



"When I read
about the evils of
drinking, I gave up
reading."

—PAUL HORNING



HELENE MADERE BRIDGE

"Having fun
helping others...
watering the
rosebuds"

—DR. TED SCHULZ

Bob Bard, Ed.



The usual opening rituals

Following pledge and prayer, Gene fearlessly leads us in a song *everybody* knows, the Drifters 1964 classic, "Under the Boardwalk," while the Student Rotarians look on in amazement. Well, if you were born after 1964

you may not know all of the words. Jon not only knows the words, he knows it was sung by the Drifters. Please check out the lyrics at the end of this newsletter. Quiz next week.

Visiting dignitaries

We welcome Alyssa, Cole, and City Mgr. Rob Hickey. Of course, Gil is always welcome.

Important announcements

Register for Rotary fall seminar at Benicia High School, Sat., Oct. 8, 9:00 a. m.--2:00 p. m. Our Pres.-elect is supposed to attend, but we don't have one.

Hector presents us a \$1,100 check, our club's proceeds for Hog August Bites beer booth. Funds pay for Camp Royal students and college scholarships.

Chief Greg reminds us the annual Safety Fair will be Sat., Sept. 24, 10 a. m.--4:00 p. m. at Police Dept. H. Q.

Tom passes around sign-up sheet for Bass Derby Linguça Booth, Oct. 7-9.

Alyssa pinch hits for Al

Raffle ticket sales/distribution whiz, Alyssa De La Rosa, assisted by the ever-capable Josie Hamilton, leap into the breach and quickly get those tickets out.

Cellular saga

Jim Mac, in concert with Police Chief Greg Bowman, foils a coup attempt and rescues Pres. Kelley's abducted telephone. Perpetrators had evidently conspired to exchange phone for gavel, a truly heinous plan. Once again, J. Mac and his crack team of Rotary heroes have neutralized a sinister, sleazy subterfuge. Rescue attempts of the wayward bell, however, have met with less success. *(See exclusive photo below. Note: to continue to provide our readers with inside information, and to comply with editorial Honor Code, we never reveal our sources.)*

Golden Gate Fields extravaganza

It's FUN!--Sat., Nov. 19, Rotary at Races "My Rotary"

Jim McCracken asks members to keep him up to date on address/phone changes

for roster. Also, R. I. asks us to go to www.rotary.org, select "My Rotary," sign in/register and create an account if you haven't already done so.

Rotary Scholarships

Checks will be sent out next month; we must first receive students' class schedules. We've received very nice "Thank You" letter from Alyssa.

Milestones

Jim Nordin celebrates his wife, Linda's birthday, he pays \$25 just to be safe, and we sing just to feel good.

Interact

Exchange student from Norway has arrived; Club Rush, yesterday; Football, tonight (last week we beat Delta); Emma nominated for Homecoming Queen; J Mac asks where are the guys--did Josh (Vieira) drop out? Josh joined Interact, can't fit Rotary meetings in schedule.

Confessions

Jon lost a bidding war against Hector for medallion 2 weeks ago, then he visited Kohler, WI, and played 4 golf courses at Whistling Straits. He tries to assuage his conscience with \$3 fine, reacts to cacophony of moans and groans, finally coughing up a generous \$50 fine.

Hale and Sue take 11 day tour of So. Dakota with Road Scholars, formerly known as Elderhostel. They see Mt. Rushmore monument, Crazy Horse memorial, 9 guided tours, including 6 evening presentations. Hale cleverly attempts to evade \$25 fine with counterfeit medallion. Kelley challenges him to recite 4-way test for \$25 or pay \$50. Hale flunks the recitation, pays \$50.

Wayne thoughtfully offers donation of \$5 credited to



Rob Hickey, our new City Manager, updates us on state of the city.



Student Rotarians report, from left: Daryn Katsuki, Casie Mortimore & Susanne Johnson; not pictured is Josie Hamilton who was busy with raffle tickets.

your editor's account, since we had lost our prized truck to our sister-in-law. Kelley embarrasses your innocent, yet frugal editor, purportedly for using Rotary to serve his own agenda. She holds a "truck" auction, whatever that is. We quash this insane activity with a generous bid of \$20. *I won't try that again.*

Ted takes Kristi to Lake Davis in Plumas County, where he catches no fish, but gets in lots of bird watching, and he pays \$10.

Hector says he'll save up confessions till the end of the month and pay all at once.

Good luck, Alyssa; leaving for college today!

Program--Rob Hickey, City Manager

Tom introduces Rob Hickey, formerly city manager of Gridley. He's been in Rio Vista 3 months. He describes the need for passage of Measures O & M. With our city's general fund amounting to \$5.7M, Police & Fire receive \$3.3M, with Police getting \$2M and Fire getting 1.3M.

Since the 07-08 budget, general revenues dropped \$1.4M, with <\$1M drop in property taxes, a decline in gas revenues and Delta Fire District revenue declines.

Measure O funds would bring in \$784K for fire & police, but that's not enough. Police and fire calls have increased significantly over the past 10 years, but staff levels have remained the same. Two more police Sgts. are needed.



What a shame--I just missed today's meeting!

Fire Dep't. calls from 2013-5 are up 47%; most calls come from Trilogy, and many need EMT services. Total revenues from trilogy, including Measure O funds will offset city costs for fire and police services by about 1/3. Other budgeted expenses are the Planner and the Building Inspector.

Hale asks how much sales tax revenue does the city receive? Jim doesn't know, but auto sales comprise 75% of sales tax revenues, putting our city's revenues at risk.

Measure N would change the City Treasurer from an elected to an appointed position. A highly qualified person is required to fulfill this job.

At Kelley's request, Rob tells us a little bit about himself. He served in the USAF for 20 years, spending some time in Saudi Arabia. His wife served 21 years in USAF; she now works for Sutter County, and is about to retire. They'll live here once their house is built.

Rob has 3 kids, the oldest of which just retired from the USAF and lives with his family in Florida.

Rob plans to stay here for "quite some time."

50/50 Raffle

Tom has the right ticket, can't find the right marble.

For people born after 1964 here are the lyrics to "Under the Boardwalk."

*Oh when the sun beats down, burns the
tar up on the roof
And your shoes get so hot, you wish
your tired feet were fire-proof
Under the boardwalk, down by the sea,
yeah
On a blanket with my baby, where I'll
be*

*Under the boardwalk, out of the sun
Under the boardwalk, we'll be havin'
some fun
Under the boardwalk, people walking
above
Under the boardwalk, we'll be fallin' in
love
Under the boardwalk, boardwalk*



The Last Word
The back of that runner's shirt reads, "50, Fat, Diabetic, and Ahead of You."

COMING ATTRACTIONS		
DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	PROGRAM CHAIR
Friday, September 23	John Broughton, General Manager at Frontier	Edwin Kingen
Friday, September 30	China and the Terra Cotta Soldiers	Jim Nordin
Friday, October 7	Bass Derby--No Meeting	Nobody
Friday, October 14	To Be Announced	Lee Williams
Friday, October 21	Speaker from St. Brigid's Church--Helping the Rio Vista Community	Derek Jones