



# THE Río

*"Knowledge and ego are directly related. The less knowledge, the greater the ego."*

—ALBERT EINSTEIN



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

# Rotarian

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

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



### Dr. Joe Awender's memorial service

J Mac reports, and your editor confirms, a standing room only crowd in the Baldwin's spacious barn, yesterday. Not only did Rotarians attend, but chiropractors, family members, patients, friends and even horses were in attendance. Congratulations to Joe; he certainly led a full life and was loved by many.

### Raindrops are falling on our heads

Gene leads us in a melodic tribute to our welcome precipitation. J Mac notes that the song was sung in the 1969 movie, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, and our Student Rotarians weren't singing along. Ever the stickler for details, Jon says, "Who sang it?" Surprisingly, Gary correctly answers, "B. J. Thomas."

### Our guests

Gene introduces two Soroptimist officers, his wife, Pat Dyer, Treasurer, and today's speaker, Teri Malkin, President. Your editor presents Patrick Byron, a young fellow who could bring positive energy to our club.

### Veterans Day Parade

Solano County Rotary will sponsor group to be in parade. Interested parties please contact Kelley.

### Solano County Night of Honor

Jim McCracken attended annual event in Fairfield, this past Friday, sponsored by our Rotary District. Rio Vista officer Derek King received the award, this year.

### Christmas Dinner, Saturday, Dec. 10

Kelley says signup list will be passed around, soon.

### We're off! Saturday, Nov. 19

Gary chats up Golden Gate Fields event.

### Rotary-Lions Texas Hold 'Em

### Grudge Match, Wed Nov 16

It's the Wednesday before Thanksgiving week.

### Student Rotarians Report

This week was short, no school, Monday. Yearbook now selling ads; Daryn Katsuki will bring forms, next week. Eddie complains of noisy Rotary neighbors; Football Vs. San Juan, here, tonight; Volleyball Tue., and Thurs. J. Mac asks students who's their favorite superintendent. Don says students should first consider who must sign their diplomas before they reply. Some philosophical students then ask, "Is it fair to all concerned?"

### Dick Brann Memorial

*Excerpt from Fairfield Daily Republic*

*An outdoor celebratory remembrance of Dick's life will be held 11:00--3:00, Sat. Nov. 5, at Anderson ranch, 6269 Birds Landing Rd. In case of rain check for change of venue on [tinyurl.com/zj2j8cd](http://tinyurl.com/zj2j8cd) or access message at 707/374-5485.*

Students have plans to thank teachers and vets for their service. Interact meets once a month; it has about 20 members.

### Confessions

Gary pays \$50 to Interact for business trip to Tennessee. Kelley says Gary's donation plus Bass Derby proceeds can be used to buy sashes for Interactors to wear at Graduation.

Gene confesses to Tahoe trip and pays \$20 to Dictionary Fund.



*Prospective Rotarian, Patrick Byron, is editor's guest, this morning.*

Dennis and brothers travel to San Diego, attempt to sail to Ensenada, run into 20' swells, return to harbor & drink, instead. He pays \$25 to PHF and \$25 to General Fund.

Betty and 3 high school girlfriends travel to Trinidad, a small town above Eureka, visited almost vacant casino, restaurant was outstanding, weather was wet & windy. She gives \$25 to General Fund.

Jim Lira enjoys Jimmy Buffet concert at Golden One Arena and pays \$25 to General Fund.

Dan Schindler and son spend weekend SCUBA diving off 80' yacht at Channel Islands. It was a blast. They meet other divers from No Cal; they'll make this an annual event. He gives \$25 to General Fund.

Virgin Is. update: Walt proudly announces that he

located the correct owner of the Rotary Past President's pin that he had found on his trip, there, and sent it back to her. Then, Gary asks about the whereabouts of the bell, and Walt explains that it's back at the Virgin Is. TSA is suspicious, and won't let it return.

### Medallion auction

Walt dutifully returns the coin, and J. Mac gets Hale to outbid Cub and pay \$70 for it. Cub smugly says he'll pay only \$50 when he returns.

Jim Mac says his son's working in Phoenix on show called "Live P D" from 6 to 8 p. m. on A & E channel, but he'll have to tape it because it's on during the World Series.



*Teri Malkin speaks on Soroptimist Club.*

### Program

Gene introduces Soroptimist President Teri Malkin, who speaks on various Soroptimist charitable activities and is seeking support for them. Teri earned a university degree in Biology, worked in medical technology for 12

years, then 28 years in health care information, selling lab and radiology equipment. She joined Soroptimist in 2004 and is currently their president.

Soroptimist was founded in Oakland in 1921 and may have been an outgrowth of the women's suffrage movement. The founder, Violet Richardson, was a P. E. teacher in Berkeley, and she'd shoot rattlesnakes in the Berkeley hills so that women could hike there in safety. Soroptimists worked to teach women to drive and were a prime mover to have lines painted on highways.

They bought a grove of redwoods in No Cal with matching funds in order to save the trees. The trees are still there, along with a memorial for deceased Soroptimists. Lola Baumann's and Donna Hamilton's names were recently added to that memorial.

Soroptimist joined forces in 2004 with the U. N. They take part as a non-governing organization within the U. N. to stop human trafficking.

Soroptimist is represented in 120 countries with 80,000 members. They raise funds by primarily by working on projects, rather than fining members heavily, as we do in Rotary. At the Pumpkin Patch (near Birds Landing) they raised over \$4,000 during 2 weekends, this month, by holding a bake sale.

Teri describes the "Live your Dream" award that they give to single women who may be the head of a household, attending college, and need financial assistance. If you know of such a woman, please contact Teri or Mary Ellen Lamothe.

Vera Sunada obtained a grant to sponsor a running program called "Mission Heart and Soul," a once-weekly running program for girls in which members like Shirley Lira and Susan Whitesell run with the groups. They send 6 girls to leadership camp at UCSB, and 34 girls

attend a one-day camp in Woodland.

Teri says that they are able to run these programs using "generous" contributions from the Lions Club. She says that human trafficking is a \$31 B industry, and that they recruit kids using modern digital media. She has teamed with Jason Miller, Coast Guard base chief, and would appreciate a volunteer from our club, as well to publicize this danger to young women who live in Rio Vista.

See you at the Turkey Trot at 8:00 on Thanksgiving morning. Register before Nov. 1 for \$25. Please visit [riovista5K@eventbrite.com](mailto:riovista5K@eventbrite.com) and walk or run from The Gym to Sandy Beach and back. *It's for a good cause, and if you're sane like me, you'll walk it.*

Soroptimist is also selling a cook book for \$20. It would make a great Xmas gift!

Dan elicits an abrupt response from Molly (a resounding slap on the shoulder) when he claims that, Soroptimist dedication notwithstanding, women's driving hasn't improved much. Josie jumps into the fray, declaring that women's auto insurance is lower. Cub cleverly adds, "...and so is their mileage." Hey, he's in the business. What can we say? Hector hastens to add, "Don't you ladies prefer men to drive?"

Kelley lauds Soroptimist for working with Rotary on the Beer Booth with successful results.

J Mac asks what "Soroptimist" means, and Teri says it's Latin for "best for women."

#### 50/50 raffle

Cub has winning ticket, Josie draws the marble--and with a 1 in 3 chance, she picks a winner!

#### Adjournment

Kelley claims the meeting's over, and someone says, "Did she ring the bell?" A provocative question.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, November 4	Norm Richardson	Walt Stanish
Friday, November 11	Sister Cities	Ron Jones
Wednesday, November 16	Rotary-Lions Poker Tourney, 5:30 Dinner, 6:30 Play--Poppy House	Ron Jones
Friday, November 18	"Less" Lethal Weapons	Greg Bowman
Friday, November 25	No Rotary--Thanksgiving Holiday	Tom Turkey
Friday, December 2	The Rest of the Story	Jack Krebs