



THE Rio Rotarian

"Great minds discuss ideas. Average minds discuss events. Small minds discuss people." -Henry Thomas Buckle



HELEN MADERE BRIDGE

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

Welcome

- Four stalwart Interact Club members led by Kimberly Broughton run our meeting, today, as they direct us to pledge, pray, and sing.

Confessions

- Derek admits to turning 41; he went to Dead Fish with his band for lunch and was treated to Dom Perignon champagne. He tailgated at final Raider game with buddies, and he played golf with his brother, Monday. He generously gives \$41.
- Rob goes to FL to see grandchildren. His German daughter-in-law loves to discipline the kids in her native language. He must have heard so much German that he pays \$50 to hear English, again.

Presentation

- Jim Mac steps right up to give a gift of \$100.00 to the Cross Country Team at RVHS.

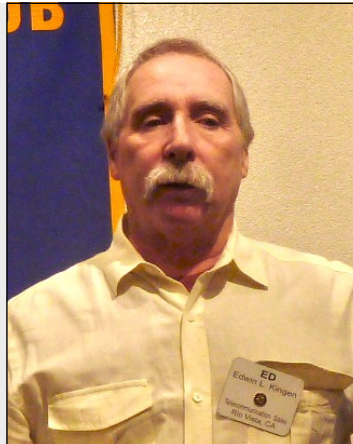
Celebrations

- Leon announces dual birth-days of Tom Donnelly, Dec. 17, and Derek, Dec. 16.

Treasurer's Report

- Little change in accounts since last meeting.
- Marble Draw is at \$500.00
- Leon expounds on his pet

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Ed Kingen presents talk on building membership.

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Program

Today, Ed Kingen describes how we might recruit and hold new members in our club. The numbers of Rotarians worldwide has recently dropped from 1.20 M to 1.18M, and our own club's membership has dropped 25% in the last 4 years.

Ed suggests various things we could do to reverse this trend. We might check with those who have left and convince them to return.

They may have suggestions of changes they'd like to see to improve our club.

Perhaps we could do a better job of touting our projects, activities, and contributions to the community. One tool we could use to do that is Radio Rio.

We could better utilize local events to recruit new members, such as utilize an additional site at the Bass Derby just to publicize our club, recruit, and explain what we do.

Ted suggests that any member who brings a guest to a meeting be fine free.

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Leon, Rob, and Derek participate in lively membership building discussion led by Ed Kingen.



Interact Club members run our meeting, today. Pictured from left: Chairperson Kimberly Broughton, Lane Eggers, Edgar Rodriguez, and Sam Esperson.

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peeve, i. e., it is redundant to use the term "a high rate of speed" because speed is already a rate, e. g., "miles per hour" is a rate, a measurement of distance per unit of time, irregardless of what you think. Redundantive. Repetitious. Just plain terrible.

Profoundly important announcement

- Next meeting won't be till 1/10/20

Election Committee report

- Edwin will be our next Pres. Elect!

Interact

- Finals were the last 2 days.
- Varsity Basketball has played 10 games. They beat Delta twice and Winters once.
- Sam received his driver license on Dec. 13. Look out world!

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Tom Kelly suggests that we update our current business card to promote Rotary Club's world-wide projects. Leon volunteers to design a new card.

Serdar suggests that we do more hands-on projects in which we directly connect with community members.

Gil notes that we consider looking across the river for potential new members. (Consider all of the businesses in the Delta Loop.)

Hector suggests the we supply local restaurants with placemats touting our club's contributions to the community.

(These suggestions sound like excellent projects that would require Board action and coordination. Ed.)

Marble Draw

Edwin has the right ticket, but comes up with a dud of a marble.

Interact announcement

Lane says RVHS students are setting up a project to collect Teddy Bears and donate them to children's hospitals.



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COMING ATTRACTIONS

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	CHAIR PERSON
Dec. 27	No Rotary meeting due to Christmas	S. Claus
Jan. 3	No Rotary meeting due to New Year's	Father Time
Jan. 10	To Be Announced	Evelyn Wilson
Jan. 17	Club Business Meeting	Lee Williams