



THE Rio Rotarian

"After the game, the King and the pawn go into the same box."
- Old Italian proverb



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

Welcome

- We fumble our way through pledge, prayer, (we greet Molly) and sing. We observe a moment of reverence for passing of Lou Camacho.

Our guests

- Rob presents RVFD Chief, Jeff Armstrong, and RVFD Battalion Chief, Brandon Vaccaro. Ted greets our old friend, Eileen Kennedy.

Celebrations

- Tom & Sarah, and Rob & Sue tied the knot, this week, many years ago.

Treasurer's report, Patti

- Checking—\$13,908
- Savings—\$18,476
- Marble Draw—\$90 + today

Committee reports

- Charter Night, Evelyn—Date: Feb. 21, 6:00 p. m. at Point. Signups needed.
- Golf Tournament, Jon & Patti—we'll finalize proposal next week; all club members are asked to participate.
- Tequila Y Más—Date: July 11, Hector's getting distillery support.
- Appreciation Night, Evelyn—Date: April 1, first responders, firefighters & farmers will be our guests.
- Camp Royal, Molly—RVHS has week off (Ski Week) no Interactors, today; we have 20 applicants for 6 slots.

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Tom Kelly presents program about California Endive Farms, a Rio Vista enterprise. (Photo from archives)

to Mexicali and were able to transfer equipment to private vehicles, there. With the help of Mexican Rotarians, the truck will get Mexican plates and be delivered to the Ensenada Fire Dep't. Apparently, local regulations don't permit us to give the truck to Mulegé, but the Ensenada F. D. and Rotary will get it delivered, there. Meanwhile, Jay is delivering and training 7 Mexican cities' fire departments in the use of the

donated fighting equipment. Jay told Patty that he needed \$500 to cross into Mexico. Turns out it was 500 pesos (\$26.)

Amendment to bylaws

Leon explains that our club must pay R. I. \$65 dues twice a year for each member, including those on leave of absence (LOA.) To be fair to all concerned, the bylaws would be amended to place a 6-month limit on LOA's, after which the member would pay R. I. dues or be subject to termination. Members on LOA's would not participate in the Marble Draw. Each member has received a copy of the bylaws with the proposed changes. Jon moves that the club adopt these changes and Bob seconds. Motion carries by unanimous vote.

Program

Tom Kelley presents Paul Pieretti, General Mgr., and Dave Moen, Sales Mgr., of California Endive Farms to speak on the production of a vegetable that's more popular and well-known in Europe than here.

Rich Collins became fascinated by endive and started producing it right here in Rio Vista as California Vegetable Specialties. They are still the only producer in the U. S., and are now producing four million pounds per year.

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- Young Royals, Molly—we'll sponsor 2 students between 7th & 8th grades to attend week-long inspirational camp similar to Camp Royal at Sky Park, east of Placerville.

Confessions

- Edwin O., assistant Cross Country coach, and his head coach, Noelle Gomes, shared her overtime pay with respective spouses dining at extravagant French Laundry. He missed two meetings due to work and pays \$100.
- Eddie announces he retires, today!
- Serdar now works for Paul Graham Drilling as a mechanical engineer, and he thanks Eddie for his support. He promises to pay fine after he receives his first check.
- Hector attends "work" conference at Silverado C. C., Wed-Fri, somehow finding time for wine, golf, & tequila. He pays \$25 to clear his conscience.
- Sgt.-at-Arms, Serdar, warns he'll fine us if we fail to stand and address Lee as "Mr. President."
- Jon and Janet attend "Harry Potter" play in S. F., and stay at Carmel, where he plays Del Monte Golf Course; he coughs up \$25 for Harvey Felt Fund.

Fire truck report

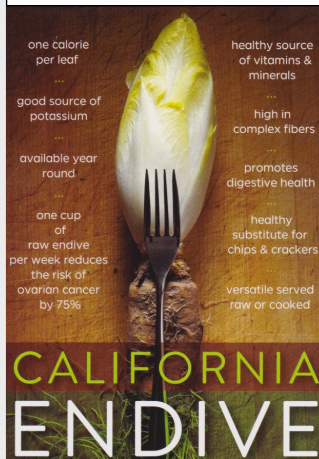
- Jay called Patty and said they weren't permitted to cross border at Tijuana & take fire truck and fire fighting equipment into Mexico. So they went (See top page 1)

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Endive, pronounced "END-dive," is a plant in the chicory family, and as it normally grows, it is a vegetable with fluffy green leaves that are too bitter to eat. However, when the root is harvested and stored in a cold, dark, wet environment, it produces a leafy delicacy of various colors. And, now and the name is pronounced "ahn-DEEVE" by the purists.



Above from left: Paul Pieretti and David Moen describe California Endive Farms' operations. They hand out recipe cards, pictured below, with tips on how to serve this unusual vegetable.



Endive is grown and harvested at farms in and around California. The roots are shipped to CA Endive Farms and hydroponically grown in a cold, dark, humid environment. The growth is removed from the root, packaged, and shipped to market internationally.

This healthy food is mainly produced in Spain, France, and Belgium.

Paul and David give us recipe cards showing many ways to utilize endive.

Marble Draw

Evelyn has the lucky ticket, but can't find the lucky marble.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	CHAIR PERSON
Feb. 21	Charter Night: 6 pm Social, 7 pm Dinner-the Point	Evelyn Wilson
Feb. 28	"Simply Organic" Farm→Table→Compost→Farm	Gary Lazdowski
Mar. 6	Molly and Campers—Camp Royal 2020	Molly Coito
Mar. 13	To be announced	Ken Wudel