



THE RIO ROTARIAN

07/31/2026

President Bill began the meeting at 7am. Our last meeting at Tortilla Flats!

Mike Casdia led the Pledge, Hector De La Rosa started Rotary Grace, and Garen Patterson's song - I failed to write it down. My apologies.

President Bill told us a few Jay Jokes. Where do plugs and cords go shopping? The Outlet Store. Why do chickens go to the gym? To work on their pecks.

Celebrations

Correction to the last Rio Rotarian. I reported Eddie Woodruff's spouse birthday. It was actually Eddie's birthday.

Gil Labrie Birthday 8/1

Gary Lazdowski 50 year member anniversary.

Treasurer's Report

The Executive Treasurer (Alyssa De La Rosa) delegated to the non-executive treasurer, Hector. Invoices would be going out that day. \$400 in the Ticket Kitty.

Announcements

Ron Kott spoke about the kick-off meeting he attended at the Veteran's Hall for the Adam Kinser Memorial Golf Tournament. Lisa Duke also attended. The major sponsor is PGA Hope (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere). They introduce golf as a therapeutic rehabilitative activity for military veterans and active-duty service members at no cost. Ron asked Patty Huyssoon if we could sponsor a hole at the tournament.

President Bill announced the District Governor, Woody Friday, would be visiting in late August. Patty is arranging an evening at the Monarch Grill, August 27th. (No meeting August 28th)



Announcements continued....

Lisa Duke announced her Guest Speaker on **August 7th (first meeting at the STRIPER)** would be Acting RVPD Chief Sgt. Rich Pontecorvo.

Patty let us know she had a nice call with Ed Kingen. He is doing well and very busy at work as a lot of people have been laid off. Ed went to New Zealand for his mother's 90th birthday. He also told Patty he bought a horse and now needs to learn how to drive it..... Ed asked about us.

Patty said she would be working the beer booth with RVFD at Hog August Bites on August 22nd. Our club is paid \$250 (thank you Patty!) which goes into the Interact Fund.

Gil asked for an update on Lee Williams. Apparently Lee calls Patty often and at weird hours. Lee is home now. As of this morning 8/4, Lee has stopped calling Patty so he must not be bored....

Patty reminded us, Mark Kobold's wife is fighting Stage 4 Breast Cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Bob Bard and Molly Coito reported on the Butterfly Way Station. Bob said Gene Resler stopped by. Molly Coito reported 22 RVHS Football players, Head Coach, and 2 Asst Coaches worked the garden from 8:30 to 12:30 on Friday the 24th. Mike Casdia brought a wheelbarrow. (Mike also donated \$50 to the General Fund for the garden looking so much better). Chrissy Langlois made sure food and drink was available for the workers. Hector said we would probably be donating \$2000 to their requested equipment list. Molly reminded us, Rotary has not donated to the Rio Vista Roots Community Garden. We will discuss it at the next Board Meeting.

Confessions

Molly confessed to attending the 127th VFW National Convention in Reno. Her husband Tony is a veteran. She said it was a great experience and donated \$25 to her Paul Harris.

Jon Blegen spent a glorious week in Kauai on the North Shore. He watched his granddaughter become proficient at snorkeling in Hanalei Bay. They took a boat trip on the Napili Coast and it was spectacularly beautiful. \$100 to the Jack Krebs Scholarship Fund.

Mike Evers confessed to a trip to Texas for a Family Reunion. There are now 162 in the family with more on the way.... \$50 to the Scholarship Funds.



Guest Speaker

Molly said this would be a great time to watch the Camp Royal video since we still have access to the screen. Camp Royal did not hire a videographer this year. The kids made the video themselves. The kids all took videos then Odyssey Teams put it together.

We watched the video but because of internet slowness, there were some issues with pauses, etc. I have attached the link to the video here. Please watch! It is very inspiring.

<https://youtu.be/9xuUXd3E8lc>

THIS WAS THE LAST MEETING AT TORTILLA FLATS. THE MEETING ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH WILL BE AT THE STRIPER. PLEASE ORDER YOUR BREAKFAST WHEN YOU ARRIVE. THE FEE FOR BREAKFAST IS NOW \$20. YOU WILL NOT BE CHARGED FOR BREAKFAST IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND. AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, YOU WILL BE CHARGED IF YOU ATTEND EVEN IF YOU DO NOT ORDER. THE BOARD NEEDS TO MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THIS.

President Bill presented Uli with a Thank You card stuffed with cash for his tip.



Marble Draw - Jon Blegen had the winning ticket but pulled the losing marble.