



# THE Rio Rotarian

*As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind - every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. - John Glenn*



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

## Welcome

- We pledge, pray, and sing "King of the Road" at Dr. Ted's suggestion. Lee assigned the Student Rotarians to lead us in song, next week, for sure.

## Guests

- Bob presents Jack Pfifer, today's speaker.

## Visiting Rotarian

- Lee recognizes our perpetual visitor, Gel Labrie.

## Celebration

- Molly excitedly proclaims that yesterday was Edgar's birthday!

## Treasurer's report

- Jay pipes up, "That's the first song (Happy Birthday) that our students actually knew the words to."
- We've got \$9,500 in Regular Acc't., \$40,000 in Charitable Acc't., \$1,600 in Marble Draw Acc't.
- Lee says at last night's board meeting we voted to give \$500 to D. H. White School for Science Academy trip.

## Committee reports

- Gene says wife, Pat, is running Beer Booth, and 2 spots are left. More checkers needed for Gate Watch.
- Molly passes 2 signup sheets around, one for Poker Tournament and one for Linguica Booth. She asks those  
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union, where the view of the ski area is gorgeous. He attends Three Dog Night show. The week before that, he and Pat visited the beautiful island of Kauai. He gives \$50 for PHF.

## Student report

Edgar reports on track meet; Lane says class will be touring Lawrence Livermore Lab, today, to see laser facility; Sam was going to report on Lab trip, but Lane beat him to it; then he was going to report on RVHS newspaper, but Edgar distributed those; so he says he'll be going to Indianapolis for the FFA National Convention, Gabe says no classes at Solano, next Tuesday, as teachers will be holding a conference, probably to learn more effective teaching methods. Hector comments that Gabe listens to psychedelic music by Afterglow, Gene's band from may years ago.

## Program



*Jack Pfifer fills us in on Rio Vista Golf Course history.*

Bob introduces Jack Pfifer, a resident of Trilogy, and a golfer who has recently served as president of the Rio Vista Men's Executive Nine-hole golf club (RVMEN.) Jack reveals all of the sordid details of our local golf course's history.

When the course was first installed, it was in pristine condition, but due to neglect, is has deteriorated significantly in recent times. After reminiscing about his days as Commander of the VFW and scrapping with Hector, Greg Bowman, et. al., to get permits for Memorial Day ceremonies, Jack launches into the sad story of what happened to our beautiful golf course.

Shea Homes, the developer who owned Trilogy was in financial straights in 2012, so they sold the Rio Vista golf course, as well as the two courses in Brentwood Trilogy to a Korean whose son lived in So Cal. The new owner closed nine

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students present to get more Interact students to sign up to work the Linguíça Booth, saying how much fun it is.

- Gary says 36 signed up for Rotary Day at the Races, Sat., Nov. 16.
- Jon and Patty already working on Golf Tournament; Ed and Molly need volunteers.



*Interact members give report; from left: Edgar Ramirez, Lane Eggers, Sam Esperson, and College Student, Gabe De La Rosa.*

**Confessions**

- Claiming that Derek “kind of like reamed” her for having no program and being absent last week, Molly goes on a tear proclaiming total innocence because her Junior Mechanic, Tony, suffered a slight mishap in the middle of a delicate repair job, disabling his truck for an entire week, so they both had to share Molly’s “very reliable” car to commute out of town. We all were moved to tears hearing Molly’s sad tale, as she felt compelled to fine herself \$20. Tsk, tsk.
- Gil visits his wife’s son, living at the 7,200’ elevation between Ft. Collins, CO and Laramie, WY, after leaving his family in NY. Gil pays \$50.
- Gary studies recycling techniques in Portland, OR, and says he’ll pick up tab for Interact students’ breakfasts, encouraging others to do likewise. Derek suggests picking a day when two show up.
- Gene visits Park City, UT, for family re-

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holes on one of the Brentwood courses to build a strip mall, but that did not materialize. For 3 years he did nothing to maintain the Rio Vista course. He then unsuccessfully tried to sell the course to the Home Owners Ass’n. at Trilogy for \$1.1M. A Trilogy resident, Don Love, put together a loan from Bank of R. V. that would have cost the homeowners \$7.34 per home per month. There were 1834 homes, then, and the course would have been paid off, this year.

The Home Owner’s board turned over, and the course owners then offered to sell the course for \$650K, but the new board wouldn’t respond to the offer. Then, Warrior bought the course but didn’t maintain it and filed for bankruptcy. The board has now purchased the course for slightly over \$1M.

They’ve hired Course Co, a reputable company, to manage the course, and renovation work is now underway. The entire irrigation system, including 1800 sprinkler heads at \$100 apiece, lawn mowers, computer system, TV’s in the bar, janitorial services, management, golf carts, drainage systems, uniforms, office and kitchen equipment are being revamped.

**Marble Draw**

Ken can’t find the winner; there are now only 2 marbles left.

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	CHAIR PERSON
Oct. 11	No meeting due to Bass Derby/Festival	
Oct. 18	Keyhea Injunction	Jon Blegen
Oct. 25	Let’s hope for a GREAT program.	Derek Abel
Nov. 1	This one’s gonna be even BETTER!	Jim McPherson
Nov. 8	Maybe a program on skeet shooting?	Dave Mason



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