



THE Rio Rotarian

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them.
-Adlai Stevenson, 1952-



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

Welcome

- Lee's in trouble before he can even ring the "bell?" To appease Sgt.-at-Arms Molly for late start, he "sings" to us claiming that he gets better looking each day. We recall 9/11, and we sing, "God Bless America."

Guests

- Edwin presents Jenny Emigh, White School teacher, and Ron Kott, Mayor. Hector greets daughter, Alyssa, and son, Gabriel.

Treasurer's report

- Jay reveals account balances, including \$1,440 in Marble Draw.

Committee reports

- Tom reports on Linguica Booth, and says 4 people working is best. Lee says locals want booth to continue. Jay turned in paperwork to county.
- Gary updates us on Poker Night, Nov. 13, and Rotary at the Races, Nov. 16. Jim Mac reminds us about the time he retrieved his "lost" bell from jockey Russell Baze at the races during his term as Pres.
- Hale says Xmas party's Friday, Dec. 6 at local golf course restaurant under new management. So, Lee appoints Hale & Evelyn as chairs for the event.

Star athlete at RVHS

- Jim Mac is fine-free for month since
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Today, Mayor Ron Kott is our guest speaker.

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serve as Assistant D. G., next year, for Rio Vista, Dixon, and 3 Vacaville clubs.

Jim Mac says he'll pay \$100 fine for Editor Bob's new car, but Bob claims he already paid \$100, last week. Undeterred, Jim still donates a C-note.

White School field trip funding

Edwin passes around a card from the Sharks who praise our support over the past years. Then, he presents Jenny Emigh, 5th grade teacher at White School, who's raising \$4,900 to transport 120 4th and 5th grade students and their teachers in November to the San Francisco Academy of Science. There will be a Halloween Games Dinner, Wed. night, at D. H. White School. Jenny's also seeking donations from local service clubs.



Sharks send card to thank us for support.

Jay celebrates first day of fall

It's the first day of fall, so Jay gives \$25 to Interact. Really.

Program

Edwin O. presents Mayor Ron Kott who speaks on the good things in our city's recent past. Ron's been a council member since 2014, and became mayor following the passing of Norm Richardson in 2016. His talk focuses on finances and includes the financial effects of the cannabis industry on our town, which was close to bankruptcy in 2009-12. Our town's recovery was due to staff cutbacks and passage of Measure O, which raised sales tax 3/4 of 1%, putting \$700K into our coffers.

In 2013 we hired a new Director of Finance, everything became current, and we had a clean audit report in 2016, for
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he knew that Edgar Rodrigues was named Star Athlete at RVHS.

Interact report

- Cross-country meet, Saturday, at Elkhorn golf course; working on float; Homecoming Football game, Friday, (last week RVHS won at last minute;) Dance, Saturday; Gabe likes college.

Confessions

- Returning from an Alaskan cruise, where glaciers are melting fast and the salmon are disappearing, Leon contributes \$100 to General and \$20 to Dictionary Funds.
- J Mac attends Tijuana Brass & others concert; he'd intended to pay huge PHF fine for ex, but he's now fine-free! Pres. Lee gives kudos for new bathrooms in Bruning Park.

Announcements

- Molly notes that Edgar brought stack of RVHS "Ram's Ear" newspapers to hand out. She points out Camp Royal photo on page 6 showing 6 RVHS Interact students, as well as counselors Cole Felt & Pres. Lee.
- Lee attended Rotary District training meeting in Woodland, Saturday, and all District leaders were touting our club's strong support of Camp Royal. Lee also praised your editor for publicizing our club's accomplishments.
- DGE Mark Roberts has drafted Lee to

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Jon Blegen

Editor-Publisher:
Bob Bard

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Interact members Edgar Rodrigues, Valerie Rodrigues and Gabe De La Rosa give student report.

which our budget received an award. As a result, we were able to receive financing that saved us \$200K per year in interest. Property and sales taxes represent 74% of our budget, and 2/3 of city expenses are wages.

While city's growth expenses exceed revenues, the cannabis industry helps fill the gap, as land sales at \$270/acre have produced \$3.5M revenues. Rio Vista Farms has brought in \$20K in revenue fees on \$90K receipts and created 60 jobs. Estimates call for creation of 400-500 total jobs.

Ron concludes with discussion of current recall efforts.

Marble Draw

Patty has winning ticket, but losing marble; 6 marbles left.



From left: Molly Coito, Lee Williams, Gabe De La Rosa, Alyssa De La Rosa & Leon Guzenda proudly pose with recently received official Rotary International certificate of organization for our Interact Club.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	CHAIR PERSON
Sept. 27	Don Winters—"Young Royal 2020"	Molly Coito
Oct. 4	Jack Pfifer, Ron Chalmers—RV Golf Course	Bob Bard
Oct. 11	No meeting due to Bass Derby/Festival	
Oct. 18	Keyhea Injunction	Jon Blegen