

What's So Fair about the Fair Tax – Tom Dodd

Tom and his wife Kelly live and love in Fruita. Fifteen years ago they started a home biased business publishing the twice-monthly little paper you see on many restaurant tables. Table Top Tickles and Bits are in four areas on the western slope and in syndication in Utah.

Tom left a 22-year career as an aviation insurance specialist and refers to himself as an escapee from Denver.

Tom was reluctant to give me a resume. He said that all the windmills he has fought and dragons he has slue are not as important as informing people about the Fair Tax.

Tom admits that he is no rocket scientist when it comes to economics. In fact he says that if he had been raised in Lake Woebegone, he would have been a below average student.

- Welcome Tom



While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- The Club honored the memory of **Marlayne Tucker-Turner**, who tragically died earlier in the morning of April 8th. Many tears were shed for our beloved member. Those Rotarians who had happy bucks for the memory of Marlayne were **Jeannie Thomas, Dennis Pretti, Tom Hunn** and **John Duffy**.
- Donia Moore** announced that the **membership committee** is meeting on April 15th at 11:00 AM., prior to our Rotary Meeting.
- Kirk Rider** reported on the success of the **Rotary Knowledge Bowl** team which competed at **GJ High School**. Kirk was proud to report that the Rotary team beat the Kiwanians head-to-head, 14-6, and finished higher than the Lions with 72 points as opposed to 62 points for the Lions. All of this was done with three members rather than four members, because one of our brain trust forgot to attend the affair. Special mention was made of **Merritt Kinsey** who was the Rotarian brain who failed to show. **Chief Dale** instructed this Scribe to make not of Merritt's transgression. The Scribe was quick to point out that Merritt has never been fined.
- Kevin McChesney**, who was another of our illustrious Knowledge Bowl team, had three happy bucks for the question about monkeys that he answered correctly. Somehow we weren't surprised that he knew the answer to the monkey question.
- King David Durham** had happy bucks for his granddaughter who turned 16. David recounted how he showed up at **Izzy's** school and sang "Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen" to her. Somehow, we think she might have been embarrassed, but David didn't say.
- Kate Jackson** announced the impending **Rotaract** benefit, which was held April 9, 2009 at **GJ Scores**. She expressed gratitude on behalf of Rotaract to all who helped with their first solo fundraising event.
- Barb Bowman** had happy bucks for the fact that the **GJ Symphony** was "out of this world" with its concert Tuesday night, last. One of the selections was "**The Planets**" by **Gustov Holst**. Of course, **Bob Denning**, who merely plays viola in the string section, took all of the praise for the Orchestra. What a ham.
- The aforementioned **Bob Denning** was recognized with a **PHF+1** for his gifts to the **Foundation**. Congratulations to him.
- Walt Smith** is in the hospital for a knee replacement. Keep him in your thoughts.
- Carol Skubic** had happy bucks for the fact that her youngest son joined the **Air Force** as an Airman First Class.
- Dennis Pretti** announced that June 3, the **Glenwood Rotary Club** would conduct our meeting, here at Two Rivers; then, on June 5, Friday, our club will travel to Glenwood to conduct the Rotary meeting for the Glenwood Club. Got it?

While You Slept continued

- Mari Garland** had eight happy bucks for her daughter who turned eight, and in honor of the disco birthday party that was about to happen after Rotary.
- Tom Hunn** was happy about his grandson who earned his First Class badge in Boy Scouts.
- Teresa Anson** announced to the Club that **Kate Jackson** is applying for a **Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship**. Kate will make a fine candidate. We wish her well!
- Gifts for the President** included an **Arizona University** hat from **Chris Unfug**; a Mexican Sombrero from **Dean Massey** and a **University of Colorado** hat from **Herb Bacon**. **Chief Dale** is now the "**Mad Hatter**."
- Are you a Double Sustaining Member?** See **Dee Brinegar** for details. You can become a **Paul Harris Fellow** for \$200.
- Next week's meeting on April 22nd** will be held at the **Masonic Lodge**.



AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING (From left to right): **David Durham** is accompanied by new member **Carmen Moyer** and her sponsor **Herb Bacon** to lead the club in song, **Bob Denning** walks off the podium after being honored with his **Paul Harris-plus-one pin** and **President Dale** is presented with a flag by **Tim Colwell** of **Williams Energy** from his club in **Tulsa, Oklahoma**.

Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

We all lost another extra special friend a week ago today, which by now you surely know. At a young 58, **Marlayne L. Turner** was a special joy at all times to all of us not only in Rotary but throughout this valley. She touched more lives than we will ever know and it was not with her pinky but her entire dedicated self. In her early Rotary years she simply stepped up to the plate and became the Care Committee, always making sure the club reached out with care and compassion to those who needed just that. That is just how she was until a surprise heart aneurysm after an evening of shopping sent her on a climb to Heaven. God must need her more with all the overload of work He has and He will be grateful for her never ending energy, humble outreach and continued Community Service. We all have Bob and family in our prayers as well as all those great folks at Coldwell Banker whose lives Marlayne touched ever time she simply walked though their door. Her shoes will be impossible to fill and we all mourn her departure. God Bless.



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Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson**

- April 22** **Mesa County Partners**
Joe Higgins
- April 29** **GJEP & Workforce Center**
- May 6** **Exchange to Ireland**
Angela Harness

Other Dates

- May 1** **Past President's Meeting**
Noon, Bookcliff CC
- May 13** **Rotary Exchange Committee**
11:15 Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

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