

## The State of Mesa State – *Tim Foster*



Tim Foster was named the tenth president of Mesa State College in March 2004 by the Mesa State College Board of Trustees. Mr. Foster was also named to the position of secretary and treasurer for the Board of Trustees.

A former member of Colorado Governor Bill Owens' cabinet, Tim has served as the executive director for the Colorado Commission on Higher

Education. He was initially appointed to the position by Governor Owens in 1999 and reappointed in 2003.

A Grand Junction native, his numerous community activities include service on the Board of Governors of the Colorado Bar Association, the Board of Powderhorn Ski Area, the Board of the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, and the Board of Grand Mesa Youth Soccer Association. Mr. Foster is also rumored to be a member of the Grand Junction Rotary Club; at least his name is listed in the club's directory.

Today, Mesa State is growing and changing, and today Tim will get us up to date on where the college is with its many endeavors and challenges and where it is headed in the future.

*Welcome Tim*

### While You Slept

*(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)*

*By Dennis Baker*

The club was kicked out of Two Rivers for our February 11 meeting, who knows if the spouses in attendance had anything to do with the city's decision to oust us. After scouring locations throughout Grand Junction the Masons finally relented and let us use their facilities to conduct our weekly business where sweethearts were in attendance for our annual Valentine's Day meeting.

- **Jana Gerow** announced that the **Rotary Youth Exchange Committee**, which deals in stolen children, is having a meeting on Feb. 18 at 11:15 AM. All who are interested in child trafficking should attend.
- **Donia More** announced that a breakfast for new members will be held at **Good Pastures** (on Horizon Drive) at 7:00 A.M., March 13.
- It was a pretty dead crowd on Wednesday. The highlights included (in no particular order): **George Wheeler's** invocation using language he copied from **Lincoln**; **Denny Mayer's** song leading of song we didn't know and don't care to know. **Dale's** new **Hop-a-long Cassidy** ten gallon hat; catering by **Cowboy and the Rose** (who threw together a tasty, but entirely vegetarian fare); most of the women were wearing red for

### While You Slept Continued

**Valentine's Day**; most of the men were wearing clothes; **Chuck and Jeanie** played love songs for our enjoyment; **Dee Brinegar** paid a fine for a "goat meat" joke; **Frank Wagner** paid a fine for the fact his dog ate his check for Rotary dues (we've all used that lame excuse, Frank); **Claudia Crowell's** musings about love; and the quartet from the **Sweet Adelines** serenaded us.

- There were no gifts for the President. Perhaps it was because otherwise happy travelers did not want their spouses to know that they traveled without them.
- **President Dale** had happy bucks that his bride, **Susan**, was in attendance.
- No one else was happy. Perhaps, it was because many otherwise happy people were accompanied by their spouses.
- We bet you're sorry you missed this meeting.



**The King "N Trio continues to support Rotary and other local charities through their music. At a recent meeting the group (pictured above) presented checks totaling \$7,500 to The Legends Project, Food Bank of the Rockies and The Rotary Foundation.**

### Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

It's that time again and all wheels are in motion for this year's **Rotary Masquerade**. It is for such a worthy cause and you can help. **Big Wheel Dennis Baker** has made his committee assignments for the event which is actually on **Halloween** this year so **Two Rivers** will be rockin' and rollin' October 31, 2009. This year's committee has **Awesome Wheels** on it - **Dennis Morris** (Accounting), **Kevin McChesney** (Advertising), **Liz Hochevar**, **Kevin McChesney**, **Cary Eidsness**, **Jan Pomrenke** (Best Costume Contest), **George Wheeler** (Photography), **Frank Wagner** (Printing), **George Wheeler**, **Dennis Baker**, **Reed Mitchell**, **Gerry Tucker**, **Frank Wagner**, **Kirk Rider**, **Bob Czarnecki**, **Chris Mahre** (Sponsorships) are just a few of the Big Wheel Committees just for starters. About those **costumes**, you can be thinking about what you are going to wear, saving the moola to buy your tickets and finding an item to donate for the **Silent Auction** and for all that you can tell this **Little Wheel**, **Jan Pomrenke** (242-5794) or better yet, email me at [BlubirdBen@aol.com](mailto:BlubirdBen@aol.com). Thank you.



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***Upcoming Dates***

**Meeting Programs  
Claudia Crowell  
Program Committee Chairperson**

**February 25**    **To Be Determined**  
**March 4**        **Former Speaker of the House**  
                      *Russell George*  
**March 11**       **State Geologist** *Vince Matthews*  
**March 18**       **Rotary Youth Exchange**  
                      *Jana Gerow*

**Other Dates**

**Feb . 18**        **Rotary Exchange Meeting**  
                      11:15 am, Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.  
**March 6**        **Past Presidents' Meeting**  
                      Noon Bookcliff Country Club

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