



# THE Rio Rotarian

*"Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it."*  
-Nelson Mandela



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

## Welcome

- Lee starts meeting on time, and with Bob's, Gene's, and J. Mac's help, we pledge, pray, and sing "Jingle Bells."

## Guests

- With some prompting, Bob presents Lions Jay Forbes and Ron Jones; Derek presents John Fleming of Abel Chevrolet, and Lee presents Rustin Banks, our guest speaker, & Lt. Jackson Hanes, Sol. Cty. Sheriff's Dept.

## Celebrations

- Birthdays: Stephanie De La Rosa and Verna Guzenda
- Club anniversaries: Serdar (here one year, total 32 years in Rotary,) Jay one year, and Tom Kelly one year.

## Treasurer's report

- Jay says there's \$17,200—Charitable, \$13,377—General, and \$520—Marble Draw funds.
- Patty passes bucket for waitress tips for Xmas and collects \$320.

## Committee reports

- Hale proudly announces enjoyable Xmas party at Monarch (thank you, Evelyn.)
- Patty and Jon working on golf tournament and request volunteers for this year's event. We'll have raffle prize teams like last year. Course is looking better.

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## Final Bass Derby tally

Jay passes around a sheet listing following totals for this year: Linguica sales—\$5,117, Chamber booth rental—\$1,000, Lira's—\$1,206, Net—2,917; Beer Booth—\$687.71; Total net from both booths—\$3,604.71 + Interact tips—\$53.20.

## Program—Interim Police Chief Rustin Banks

Lee introduces today's speaker, Rustin Banks, from the Solano County Sheriff's Dep't. Our City Manager, Rob, called him in, this September, to act as our Police Chief and stabilize the Department. There are currently 16 sworn staff in Rio Vista



*Rustin Banks describes local police duties being assumed by Sheriff's office.*

with less than 2 years experience. We're currently considering a one-year contract till we ultimately have our own Dep't.

Filling positions with qualified personnel is problematic due to future uncertainty. The Sheriff favors hiring personnel who are likely to stay. Currently, staff consists of 1 lieutenant, 2 sergeants, 7 officers, 1 canine officer, and 1 school resources

officer.

Officers will be assigned here on a long term basis, rather than being cycled through.

Most of the administrative activities will be in Fairfield, but they'll maintain the administrative staff at our present department location.

Similar contract operations have been successful in Saratoga and San Ramon. Newly hired officers will be better compensated than previously.

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- Serdar describes Rotary Literacy contest he created for White School 4th Graders. Students will compete in handwriting and reading comprehension in Feb., Mar., and April. Five awards will be given.

### Presentations

- Poker Tournament: Lions Ron and Jay present 2 checks: \$500 to combine with \$500 from Rotary for charity, and \$250 net from \$20 buy-in from each player after all expenses paid. Rotary will give total \$1,250 to charity of their choice. This is Bard's second win, but he really didn't understand what happened either time.
- Booster Club Dinner-Dance: Jay Forbes says be at Portuguese Hall, Jan. 25 to support RVHS teams. \$75.
- Turkey Trot: Edwin O. sends thank-you note to Rotary. Edgar Rodriguez is the big winner!

### Confessions

- Lateness: Tom spins and pays. Molly spins pays \$1 per Rotarian wearing a red shirt=\$8. Tom Kelly spins, pays \$5.
- Pres. Lee & Paula visit Las Vegas to see rodeos, especially kids. He gives \$100 to Paula's PHF.
- Tired of the sadly outdated fine schedule on the wheel that keeps referring to Ted's long-deceased pony tail, Derek says he'll update the schedule.

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Rustin notes that the city's network of surveillance cameras are now up and running.

### Marble Drawing

Sadly, the winning marble was overlooked...and the pot grows!

Note—there was no Interact Report, but Pres. Lee told the Student Rotarians present that they will be in charge of our next Rotary meeting.



From left: Lions Jay Forbes and Ron Jones deliver loser's check to Rotary. Bob Bard, winner of this year's Rotary-Lions poker tournament holds plaque listing annual tournament winners' names. Ron built the plaque long ago.



RVHS van proudly displays its new Rotary Wheel logos in both rear side windows.

Bob sent Walt Schafer and Rene Duddy two photos of the new van at RVHS. Here are their Email responses:  
 "Bob, Beautiful. Congratulations. Glad District 5160 could play a modest part.  
 In Rotary Service, Walt Schafer, Grants Committee Chair, 2018-2021, Rotary District 5160"  
 "Looks great! So excited to see Rotary dollars in action. Thanks for sending."  
 Rene Duddy"



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### COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	CHAIR PERSON
Dec. 20	"I" Program	Edwin Kingen
Dec. 27	No Rotary Due to Holidays	S. Claus
Jan. 3	No Rotary Due to Holidays	Father Time
Jan. 10	To Be Announced	Evelyn Wilson
Jan. 17	Business Meeting	Lee Williams