



# THE Rio Rotarian

*I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical.*  
-Warren Tantum



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

## Welcome

- Pres. Lee calls meeting to order at 7:00 a. m. We pledge, pray, Jim Mac leads us in "Good Golly Miss Molly."

## Celebrations

- Birthdays: Bob Bard and Vera Sunada.
- Membership anniversaries: Derek, 15 years; Cole, 5 years.
- Wedding anniversaries: Bard's, 49 years; Gurel's, 36 years; Danny & Pocket, 2 years.

## Our guests

- Evelyn greets Cathy Lindstrom, Castro Valley Rotary; Hale greets Sal Evola and Sarah Davis, Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery, Danny greets Pocket, soon to return to our club, and Lee greets Eileen Kennedy, who is returning to our club.

## Announcements

- Interact member, Katie O'Connor, will be a Young Royals Camp Counselor.
- Acts of Random Kindness Club will make school supplies available for students in need.
- Mental Health Week–NAMH will hold a "Walk" in Sacramento next week.

## Committee reports

- Pres. Lee praises Molly's Camp Royal student recruitments; other Rotary clubs not doing as well. This year, 26 students applied; interviews, today.

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Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery spokespersons, Sal Evola and Sarah Davis, speak on benefits of composting organic wastes to fertilize our farmland, rather than fill up our landfills.



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give away to participants. They met with Scott Gaston, last Friday, and will be signing a contract, shortly.

There will be a short Board meeting after breakfast, today.

## Fire truck update

Patty reports that Jay's doing well, and expected to return home, shortly. He sent some great photos. (Was that our gavel in one of them?)

## Tequila Y Más update

Edwin says date will be 7/11/20; VIP's admitted 4:00 p. m., everyone else 5:00–7:30 p. m.

## Miscellaneous announcements

Jim Mac shares a March 31, 2004 article from River News-Herald covering a Rotary Ski Race called the "Dick Linkey Challenge," sponsored by the Tahoe City Rotary Club and Foundation. We shall scan and include the article as part of this amazing "Rio Rotarian" issue. We don't know how or why this historic artifact was discovered, but in all candor we must admit that it is an excellently crafted masterpiece.

The Rio Vision Spirit of Rio Vista Award for this year was presented to Lee Williams. Congratulations, Lee! Lee has done a lot for our community for many years, and this award is a fitting way to say, Thank You!

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Nine Student Rotarians from RVHS Interact Club report on school activities. From left: Kimberly Broughton, Lane Eggers, Madison Myer, Lacey Myer, Katie O'Connor, Valerie Rodriguez, Sam Esperson, Edgar Rodriguez, and Colin Lira.

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- Our board approved sponsoring two students for new "Young Royals" program, this year. Molly's working with Riverview School faculty to make it happen.
- Tom says scholarship applications were sent to RVHS and are due back the end of April.
- Danny notes Rotary Pentathlon is scheduled for May 16. This annual meet was founded and sponsored by our club circa 1980. We pay for the trophies every year.
- Evelyn says Appreciation Night will be April 1; signup sheet's circulating.
- Evelyn says Charter Night was every enjoyable.
- Ted says Dictionary Fund will be a bit late, this year. Back ordered books should arrive, next week. No dates set for distribution/learning events.
- Patty and Jon report on golf tournament. Bank of F&M will be a sponsor. Gary donated golf bags for items to

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### Program

Sal Evola and Sarah Davis of Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery present a program discussing the benefits of composting organic waste and applying the mulch into the soil where our food is grown. The advantages of such a program would result in growing locally sourced food of high quality with less opportunity for uncontrolled contamination.

Current legislation requires a 50% reduction of organic materials entering our landfills, this year, and 25% more reduction by 2025.

A. B. 1826 calls for commercial establishments that generate more than 4 yards of organic waste must have a second garbage can. Eventually, all generated residential organic waste will need to go into your green waste can.

The goal is for all residential organic waste to be suitable to be placed in the green waste can. To accomplish that, all food waste will need to first be composted at home, so that it doesn't end up in the landfill.

Some Rotarians pointed out that composting can attract vermin and maggots and produce other undesirable consequences, such as generating foul odors. Sam and Sarah may have their work cut out for them.

### Marble Draw

Ed Kingen had a lucky ticket, but drew an unlucky marble.

### COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	CHAIR PERSON
Mar. 6	Molly and Campers—Camp Royal 2020	Molly Coito
Mar. 13	To be announced	Ken Wudel
Mar. 20	Jacob Markow "Trilogy for Large Kitties"	Derek Abel
Mar. 27	Possibly Phillip Montoya, U. S. C. G.	Bob Bard



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# Rio Rotary Ski Challenge



Photo provided by Bob Bard

Pictured from left, ski team members Tim Callahan, Jeff Shewmaker, Captain Curt Feeter, Ken Wudel and Bob Bard.

## BY BOB BARD

Friday, February 27, the Rio Vista Rotary Club for the first time ever sent its crack ski team to participate in the 28th annual Dick Linkey Ski Challenge at Alpine Meadows.

The race is a fundraiser for the Tahoe City Rotary Club and the Tahoe City Rotary Foundation. It is believed to be the world's largest gathering of skiing Rotarians. This year 341 Rotarians of all ages tested their mettle on the slopes.

It takes a minimum of five brave members from a Rotary club to field a team. Team awards are presented based on the averaged times of the five team members. Scratch and handicap awards are given with age, as well as distance traveled to Tahoe City used to handicap individual scores.

Categories eligible to receive awards are teams and individual men, women, snowboarders and exchange students. There's even an infamous Team Turtle Award presented to the slowest team.

With 44 teams participating, skiers' ages ranged from a 17-year-old exchange student to an 82-year-old Rotarian from Salinas. The Rio Vista team placed 26th. Los Gatos, the only group with team jackets, placed first in both handicap and scratch categories.

The star of Team Rio was its talented captain, Curt "Flash" Feeter, who turned in the fastest scratch team time riding a snowboard. Feeter placed third overall in the snowboard division.

Considering that none of the team members was accustomed to ski racing, they all did a remarkable job getting down the hill alive. Interestingly, Jeff "The Bomb" Shewmaker fell down, got up again, didn't miss any gates and still came in faster than Ken "Mr. Cool" Wudel. Wudel, who skied quite conservatively at a very safe speed, looked really stylish and did not fall down.

Tim Callahan is an excellent recreational skier by anyone's standards, especially with his new parabolic skis. Unfortunately, however, he was disqualified when he exited the gates of the course to his left rather than his own. Unfamiliar with the area, Bob Bard got lost and barely found his way back to the racecourse in time to ski. Obviously petrified by the course, Bard made sweeping turns at least 20 feet wide of all the gates and still managed to turn in a creditable time.

Following the grueling competition, which lasted about 30 seconds per racer, the team wound down in the day lodge consuming some health beverage. Great camaraderie prevailed as the team's assault on next year's race was discussed.



Greetings, Rotarians,  
Just for the heck of it, I added a couple of pages to the amazing "Rio Rotarian" to enhance your enjoyment and wax nostalgia regarding our past club endeavors. I understand that the famed Beverly Bowman is returning briefly from Alaska and will attend our next Rotary meeting, March 6.

Also, I scanned an article that Jimmy Mac found somewhere concerning a past junket of a few of our more reckless members to Alpine Meadows. It was a fun day for all of us to spend skiing together.  
Enjoy! ;Goza!  
Bob

## Rotary Club of Rio Vista California

*Service Above Self*

### President's Message

#### Rotary Club of Rio Vista Serving the Community



I am looking forward to serving as Rio Vista Rotary President for the 2013-2014 year. I feel privileged and grateful to be able to serve the Rio Vista Community and Rotary International. I am honored to be part of one of the largest non-profit organizations in the world which promotes world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. Rotary's programs include; job training, improving educational facilities, providing clean water, combating hunger, improving health and sanitation, academic scholarships and eradicating polio.

Rotary's Four Way Test (Is it the truth? It is fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? And will it be beneficial to all concerned?) holds true in the hearts of Rio Vista Rotarians. We are approximately 40 members strong and are an exuberant group. We enjoy fun and fellowship while we support projects that serve our community and the international organization.

We meet on Friday mornings in Rio Vista. Please contact us at [RotaryofRioVista@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryofRioVista@gmail.com), for more information.