

## Rotary Exchange Program – Raffi Cote & TJ Webb

Raffi Cote and TJ Webb were two of four local high school students who were sponsored by our downtown club in 2007-8 to go as RYE out bounders to other countries. TJ was in Russia and Raffi was in Chile. Today you will hear some of each student's experience, though TJ may not be here in person! Raffi currently is finishing his senior year at GJHS. He is an honor student and has played competitive soccer, of which his experience in Chile broadened his ability!

TJ finished High school at FMHS upon return from Russia, and studied in the fall of 2008 at Mesa State College. He is currently working at St. Mary's Hospital cafeteria. While in Russia he was able to travel to Mongolia. He pursued his love pa the saxophone and enjoyed putting his language ability to work. Jana Gerow



Raffi Cote

### While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- **Carol Skubic** turned 50—just a spring chicken to a few of us. It accounts for her loss of memory. She forgot to put on her badge at Rotary. She was rightly fined five bucks by **Dale the Billy Goat**.
- **Tyler Riehl** was happy that his new office opened. He mentioned a lot of people who assisted him. He said that this reporter was one of those who helped him avoid a sexual harassment charge. Those who saw his trial are hoping he gets a light sentence.
- **Kathy O'Shea** (a nice, German name) had happy bucks for a new grandson who was born in the **Grizzly Bar** in Roscoe, MT. When she left Roscoe, Grandson was still in the bar buying drinks.
- **Bob Czarnecki** was happy about something, but **Frank Wagner** was talking so loudly, that this reporter did not hear what Bob was happy about. Frank is never ever fined.
- **Tim Sewell** (another man who is never fined) was happy for the efforts of his daughters in recent ski races. The ten-year old is a champion, and the other almost had a great run, but crashed at the last. She was unhurt, thankfully.
- **Candace Walton** is happy she was nominated by the Club to go with the **GSE** team, this year. If she's selected to go, she will be traveling on the Study Exchange to Australia. Good luck, Candace.
- **Denny Mayer** announced his lovely and smart granddaughter, who graduated with honors from Mesa, is looking for employment opportunities.
- **Denny** was also happy that he proved the doctors wrong and made it to 81 years of age last week. Happy birthday, Denny. Our birthday boy is very generous around his birthday. Denny celebrates his "birthday season" by buying drinks for his friends. If he hasn't offered to buy you a drink, then you know where you stand. He's buying mine on Saturday.
- **Chris Unfug** announced an upcoming concert for the **King N Trio** at Cedaredge on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact the King or the Trio for more information.
- **Dennis Pretti** had happy bucks for attending his nephew's wedding in New Mexico. Dennis probably had more to say, but the aforementioned **Frank Wagner** was busy talking at our table and no one heard Dennis.
- **Barb Bowman** announced that **Jane Foster** is recovering from surgery. Keep Jane in your thoughts. She was also happy that **Donia Moore** was nominated to serve on the **G.J. Visitors Board**.
- **Jana Gerow** announced that the **Rotary Youth Exchange** will have a meeting at 11:15 AM at Two Rivers on Weds, the 18<sup>th</sup>, before the regular Rotary meeting.

### While you Slept continued

- **The GJ Rotary Board** will be meeting at **Dale Goat's** office, 550 Patterson, 5:15pm on March 19.
- **Steve Gunderson** was appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to serve on the **BLM Resource Advisory Council**. He had \$20 happy bucks to urge **Rotarians** to comment on the **Resource Management Plan**.
- **Col. Roger Hagerty** was happy that he celebrated 1 year of wedding bliss with his bride, this week.
- **Mike Davis** had a couple of hard hats for the **Goat** to replace the "brand x" hard hat the Goat was wearing the week before. One was a "voodoo" hat from Jamaica. It was a definite improvement over the things he usually places on his head.
- **Dan Roberts** had only one hard hat for the **Goat**, but he made up for it with a reflector vest for the **Goat** to wear if the **Goat** gets a real job.
- The Tsar, **Bob Czarnecki**, was in Mexico and brought back a Pacifico Beer Hat, a tequila hat and a bottle of tequila.
- **Ed Hokanson** brought back some Mexican margarita mix for the **Goat**. Ed said that the stuff was rumored to be enhancing. We don't know what that means, but if it last more than four hours, maybe the Goat will share.
- **Dee Brinegar** brought an old straw hat for the Goat. Dee said the holes in the hat were from a goat who tried to eat it. "A good goat will do that."



**Mike Davis and Dan Roberts were put off by the non-Rotary hard hat that President "Billy Goat" Beede had worn to a past meeting, so they each presented him with a new hard hat and a reflector vest to wear when he gets a real job. At right, the goat shows off the hat Dee Brinegar found for him after another goat had its way with it.**

### Fun Facts By Dennis Baker

**Rotary Postage Stamps:** Did you know that in 1955, in celebration of Rotary's golden anniversary, postal administrations from 27 countries and geographical areas authorized commemorative postage stamps?

The stamp issued in the United States debuted February 23, 1955, fifty years after the date of the first Rotary Club meeting. The blue 8-cent stamp for international postage was printed in sheets of 50. The illustration was by Willi Wolf Wind, an award-winning stamp designer. Imagine buying a stamp for 8 cents!



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***Upcoming Dates***

**Meeting Programs  
Claudia Crowell  
Program Committee Chairperson**

**March 25**      **Grand Valley Catholic Outreach**  
*Sister Karen Bland*

**April 1**        **Fun April Fool's Day**  
*Reed Mitchell*

**April 8**        **Colorado Tourism**

**Other Dates**

**April 3**        **Past President's Meeting**  
Noon, Bookcliff CC

**April 8**        **Rotary Exchange Committee**  
11:15 Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

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