



THE Rio Rotarian

Stay away from negative people, they have a problem for every solution.
- Albert Einstein



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

Welcome

- In Lee's absence, Hector calls the meeting to order and thanks our visiting Rotarians who assisted in delivering the firetruck and equipment to México. He bluffs that he'll fine anyone \$5 who doesn't stand and address him as "El Presidente." He lauds the marvelous selection of tequilas our guests brought back to be enjoyed at "Tequila Y Más." Then, he brags about the \$25,000 that has been raised by the event for scholarships over the years.

Visitors and guests

- We greet Rotarians Gary Wegener, Pres., Woodland; Tom Eagle, West Sac'to.; Hugh Henderson and Sarah Davis, Oakley; Katherine Turner, Clarksburg; as well as Derek's guest, John Fleming.

Treasurer's report

- Tom says there's \$4,742, in General Fund, \$30,209 in Charitable Fund, and \$195 in Marble Draw. Derek requests a joke, but then he's sorry. Joke: Groom to bride, "Am I the only one?" Answer: "Yes, you're the only one; the others were 9's and 10's."
- Leon does better: What sound does a sub-atomic duck make? Answer: Quark quark. Sorry.

Student reports

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Jay returns victorious, having delivered fire engine and firefighting supplies to the Mulegé Fire Dep't., and he presents us with the Mulegé Rotary Club's banner, shown at left.

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Sac. club constructs garden beds for schools, and teaches young students all about horses. With 30 members (up from 22) Oakley is newest club in district. They will landscape new senior center. They'll celebrate their first Charter Dinner May 16.

Katherine Turner recently joined the Tahoe City Rotary. Their major fundraiser is an annual ski race (which our club has entered.) They gave \$1000 to the Mulegé fire truck project.

We take a few moments to welcome our past president, Beverly Bowman, who's visiting from Alaska.

The great fire truck delivery

It took 34 hours to drive a vehicle with with a 9' wide wheel-base down 8' wide roads to outfit 11 fire stations of northern Baja with \$479,000 worth of equipment and deliver the truck to Mulegé. **Fantastic job, Jay!**

Confessions

Derek auditions for "The Voice" in Baltimore and makes it to second round. He visits old friends and pays \$50 to General Fund.

Jim Mac auditioned at a dinner of 741 people in Elk Grove; although they didn't sing well, couldn't make the second round.

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Hugh Henderson, left, and Sara Davis give "El Presidente," Hector, an Oakley Rotary Club banner. Last October, Hale and Bob gave the Oakley Club a Rio Vista Rotary Club banner.



Interact members pictured above from left are Kimberly Broughton, Valerie Rodriguez, Katie O'Connor, Lane Eggers, Maddy Myer, Edgar Rodriguez, Lacey Myer, Colin Lira, and Sam Esperson.

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- Students wrote critical papers on ten Social Studies topics, including vaping.
- Seniors are busy completing scholarship packets.
- Swim team (19 girls & 5 boys) has first meet, this Thurs. at Highlands.
- First Golf match, yesterday. Donation bins are set up for Teddy Bear Drive. \$150 donation received from Core Equipment.
- First Softball game, Mon., won 19-0, Wed., lost 3-5. Two-day tourney next week. Mostly Seniors on team.
- New posters in halls help students learn about the clubs they can join.
- Debate for English midterm in two weeks.
- NAMI Club (National Alliance on Mental Illness) passed out ribbons to inform students of Wellness Center.
- Varsity & J V Baseball at Dixon, Wed.

Visitors

Woodland club holds annual dinner-auction for scholarships; they helped get the fire engine to México. There are 3 Rotary Clubs in Woodland that raised \$85K selling beer at Fair. West
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Cole apologizes for missing a few meetings and gives \$100 for Camp Royal.

Edwin O. apologizes for not recognizing Lee's award as Volunteer of Year and Lane's as Youth Volunteer of Year. He pays \$50 to Interact. Derek lauds Edwin for helping him contact Clayton Valley Rotarian who donated his Volvo to Cars for Paradise project.

Jim Lira treats his 50-year-old son to a family vacation of 35 persons in Maui. He gives \$100 to Camp Royal.

Danny misses Charter Night, participates in Avalon Harbor clean-up at Catalina, and Pocket pays \$40 to Interact Club.

Committee Reports

Molly reports 11 students applied for Camp Royal; 6 will be selected; we'll send 2 Riverview kids to Young Royals camp.

Derek announces Appreciation Night, Apr. 1; he's the cook.

Patty says Golf Tourney flyers will be mailed out next week.

Katherine touts joint Rotary Clubs St. Patty's Day gala at Miner's Leap Winery, 54250 S River Rd, Clarksburg, 1-5 p. m., Sunday, March 15. \$5 for Rotary+\$5 for winery=\$10 entry.

Edwin O. reports Tequila Y Más is on schedule for July 11, 4:00-5:00 VIP's, 5:00-7:30 open for all. There will be wine, tequila and mescal for all.

Danny reports that the Scholarship Committee has delivered applications to the high school.

Cole thanks Gary and others for help with Camp Royal.

Program

Molly presents last year's students from Camp Royal, Kim,
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Val, Katie, Lane, Maddy, and Edgar. The students present a really good report covering this week-long motivational camp located in the Trinity Alps of Northern CA. They slept on platforms under the stars and enjoyed the great outdoor experience in the forest. They got up close and personal with mother nature, including frogs in their toilet, spiders and bugs in their beds and clothes, and a curious cat. They learned meditation and mindfulness at seminars. They attended and participated in motivational programs, including a wall-climb, to and learn to work with others and overcome life's obstacles. They broke boards with their bare hands to see that perseverance can overcome barriers. There were a ropes course and other activities to help them break the ice, cooperate, and get to know each other.

Great friendships grew from this fantastic week of

discovery and learning about themselves and others. In fact, Lane said it was the best experience he'd ever had.

Since the students returned, they've organized a Sandy Beach Cleanup event with fantastic results. Camp Royal has consistently produced great results like these for many years. Most clubs in our district support one or two students, but our club is unique, in that it has sent six for several years, now, although we used to send two.

Medallion Auction

Auctioneer extraordinaire Jim Mac sells the coin for \$50. Marble Draw

Jim Lira has the winning ticket, but losing marble.

 <p><i>Reporter: Jon Blegen</i></p> <p><i>Editor-Publisher: Bob Bard</i></p>	COMING ATTRACTIONS		
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/EVENT</u>	<u>CHAIR PERSON</u>
	March 13	Darrel Brown, FNP-BC/Holistic Health Ctr.	Ken Wudel
	March 15	St. Patrick's Day, Miners' Leap Winery	Jt. Rotary Clubs
	March 20	Jacob Markow/Trilogy for Large Kitties	Dan Schindler
	March 27	Cory Farrell/New Baseball Field at RVHS	Bob Bard
April 1	Appreciation Night/Montezuma Fire House	Lee Williams	