

Grand Valley Catholic Outreach— Sr. Karen Bland

Sr. Karen Bland is a Benedictine Sister and has served as Executive Director at Grand Valley Catholic Outreach for the past ten years. Before entering human services, she served as an administrator in education for many years in secondary and higher education, first as principal of a girls' boarding school in Canon City and then as an Assistant Academic Vice President at Wheeling Jesuit College, West Virginia. Following university administration Sr. Karen was the prioress, (president) of her Benedictine monastery in Chicago.

Besides directing the twelve current programs at Catholic Outreach, she has served on the boards of the Community Food Bank, Marillac Clinic, Holy Family Education Foundation, and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pueblo. She is a founding member of the Homeward Bound overnight shelter. Currently, she serves on the Governor's Commission for the Low-income Energy Assistance Program and on the state committee to oversee Xcel Energy's pilot program for energy assistance to low income households.

Her educational background is broad and varied as she has earned three masters - Spanish (Middlebury College); Educational Administration (DePaul University); Theology (Wheeling Jesuit University, and a doctorate from the University of Colorado.



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While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- **President Dale** is no goat (despite rumors started by **Bill Sisson**). He's a brilliant leader with a kind heart. He's our Commander in Chief. Hence forth in this column, he will be known as "**The Chief**." —at least until the earliest of (1) The Chief p—ssing us off, or (2) The Chief fines the editor and writers of **The Spokesman**.
- **Paul Harris Fellows - The Rotary Foundation** has a new "One Time Program" ending June 30, 2009. A member of the Paul Harris Fellow Committee will be contacting you soon with details of how for only \$200 you can become a PHF! **Dee Brinegar** has the details, if he can remember them.
- The Club was shocked that **Mike Blackburn** brought a guest to Rotary. It was the first time anyone could remember Mike buying a lunch for someone. Way to go, Mike!
- **Barb Gottschalk** had a wonderful time in San Diego with her kids. She had such a good time that **The Chief** never crossed her mind. She forgot to buy him a gift. Don't feel bad, Barb, he is easily forgotten.
- **Big Mouth Kevin "Mongo" McChesney** ratted out **Dennis Baker**. Mongo had happy bucks that Mr. Baker and he are taking dance lessons from **Jeannie Thomas** on Monday nights. This is Dennis' second go at it. Jeannie (the Dance Nazi) failed him the first time. **Arlene** was so embarrassed. Dennis was heard saying that if he had a nicer teacher....
- **Joe Warner** had \$6 for each year he has been a member of GJ Rotary. Someday we hope he amounts to something as a member.
- **Dick Sweeney** was happy about his daughter's having been awarded a fellowship to **Oxford** to study English Literature. That's a good place to study it.
- **Lynn Lickers** had happy bucks that she gets to chase 15 year-old young men. Get your mind out of the gutter: it's in a game of Lacrosse.
- **Merritt Kinsey** went to Chicago to see his daughter who is starring in a stage production which she also wrote/produced. He embarrassed Grand Junction by participating in the **St. Patrick's Day Parade**, getting beads thrown from a float. We know what one does to earn beads in those parades. Shame, shame. Unlike cheap **Barbara Gottschalk**, Merritt remembered to bring the beads back to **The Chief**.

While you Slept continued

- **Dick & Helen Sweeney** came back from Phoenix with a nice golf gift for **The Chief**. Mr. Sweeney is always brown-nosing The Chief. That's why in a recent poll at my table, we voted Dick most unlikely to get fined, and most likely to be hated.
- **Jana Gerow** introduced the Club to our outbound, inbound and rebound **Rotary Youth Exchange Students**. The Youth Exchange Committee under Jana has just grown and grown in Grand Junction. If you would like to be involved in child trafficking, give Jana a call.
- **The Masquerade Committee** will meet April 1, at 11:15 am before our regular Rotary meeting at Two Rivers.



At Last Week's Meeting - Clockwise from left: Mr. Wonderful, Mike Kercheval, leads the club in song; The Goat gets yet another hat, this time from Merritt Kinsey, Jana Gerow gives an overview of the week's program on Rotary Exchange; and both inbound and outbound exchange students share a table before their presentation.

Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

Job Opportunity Available! Not that any one in Rotary needs a job, but there really is one available and it is an important position. The salary is unknown. Applications need to be made to **Dean Christian Unfug AKA "Chris"**. It's like this folks ... When **Dennis Pretti expires ...** whoops, don't get excited **Mike Blackburn**. What I mean is that when Dennis Pretti's term as Rotary Treasurer expires, this club will need a new treasurer, and President –Elect **Chris** wants to take applications. Only those members who resemble Dennis Pretti need apply. Those qualifications over and above financial capabilities for the club are honesty, brilliance, great personality and a willingness to handle delinquent members with kid gloves because we need all of them. As I review potential candidates the other quality that **Our Man Chris** prefers is a matching hair line, or should I say little or no hair. No rugs need apply. **Merritt Kinsey** looks like he might be perfect or **Mike Blackburn** ... oops ... he is busy putting people down under. Then there is **Fid Braffett** but I hear he is tired, or was that retired ... and lastly **Bob Johnson** but then he might have too much hair.

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Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson**

April 1 Fun April Fool's Day
Reed Mitchell

April 8 Colorado Tourism

April 15 Fair Tax

Other Dates

April 3 Past President's Meeting
11:Noon, Bookcliff CC

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

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