



THE Rio Rotarian

"Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those willing to work and give to those who would not." -Thomas Jefferson



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

Welcome

- Lee opens meeting using venerable Rotary bell promptly at 7:00 a. m.

Moment of silence for passings

- We pause in remembrance of Kobe Bryant and also Terry Black, owner of River Mansion.

Our guest

- Eileen Kennedy, a former Rio Vista Rotary member, pays us a visit.

Treasurer's report, Jay

- We've received \$1,825 in donations.
- Jay leaves for Margaritaville, next Friday. He'll actually be delivering the fire truck to the Mulegé Fire Dep't. in Baja California.

¡Buena suerte, Jay!

Committee reports

- Golf tournament—Jon & Patty: KUIC will present "Coffee Break"; Gary Laz will serve as Marshall and hand out citations. Patty feels he should hand out drink tickets for good behaviors.
- Tequila Y Más—Hector: Edwin is reaching out to mescal vendors, but no success yet. He's also approached tequila vendors, but none has committed, yet. Event date planned for July 18, 2020.
- Reading comprehension and spelling contest—Serdar: he and Bob met jointly with D. H. White and Isleton

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Pres. Lee Williams is presiding, folks.

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Club in Turkey to revitalize Polio-Plus in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

- Local project—Lee mentioned ball field improvements at high school.

Interact

Sam is the lone high school student who attends, today, and he's accompanied by Gabe, a college man. Sam says the rest of our cadre of student Rotarians are sick. There's a Basketball game tonight at Golden Sierra. The RVHS weight room is being moved to the old staff room. There's progress with the REMIND app. Basketball starts on Feb. 3. Sam's proudly wearing his new letterman's jacket, and he looks GOOD.

Gabe reports things are going well at Solano College, where he wants to major in Kinesiology. He would enjoy being a personal trainer or physical therapist.

Confessions

Hale and Sue traveled to Texas and spent ten days on a Roads Scholar Tour of San Antonio, Fredericksburg and Austin. The high point was the LBJ Library in Austin. He gives \$100 to the Scholarship Fund.

Derek visited Jamaica, mon, where he jammed with many of his heroes at the Government Mule's Annual Island Exodus "Festival" featuring 4 Nights of live music (and days of diving and getting stung by jelly fish.) Jamaicans are good people who support education. He pays \$100 toward General Fund.

Leon pays a whopping \$175 towards fire truck fuel; however, he can't remember the reason why.

Patty and Jay went to Yuma, AZ, and Mexico to visit Jay's ailing 96-year-old mom, whose health has been improving substantially of late. Jay accuses Patty of profiling drivers, and he pays \$100 towards Interact.

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Elementary School principals, yesterday to discuss contest. The teachers are too busy, this year, to take on the additional work load necessary to administer the contest, even with Rotarians evaluating the students' papers. But, they'll integrate the contest into their classwork starting early, next year.



Interact members Sam Esperson, left, and Gabe De La Rosa present excellent student report.

- Camp Royal–Molly: Applications are due Feb. 19. The following 2 Fridays they'll do interviews. Last year, there were 17 applicants (6 were selected.) Most of those 6 campers participate in our clubs' weekly meetings.

Announcements and reports

- Young Royals–Lee: Three Rotary districts are attempting to set up this camp for 7th and 8th graders. They are looking to our club to sponsor up to 2 students. Molly is working on the process.
- Rotary Foundation Day, 1/25/20–Lee, Serdar and Bob attended. With Patty's help, Bob is putting together a "Final Report" on our RVHS Van project to comply with District requirements and also be eligible for the funding of further grants.
- Foundation Committee–consists of Hale, Serdar, Bob, Leon and Lee.
- Global Grant Project–Serdar suggests partnering with his former Rotary

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Program

We don't know why, but Hector did not have a program, today, so this newsletter will be a bit shorter than usual.

Medallion

Gary auctions off the coin that's still in Gil's car to Jim Lira for the exorbitant some of \$85, which will cover all of February.

Election of Officers

Ballots are passed around for us to elect officers for next year, starting July 1, 2020, with the following results:

President-Elect–Edwin Okamura (Pres. 2021-2)

Secretary–Leon Guzenda

Treasurer–Jay Huyssoon

Sergeant-at-Arms–Serdar Gurel

Congratulations, Rotarians, we are very glad to see you all stepping up to the plate, and we wish you the very best.

50/50 Marble Draw

We don't know how he did it, and neither did Rob, but he was able to select the lucky black marble and win the \$700+ pot. Rob is probably feeling pretty lucky, just now...who knows, he might be able to double it at the lake...just a suggestion.

...And that, folks is the entire newsletter for this week... now we're using up extra space from the missing program.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	CHAIR PERSON
Feb. 7	Tom's Speaker...and then: "Firetruck Farewell"	Tom Donnelly
Feb. 14	To Be Announced	Tom Kelly
Feb. 21	Charter Night	Evelyn Wilson
Feb. 28	"Simply Organic" Farm→Table→Compost→Farm	Gary Lazdowski