

VOLUNTEERS in a small town like ours are what make things happen, be it providing help for our neighbors in need or improving our natural and social environment. Public services that urban dwellers take for granted are largely provided in Rio Vista by volunteers. Our town, in its splendid isolation, has a long rich history of accomplishments through self-help. Our former Executive Director, Jim Wheeler, is now working with others in Solano County to bring technology and some proven best practices to the task of putting volunteer energy together with community needs. More information on his plans will follow soon. Meanwhile, RioVision is reaching out for volunteers to help with its ongoing projects, programs and activities on Tuesday, July 18 at a Meet and Greet reception from 4 to 6 pm at the Hwy 12 Diner. Please come, and tell friends about the event, if you are at all interested in RioVision's mission of working together to energize and beautify Rio Vista.

We do have a need for volunteers to help us produce the **4th Annual Hog August Bites** street festival. If interested, come to the July 18 reception, or contact Tom at 510-610-3578.

TRANSITIONS are at once painful and hopeful. Mark Flowers, our Head Librarian since April 2015, is in his last week with us as he moves on to another position with the Solano County Library system in Vallejo. Mark has been a really valuable part of our Rio Vista community since he first arrived, bringing us continuing and new library services, such as the summer lunch program for youth, which is in its second very successful year. He has also supported other community organizations, including the Rio Vista Community Center where he has been an active member of its Board of Directors. We shall miss Mark and at the same time wish him the best in Vallejo, where he lives and will be able to spend more time with his family. We welcome the new Head Librarian, Kevin Tolley, who comes to us from the Vacaville Town Square library. Kevin will start his new position on July 17.

A long tradition of cooperation and mutual support between our town and our U.S. Coast Guard Station was highlighted at the Change of Command ceremony on June 30. With a measure of pomp and a lot of levity and some tears, we bid a fond farewell to Jason Miller and his family after four years of remarkably good relations with all of the Station's personnel. We offer a hearty welcome to Sam Meints, his wife Kylie and their two young daughters, Aubrey and Addalie. We look forward to continuing the long tradition with BMC Meints in charge.

GOT RIBS OR CHILI? If you take pride in making either of these iconic delectables, join the Rib or Chili Cook-off competition on August 19 at Hog August Bites. More information and entry applications can be found online at hogaugustbites.net.

July 28 is the date of the 3rd Annual **American Legion Post 178 Golf Tournament**. Funds raised will support construction of a new home for homeless veterans in Rio Vista. If you don't play golf, you can still support this effort by becoming a Hole Sponsor. More information at discoverriovista.com under Events.