

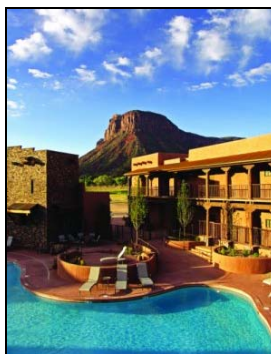
Gateway Canyons - John Williams

TODAY'S PROGRAM

At the convergence of two canyons lies a little known place where history and future become the present. Where adventure and peace coexist, and your dreams come to life under impossibly blue skies. Come breathe the rarefied air and discover what can be found only at Gateway Canyons Resort.

Gateway Canyons is a prime adventure, historical and relaxing territory with offerings of mountain and rock climbing, river sports, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, auto touring, photography and plenty of solitude.

With us today is John Williams to talk a little about the past and how Gateway Canyons got to where it is today, what is going on now and their vision of the future.



While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- The meeting started ominously with an invocation led by a woman's voice – heard, but not seen. Those of us who are not particularly religious were checking our hold cards.
- The **King (David Durham)** to the uniformed) led singing with the help of new member **Chris Thomas** who looked a lot like his sponsor, **Lynn Lickers**. Those of us who know Chris, said Chris has looked a lot better in times past. Chris bought, not one, but two of those ubiquitous **King 'n Trio** CD's. Way to go, Chris!
- **President Dale**, who is fondly referred to as "Buffalo Chip," wore a Wells Fargo Bank hat in honor of the buffalo in front of the building at 4th and Main. Not really. Chip was trying to endear himself to **Dean Massey**, a Rotarian and former teller at said bank.
- **Norm Franke**, thought to be a teller at the rival at **Alpine Bank**, was so incensed at the thought of **Buffalo Chip** wearing a WF hat that Franke promised to bring Chip one of Alpine's hats as soon as he has them made.
- **Max Krey** had happy bucks for about an hour and a half. We would like to report what he said, but **Merritt Kinsey** was talking with his buddies so loud at our table that it was impossible to hear Max. Merritt has never been fined in his entire life. Based upon interviews with witnesses, Max approves of **Gerry Geske** as a mentor; Max disapproves of January; Max is happy to be home from the War; Max was happy to be inducted into Rotary; and Max had \$200 for the **Legends Project**.
- **Jan Pomrenke** was (gushingly) happy that **Max Krey** is such "a dear." Our lunch was in our throats.
- **The King and his Trio** had distributions from their ill gotten gains—they charge new members \$15 for a \$5 recording of themselves. Those receiving KNT money include: **The Legends Project** (\$500); **Food Bank of the Rockies** (\$2,000) and the **Rotary Foundation** (\$5,000). We thank the King and his Trio for their great work.
- **Bob Johnson** was honored with a presentation of a PHF+4. Thank you, Bob, for supporting the Foundation.
- Our piano virtuoso, **Jeanie Thomas**, led the celebration of birthdays for January. There were 102 people in our club who were born in January. Strangely, only 3 showed up. Jeanie, undaunted, chose to read every name and tell us under what playing card they lived their lives. **Steve Gunderson**, for instance, is the Queen of Clubs, which will be a big surprise to **Marge**. Steve was one of the no-shows. Good call, Steve.
- **Herb Bacon**, who hails from **Bird City** (and is known to have bird legs), gave us a slide presentation on every bird in Africa. **Memo to Herb: You didn't get them all.** We didn't see pictures of: the dirty bird; the jail bird; the early bird; the love bird; and the song bird. Those are birds of a different feather.
- **Sign up for a Committee.** **Joe "Cool" Warner** is asking you to sign up for at least one committee for the 2009-10 Rotary year. See Joe for details.
- **Kim Gianonne** is the new **Assistant District Governor of Area 13** for 2009-10. Congrats to her!

While you slept continued

- **Cary Eidsness** and **Walt Smith** were inducted as new members last week. Cary is a financial planner (as if we need another financial planner in the Club) and was sponsored by **Jana Gerow**. **Walt Smith** is a former member of the Club. He was sponsored by **Dennis Pretti**. Walt has a jazz trio that has CD's for sale. Who doesn't? Walt remembers when he was in the Club, last time, and the area was struck by the recession of the eighties. There are those of us who are wondering "if Walt is a jinx?"
- **Claudia Crowell** and **Mary Crumbaker** need limericks and poetry for the Valentines Day lunch meeting of the Club. Keep it clean.
- **President Dale** is searching for histories of the Club. We have seen a book about the first 50 years that was printed in the mid-fifties to sixties. Do you have a copy? We also need a scribe to fill in the last 30 to 40 years by talking to long-time Rotarians and writing down their recollections.
- **The Rotary Masquerade Committee for 2009** will meet at 11:00 AM before the meeting this Weds., February 4th. Don't miss this important meeting!

Out Feb 11th Valentine meeting will be held at **The Masonic Temple 2400 Consistory Ct.** Bring your spouse or special guest!

Directions
Turn east off 1st Street to Bookcliff Ave, go one block, Turn left on Consistory Ct.

Parking is on the north side of the building is paved and parking on the west side of the building is graveled, both are available.

Sad Day in Rotary

In one of the saddest days in the ninety year history of our Club, the **GJ Rotary Club**, by narrowest of margins, voted to label our beloved Past President, **Dennis Baker**, "the **Chairman of Meaningless Drivel**." Baker commented that if he wrote meaningless drivel, "then it was directed at the right audience."

Inexplicably, Baker was not allowed to call witnesses in his behalf like **Rahm Emanuel** and **Jessie Jackson, Jr.** "The fix was in." Baker told this reporter.

Baker said "...the vote was instigated by a City employee who, lacking enough work to do, chooses to sit in her office and devise ways to undermine First Amendment protections such as Freedom of Expression (see "topless bars"), the Separation of Church and State (see prayer in Council Chambers) and, now, Freedom of the Press!"

"She doesn't realize who she's dealing with!" said Baker, a card-carrying ACLU member.

Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

After the water landing on the **Hudson** a few weeks ago, it gives one pause for thought to **Advance Preventative Measure Planning**. I would continue to wear my cargo pants with Velcro and zipper pockets and stuff them full of the appropriate necessities like my cash, credit card holder complete with my cards, drivers license and health insurance card, my I-phone (most important because that has my flight and rental car info), lipstick, gum and whatever else will fit. I do this right now anyway. Then I would resurrect my mom's **Fanny Pack** and pack that puppy with the minimum necessary makeup and anything else that will fit that I might need. You guys could do that too and even have your razor with you.

While men carry most things in their many pockets, women carry a purse (I seldom do) and those had to be left on the plane and of course you need your hands free! Don't take your **Fanny Pack** off but leave it on after you buckle up. Lastly, do not wear your **Depends** for you will sink and be gone for sure! Questions? Call me.

Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson**

February 11 Lunch w/ Spouses
Jazz Trio

February 18 Mesa State College
Tim Foster

Other Dates

Feb . 6 Past President's Meeting
Noon, Bookcliff Country Club

Feb . 11 Rotary Exchange Meeting
11:15 am, Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

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