



# THE Rio Rotarian

*Albert Einstein to Charlie Chaplin, "It's not about the knowledge; it's whether you understand. You say nothing, yet the world understands and respects you."  
Chaplin's reply, "The world doesn't understand you, yet they still respect you."*



## Welcome

- We pledge, pray, and Interact Club strains our larynxes with Rams Fight Song.

## Guests

- Dave presents our guest speaker, William Watts; Molly and Patty greet RVFD Chief, Lion Jeff Armstrong.

## Celebrations

- We all sing for Molly's 7-year Rotary anniversary, but nobody can figure out what key we're in.

## Treasurer's report

- Regular acc't, \$11,242; Charitable, \$22,561; Marble Draw, not much.
- Don't believe everything you see, after all, salt looks like sugar.

## Committee reports

- Xmas Party, Friday, Dec. 6: Hale and Evelyn have everything under control...with the exception of a signup list. We'll invite Lions & Soroptimist to join us at Monarch.
- Horse races, Saturday, Nov. 16: Gary says 36 people signed up.
- Rotary-Lions Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tourney, Dinner at 6:00 p. m., play starts 7:00 p. m., Wednesday, Nov. 20, Poppy House: \$20 entry; losing club must pay \$500 to winning club.
- Turkey Trot, 8:00 a. m., Thurs, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day; for online entry

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William Watts presents ayahuasca documentary.

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fill, and we'll soon select students to fill them. Our own Cole Felt is the new chair of Camp Royal. He's striving to automate procedures and prepare a new leadership camp for 7th and 8th graders that mirrors the existing one.

## Confessions

Jay tells of an amazing adventure that he and Rob had on their way to last week's meeting. They were kidnapped, robbed and rolled by northern Badlands New Mexican gypsies and thrown into the primal mud of Suisun Marsh with all of them snow-gators. Rob's version was slightly different: he wanted to go fishing with Jay, so naturally, he text messaged Patty pleading permission to take Jay with him, saying he'd pay Jay's fine for missing Rotary. Together, they would undertake a noble break from the frustrations and vicissitudes of their respective obligations. Playing dirty, Patty printed out the message, framed it, and hung it on the wall.

Meanwhile, Rob picked up his son, Kyle, at Sac'to. airport. Kyle is a Marine who was on embassy duty in Armenia; he's a big guy, and likes to eat...a lot. After Rob watched his son in amazement as he put away prodigious amounts of Rob's food supply, he attempted to distract Kyle by taking him on a local, \$1,000, one-day guided fishing expedition. They caught 3 fish...the smallest was a keeper, costing Rob about \$100 a bite. Yummy! Rob is so happy to spend some time with his son that he pays a \$200 fine for himself and \$100 for Jay.

Dan confesses to fighting the Kincade Fire and missing two Rotary meetings. He notes that Jeff Armstrong's wearing the same uniform at our meeting, this morning, that he wore while fighting the fire...he must not have gotten it too dirty. He also notes that the dive boat he was aboard on the Red Sea recently burned and sank. He pays \$50 for missing 2 meetings.

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form, click on link below and fill it out: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/RioVista/RioVistaTurkeyTrot> All Proceeds go to RVHS Cross Country Team. Edwin O. says so far, 70 signed up. *(As usual, Bard will walk it.)*

**Board meeting last night**

- Board voted to donate \$200 sponsorship to Turkey Trot.
- Board also voted to donate \$550 for a bus to transport kids to Vallejo in March for Solano County Ag Day. Lions also sponsor a bus.

**Students report**

- Eight Interact members report, today, on RVHS news. Lots of new people on Basketball team. Soccer starts soon with tournament in 2 weeks. Lane and Sam recently returned from Nat'l. FFA Leadership Convention in Indianapolis. 70K members from 50 states plus Puerto Rico attended. Ag is now high-tech, with new careers in digital Ag. Heather Kitchens is new J. V. Basketball coach. College Aps. due Nov. 30. SAT scores due today. Cross Country meet with Stockton soon. Flag Ceremony for Veterans Day. Gabe will help at Wrestling practices. Boys Varsity Basketball practice began, first game in 2 weeks, they won 17, lost 9, last year.

**Camp Royal update**

- Molly says we've got 6 slots ready to *(cont'd. top right column, page 1)*



*Student Rotarians report, from left: Kimberly Broughton, Valerie Rodrigues, Katie O'Connor, Lane Eggers, Sam Esperson, Maddie Myers, Edgar Rodriguez, and Gabe De La Rosa.*

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Lee asks Jeff to rise and describe his strenuous firefighting job in the mobile communications center, rubbing elbows with renowned humanitarian chef Guy Fiere, and sleeping in a hotel at night while his peon comrades slept on the ground. Today is the one-year anniversary of the Camp Fire. Lee says Paradise Rotary raised \$1.2M to help clean up/rebuild. Lee and Derek visited the devastated town right after fire.

**Program**

Dave introduces our guest speaker, William Watts, who describes his experiences being treated for post traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD) by drinking an elixir or "tea" called "ayahuasca" in Peru. The active ingredient is a hallucinogen called dimethyltryptamine or DMT. He has been to Peru for treatments on 3 separate occasions, and he claims that it's helping him immensely. He says that he's become able to overcome PTSD and function in a much more normal manner.

He described everything he went through during these treatments, and his hallucinations were grossly bizarre.

The treatments cost \$1,100, but you must first pass a physical exam, be in good health and not be taking any medications.

**Marble draw**

Tom can't find winning marble, and he must stand at door and shake everyone's hand as they leave.

**Veterans Day is Mon, Nov 11. Thanks vets, for your service!**

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	CHAIRPERSON
Nov. 15	Rotary beyond Rio & Persons of Interest	Jack Krebs
Nov. 16	Rotary at the Races	Gary Lazdowski
Nov. 20	Rotary-Lions Grudge Match Poker Tournament	Gary Lazdowski
Nov. 22	Belgian Endive Factory	Leon Guzenda
Nov. 28	Thanksgiving; 8:00 a. m.—Turkey Trot	RioVision



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