



THE Rio Rotarian

"I have a dream that (all persons) will one day...not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."-Martin Luther King, Jr.



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

*"Having fun helping others...watering the rosebuds"
-Dr. Ted Schulz*

Welcome

- Lee opens meeting with bell **and** gavel; we pledge, pray, and Jim Mac leads us in "Rollin' on a River." Again, Interact members are unimpressed.

Our guest

- Gene presents the ineffable Noel O'Brien, Commander, American Legion Post 178 at our Vet's Hall.

Visiting Rotarians

- We all greet Katherine Vandiest and her friend, Karen Coffee, from Clarksburg.

Celebrations

- Cole's birthday is Jan. 18
- Jack Krebs' birthday is Jan 24.

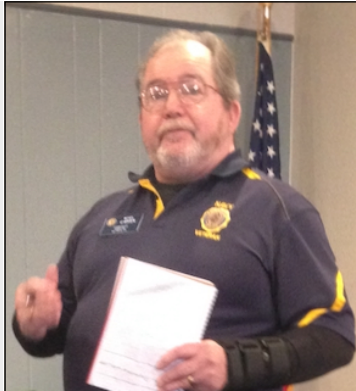
Treasurer's Report, Leon

- In Jay's absence Leon says we took in \$600 from dues, and the marble pot is up to \$670 plus today's tally.
- Jay and Patty will be back next week. Jay's visiting his 97 year old mom, and she's doing better, now.

Confessions

- Hector missed Rotary last week while he was reveling at a Conference in Lafayette; he parts with \$25.
- Ted will be leaving home for greener pastures, next week, to live at scenic Delta Marina.
- Molly proudly confesses that 3-Mile

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Noel O'Brien discusses new vets' home in Rio Vista.

meeting of Swim Team, today. Girls and boys Basketball home games, today, against Linden. Principal will hold gathering for honor students. Baseball practice starts Feb. 3. Students are looking into Serdar's debate proposal.

Announcements

Lee says audit should be finalized, next week.

Katherine says plans are being implemented for delivery of fire truck to Mulegé. Six clubs from around the country have contributed to effort. Danny presented check for \$500 from Montezuma Fire District.

Program

Gene explains that his speaker, Judy Tussy, is ill and unable to give a presentation, today. However, he introduces our old friend, Noel O'Brien, who updates us on the progress of the new veteran's home being built out by Vet's Hall. \$375 K has been raised, and Habitat for Humanity has permission to proceed. Concrete pouring started Jan. 29, and framing is under way.

There will be 2 houses, with a

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event will be Wednesday, April 1. Molly will check to see if any Seniors are headed for military.

Interact

Club is working on Rewind App. Teachers agree to allow collection boxes for Teddy Bear Drive in classrooms. Yearbook and newspaper are coming along with paper going to press, next week. First



Katherine Vandiest touts firetruck to Mulegé project.



Interact members give report, from left: Lane Eggers, Maddy Myers, Katie O'Connor, Edgar Rodriguez, and Sam Esperson.

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Brewing Co. is celebrating its fourth anniversary. She gives \$10 to general fund.

Committees

- Golf Tournament chair, Jon, passes the buck to Bob, who claims to be canvassing local retailers for gift cards for raffle. Jon adds that the course is looking better all the time.
- Tequila Y Más chair, Edwin O, has been tasting mescal and may add it to the event. His new nickname, "Meta," reeks of esoteric significance.
- Scholarship chair, Tom Donnelly, notes that Dan and Hector are on the committee, and they're working on a draft application.
- Camp Royal chair, Molly, says applications are due April 1. Danny volunteers to help with interviews on the following two Fridays.
- Appreciation Night chair, Lee, says

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rose garden planted between them. The second house is in the planning stages, and will extend to 25 feet from the sidewalk. Both will be designed and managed for accommodating the veterans' needs. They are currently looking for a local veteran to be the first resident. Each resident will be permitted to remain in the home for as long a duration as they may need or desire.

Federal legislation of June, 2019, allows veterans who served any time since 1941 to join a veterans service group. Plans are in the works to include the Sons of the American Legion and Ladies' Auxiliary in the group.

Noel adds that our local American Legion chapter is working with the high school Fishing Club to provide boats and drivers for their fishing contests and to teach them how to drive boats.

The Legion is also working on getting a Veterans Association clinic in Rio Vista, as medical services are badly needed in our town.

50/50 Marble Draw Raffle

Tom Donnelly has the winning ticket, but wrong marble.

Adjournment

Lee: Since Jay & Patty are not here, we must adjourn early.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	CHAIR PERSON
Jan. 31	To Be Announced	Hector De La Rosa
Feb. 7	To Be Announced	Tom Donnelly
Feb. 14	To Be Announced	Tom Kelly
Feb. 21	Charter Night	