



# THE Rio Rotarian

*Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting on what to have for lunch.*  
-Ben Franklin

## Charter Night Issue

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



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE



Jay is having a wonderful time visiting old México. Here, he poses with a couple of señoritas, in front of the fire truck.



It would appear that Jay ran into some inclement weather while on his south of the border junket. The truck is now in México, destination—Mulegé.



John Bento, right, speaks on the new "R. V. Welcomes You" monument that he's designing for placement on Hwy 12, west of city, adjacent to Cattey Lane.



Lee Williams brings an honored guest, his dad, Gus, to our celebration.

Our club celebrated its 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Friday, at Charter Night with a great buffet. Pres. Lee greeted his dad, Gus, and members presented significant others. One raucous table brought along beaucoup refreshments, which they graciously shared with the more adventure-some among us. Then our special guest, Lion John Bento, presented an excellent slide show describing a project he's been working on for two years, a (Please see page below)



### COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	CHAIR PERSON
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
Mar. 20	To be announced	Dan Schindler



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monument to greet visitors driving eastward to our town. It will be installed adjacent to the renowned MacCrane Co. The base of the structure will be concrete stained to look like real granite with solon lighting to look really good at night. This won't be your grandpa's billboard sign, this will be a monument. And, it will read, "Rio Vista Welcomes You," an active invitation, rather than a passive statement like "Welcome." It will display two-foot logos of those organizations that support our town, like Rotary, Lions, Soroptitmist, etc. Focusing on local activities, the monument will be shaped like a boat, and the letter "V" will emulate wind turbine blades.

The cost is expected to be about \$30,000, and will include the concrete, welding, and staining.

John hopes to start construction in a few weeks. He has spent lots of time going through the design and approval processes. He will turn to organizations like Lions and Rotary for help with maintenance of the grounds and structure.

John has navigated prodigious amounts of red tape, combing through 133 pages of guidelines to secure a right-of-way and comply with regulations pertinent to this project.

Prior to closing our celebration, Lee mentions that Jon Blegen is currently training for his next year as president.

*Good luck, Jon; we shall support you!*