he's been negligent, but will get his registration in immediately. The committee is still seeking gift baskets, which can be dropped off at the Montezuma Fire Station.

Danny advises that Monday night he'll be at fire station after 5 p.m. working on the golf bags, and could use help. An email will be sent outlining the details for the day. Dan implores the Club to sell the remaining 10 Ball Drop booklets, with Ed. Bob stepping up and Betty

In Memoriam: We are saddened to learn that Harvey Felt, probably the longest tenured teacher at RVHS, passed away. Harvey was a member of our club for 44 years, having served multiple terms as club secretary. We will all miss his smiling face and subtle humor. He was 94 years old.

and Walt following suit. Please let Dan know if you need tickets.

Hog August Bites on the Move: August 19

Dennis recaps a well-organized and harmonious planning meeting. Four bands are being scheduled; Rotary has a prime location for its beer booth; there are forty spots for crafts and vendors; soap box derby is a go; and there are further plans to make it more family oriented. The farmer's market will be there in the morning next to City Hall. Dennis emphasizes that proceeds will be going to many worthy causes, and that sponsorships will generate significant revenue.

Pres. Kelley ponders the idea of Interact participating in the Chili Cook-off—with Patrick and his Byron Boys upping the ante, by offering \$100 if, and only if, they can beat his team's winning recipe.

4th Grade Thanks Keep Coming

Before reading his student's memorable letter, Jack recounts the 1996 Rotary District Project, which was to provide dictionaries to all 4th graders throughout the 5160 District. This amounted to over 1,000



Today's speaker is Ron Glantz, Chief of Suisun and Montezuma Fire Districts.



Interact students from left: Josie Hamilton, Casie Mortimore, Brianna Summitt, Tillie McTeer, Emma Wright, Marika Dupuis, Kiara Agan, and Chris Galeno.

dictionaries. Shortly after, he recalls recruiting Dr. Shultz into the Club. Now, 21 years later, Ted continues to be an inspiration to our Club and to the fourth-grade recipients of dictionaries around town. Jack closes by reading a most beautifully written letter from Susie. Jack is in awe of her punctuation, grammar, etc.

Jon stands next to read a few more thoughtful letters. Not surprisingly, the boy speaks of enjoying soda and playing video games, while another speaks of using the dictionary for preparing himself for college.

Jon then reminds us of our meeting a few weeks back where he advised Gary on the correct spelling of Cracker Jack; he added an “s” to “Jack” during our singing of *Take Me Out to the Ball Park*. Realizing his mistake, Gary returns with original boxes of Cracker Jack for the entire club. Infected by Gary’s generosity, Jon returns from a recent Giant’s game with ballpark peanuts for the entire Club. The Club erupts in applause!

Birthdays and Celebrations

We enthusiastically sing Happy Celebrations in recognition of Dan’s birthday, and Hector’s 10-year Rotary anniversary.

Student Report

Students announce that May 1 was decision day for colleges, and today the High School holds their annual celebratory College Signing Day. Wednesday was an assembly to recognize top-performing students—with Rotary’s Suzanne Johnson sharing Valedictorian with Karina Mandujano. In sports, Swim Team finished League Champs, with Casie the League MVP; in Softball, they too were crowned League Champions with Darin Katsuki taking League MVP (as pitcher and first base).

Chris will attend UC Davis; Josie’s headed to Cal Poly; and Casie’s attending San Jose State.

Confessions

Hector gives long-winded “summary” of his south-of-the-border trip to protest the building of the “wall.” He recounts each moment from the point he deplanes in Guadalajara, Mexico. Hector, while exasperated that he’s one day behind each wall-protest, did not miss any distilleries. He brings back 10 bottles (when a few break in transit). Hector returns with a fever (not a hangover) but rallies and heads off to another tequila event on Saturday.



Lee enjoys District Assembly.



Leon, Pat & Dan also participate.

In Gary’s absence, Eddie asks Hector if this rambling dissertation is today’s program. Hector closes by insisting that he does not drink to get drunk, and is not an alcoholic (likely the first sign of a problem.) Hector whips out his coin to avoid a fine, and then auctions it to Sec. Jim for \$55.

Leon informs the club that, despite being a British citizen, he’s very fond of our Pledge of Allegiance. He tells of a time 25 years ago when he was at an aircraft factory in Fort Worth, where he witnessed workers for ¼ of mile in both directions pledging allegiance. Leon tells of being turned down for US Citizenship in 1985 (by Britain), but he is looking forward to becoming a citizen before Christmas of this year! He then remembers why he stood, reads a memorable 4th grader’s letter, and donates \$20 each to Dictionary & /Scholarship Funds.

Jim Lira played golf with former baseball player Don Sutton, and Richard Brooks, former coach at Oregon State. He gives \$25 to the Dictionary & \$25 to Scholarship Funds.

Ted donates \$20 to whatever charity Dan wishes, as he lost a bet that Interact would outsell the Swim Team in ball drop tickets. He points out quiet heroes amongst us; Walt and his partner Mark have taken a middle-aged special-needs woman named Laura Hill into their home. She’s the daughter of the late Jim and Carol Fisher. With their passing, Laura’s intention is to move to Washington to live with a sister.

Program

Betty introduces Ron Glantz, Fire Chief, Suisun and Montezuma Fire Protection Districts. He started his firefighting career as a volunteer in 1973 in the Dixon area. He had previously been an air conditioning and refrigeration technician. He attended Solano College and in 1975 became a paid firefighter for the city of Fairfield, retiring as a Deputy Chief in 2002.

After traveling in a 5th wheel with his wife for about a year and a half, Ron accepted a position as “interim” fire chief for the Suisun District, and he’s still chief there, today. About 8 months ago he accepted a “temporary” position as Montezuma Chief, and he’s still here.

When Ron joined the Fairfield Dep’t., there were about 9 paid and 65 volunteer firefighters. Ron says firefighting is a very rewarding career, particularly for 25-to-40-year-olds. Inscrutably, he scans the wrin-

kled faces in the room and suggests that many of our club members may not fall into that category.

Ron says that we get the most bang for our buck utilizing volunteer firefighters with paid supervisors teaching firefighting safety.

Hale asks about funding, and Ron says that property taxes, most of which go into equipment updates, are diminishing as land is annexed by the cities.

50/50 Raffle

Betty has right ticket; Ron draws wrong marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
May 10, 2017	Rotary Golf Tournament	Danny Schindler
May 12, 2017	No Meeting	(We’re dark.)
May 19, 2017	Amy Hartman—Greenbelt Alliance	Ted Schulz
May 26, 2017	To Be Announced	Evelyn Wilson
June 2, 2017	To Be Announced	Eddie Woodruff