



THE RÍO

"If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates." —JAY LENO

"The problem with political jokes is they get elected." —HENRY CATE, VII



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

Rotarian

"Having fun helping others... watering the rosebuds"

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



From the halls of Montezuma...

J Mac leads us in song as we salute the 141st anniversary of the U. S. Marines (and Ted's not even here,) and we recognize our members who have served.

Rotary Xmas Party, Sat., Dec. 10 (no meeting, Fri., Dec. 9)

Kelley circulates signup list; Jack borrows Bob's pen, forgets to return it, gets another list, asks again. Funny. Next week: Poker-Wed Nov 16, Horse Racing-Sat Nov 19

There will be a Rotary meeting, Friday, Nov. 18. Jim McCracken will present, "Alaska 2016." However, there will not be a Rotary meeting, Friday, Nov. 25, because of Thanksgiving. *Confused? I'm just getting started.* There will be a meeting Dec. 2, but not Dec. 9, due to Xmas party Dec. 10. Then, there will be a meeting Dec. 16, but no meetings on Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 due to Xmas and New Years. Still confused? Check out "Coming Events" section at bottom of newsletter, visit riovistarotary.org> club news>2016 speaker schedule, or ask Wayne.

Now ask yourself, "Next year, what will I do for Rotary?"

Kelley gives rousing pep talk to get us off our a***s.

Senior Rotarians report

Ken reports Harvey had surgery to remove his gall bladder; he's doing okay, and his son suggested that he be fined heavily. Also, Neil's been seen around town, maybe not as spry as he used to be. J Mac volunteers \$10 to cover Harvey's fine and asks if anyone else wants to contribute. It doesn't take long for every Rotarian to kick in \$10, even if they didn't offer. *Food for thought: we're trying to build our membership back up, and yet we're fining ourselves just by sitting there. Will this encourage new, younger, maybe not-so-affluent members to join?*

Camp Royal report

Betty says she has apps at RVHS. Each candidate must write an essay and fill out a questionnaire. Board will select winners.

Guests

Cub presents Jim Knapp, your editor introduces Patrick Byron, and Hector greets daughter, Alyssa.

Birthday

Sec'y. Jim says Derek Jones has birthday, Nov. 13.

College student report

Alyssa says college is "great," but she'd like to skip her 8:00 a. m. class, every day, and she misses being home. Mom calls every 3 days. She takes bus to class, and wants a new bike. Weather's 70° and really nice.

Josie reports retirement of flag; new donation from teacher honoring 101 year old grandfather who died last year; he served in WWI & Korean War; Interact baked and gave flowers to veterans; Football lost to Argonaut in Jackson, no school today. Josie might go to college in Oregon. Football and Volleyball are over. Basketball and

Soccer are starting.

Foreign exchange student needs home in Rio

Molly says there's a 17 year old girl AFS student, Lauren, from Germany who's been with a Chico family and is now staying with the Crews until they can find a host family for her in Rio Vista. Kelley tries to get Josie's family to host her, but that probably won't happen.

Confessions

Gil takes annual trip to Boise to celebrate 47th & 49th birthdays of his 2 sons. He takes in fantastic Veteran's Day parade. He's so pumped that he gives \$50 to General Fund.

Cub says his confession isn't as honorable as Gil's, and Gary quips, "They never are." He and girl friend, Julie, go to Las Vegas to watch Rich Willhoff & wife, Carrie, compete in 3-car challenge. Rich takes a 3rd and wins overall points champ out of 1200 cars. Cub invokes dad's spirit and turns \$200 into \$1,600, that evening. He asks how big the pot was when Josie picked his winning marble at 50/50 raffle (best guess--about \$500). He donates half to Josie's scholarship and \$100 to our club, wherever needed. **Thank you, Cub!** You are appreciated.



Tatyana presents Kamchatka Rotary Club banner to Kelley.

Tatyana visits granddaughter, sister and father in Kamchatka, Russia where she used to live. Tourists go there to fish, hunt, and climb volcanos. She attended a Rotary meeting over there, where she exchanged club banners. They were surprised to learn that a small town like Rio Vista had a lady president. Hector asks if they had a lot of tequila, there. Nope, just Vodka. They send us their greetings and would like to do a program together with us.

Derek Jones attends 3-day Episcopal Church Convention in Sacramento; he pays \$15 to the General Fund.

Yesterday was Marine Corps' Birthday, and J Mac's mom, dad and Lyle Jesse were Marines. They celebrated

each birthday together till Jim's dad passed, a while back. In honor of Marines, Jim pays \$40 for Ted's dictionary fund; that's \$2 for everyone wearing red, today.

Leon's grandson ate too many sausages at the Point when he was 6 years old, but now he's 13 and he knows better. Leon's so pleased that he gives \$25 to the Dictionary Fund and \$25 to the General Fund.

Program

Jack introduces Ron Jones, a retired police chief from Los Altos. He served on the Rio Vista Council for 8 years. He and Eddy started the Tobishima Sister Cities project 10 years ago; Ron is running it full bore, today.



Ron Jones describes the Tobishima, Japan, Sister Cities program.

Ron, a Lion, says he's almost comfortable being here, this morning. He seems to be amazed that he's not getting fined. He says, "The Lions don't confess to nothin'." They must use a "tail twister" to extract minuscule fines out of their members.

Ron describes the beginnings of the Sister Cities program, both globally and locally. It was started by Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 when he held a White House Summit on Citizen Diplomacy. He established a non-profit, non-partisan registry for cities worldwide to reach out and form relationships.

Ron gained experience working with the Sister Cities program in Los Altos, which was affiliated with a city in Australia and another in Russia. A Japanese national runs a company called JAC, Inc. with offices in Alameda and other cities around the world. He conducts tours for various Japanese groups, including the Sister Cities. He has brought 3 adult groups to visit Rio Vista.

Pausing to gather his thoughts, Ron muses, "Now, where am I?" Some wise guy says, "Rotary!"

When Ron was on the Council, the City Clerk asked him if he would take a group of Japanese students to view the model homes at Summerset. Ron did so, and became interested in our guests' home town, Tobishima, an agricultural village of less than 5,000, located on a river spanned by a bridge.

With all those similarities to our city, there are differ-

ences. Their city council, or "assembly," consists of 12 members with jurisdiction over the school district, as well as a large industrial complex on the side of the river opposite the residential area.

In 2005 Ron proposed a "hook-up" between Tobishima and Rio Vista, and in 2006 the Tobishima assembly agreed that we become sister cities. Our council unanimously approved, and it became official. In 2007 Mayor Eddie Woodruff, his wife Betsy, City Clerk Margaret Roberts, Gary Spear, who was working for Shea, and Ron went to Japan "on their own dimes." The organization is 100% nonprofit.

In 2007 11 Japanese students visited Riverview and stayed overnight. The students often correspond with their hosts following their visits. We send 7th graders to Japan, so that they may share their experiences with the Japanese students visiting Riverview the following year. This year we'll send 13 students from here, and they'll send 44 students from Japan. They send their entire 8th grade class, and their city pays for it. The industrial complex within city limits presents a formidable tax base for the town.

They have invited us to attend the 10 year anniversary of the Association at Tobishima. We've sent 64 and hosted 341 students since the program began. Local students visit Japan for 9 days just after school ends for the year, here. The second weekend after school starts in August, the Japanese arrive. First, the adults tour the school, then the students, then an assembly, then our guests homestay, Friday & Saturday. Mary Gamaza organizes the calendar. Chris and Michelle Mingay set up the host families and serve a barbecue, Friday eve.

It sounds like Ron could use help running the program, so if you're interested, please give him a call.

Rio Vista kids are met in Osaka, spend 2 nights in Kyoto, visit shrines, tour places, including movie studios, ride bullet train, attend a full day at school in Tobishima. Japanese kids arrive in Seattle, tour Boeing, fly to Sacramento, tour a rice farm, and spend a half day in school, here, Friday. Their host families take them to local attractions on the weekend. They're on the plane headed home on Monday.

Poker Night--Wednesday, November 16

Gary says be there 5:30 for dinner; we'll start the tournament at 6:30.

50/50 raffle

Lee has the ticket, but Josie can't find the right marble.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Wednesday, November 16	Rotary-Lions Poker Tourney, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Play--Poppy House	Ron Jones
Friday, November 18	"Alaska, 2016"	Jim McCracken
Saturday, November 19	Rotary Day at the Races--Golden Gate Fields	Gary Lazdowski
Friday, November 25	No Rotary--Thanksgiving Holiday	Tom Turkey
Friday, December 2	It's about Time	Jack Krebs
Friday, December 9	No Rotary (Christmas Dinner, tomorrow)	Take a Break!
Saturday, December 10	Rotary Christmas Party at the Highway 12 Diner	Kelley Graupensperger