



**Mesa County
Partners
Joe Higgins**

Many young people get into trouble because they lack the experience coping with problems and pressures that exist in their lives at home, in school, and in the community. PARTNERS believes that a one to one relationship with a successfully coping adult can help a young person learn skills that will improve his/her adjustment to societal expectations. PARTNERS believes in holding youth accountable for their actions while supporting them and teaching them new skills. Our goal is to help young people become independent and productive members of society.

Partners is part of a national association that began in Denver in 1968. Initially PARTNERS focused solely on juvenile offenders. Today there are 10 PARTNERS affiliates throughout Colorado that works with a wide range of youth who are in need of friends, advocates, and positive role models in their lives. Mesa County PARTNERS was formed in August of 1977 when a group of business leaders, agency representatives, and private individuals met to discuss the rising crime rate among youth in Mesa County. This group decided to invite PARTNERS into Mesa County because other PARTNERS programs had successfully curbed crime among youths.

While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- **Jana Gerow** had happy bucks for the fact that we have such great facilities for the elderly, like **Larchwood**, where her mother was a resident.
- **Donia Moore** announced that there would be a **membership committee** meeting at 11:00, before Rotary, on April 22nd, at the **Masonic Lodge**.
- Which brings us to the reminder that this week, we will be meeting at the Masonic Lodge - **Dennis Pretti** has the secret handshake to get us in? We have a secret hand signal for Mr. Pretti, as well.
- **The King**, David Durham, is still grouching about his ill fated trip to Hawaii on Holland America ship lines. Words of advice: "King David, stay home."
- **Gay Hetland** gave \$10 happy bucks for her favorite jeweler: "Your Fiend in the Jewelry Business," **Tom Hunn**, who was celebrating a birthday.
- **Jim Rybak** gave happy bucks for the lesson the **Navy Seals** gave the pirates of the Indian Ocean.
- **Dennis Pretti** announced that the **Group Study Exchange Committee** will meet before Rotary on April 29th at 11:00 AM. If you are interested in exchanging prisoners, bring yours to that meeting.
- **Salvation Army** will have its "**Civic Celebration Dinner**" the same day, April 29, 2009, but **Major Parker**, who announced the Celebration, did not give us a time. We have to assume that it will be around 6:30 or 7 PM. Make plans to attend. **Randy Gradishar**, all pro linebacker for the **Denver Broncos**, will be the speaker.
- **The Chief, President Dale**, finally did the only right and appropriate thing: he fined all the club members who were in attendance who have not suffered a fine this year. Some of them have never been fined in their entire Rotary experience! It was a great example of shock and awe. We're proud of you, Mad Hatter!
- **The Group Study Exchange Committee** will meet April 29 at 11 am. Our club is hosting the Irish GSE team May 28-30, the final leg of the team's 5-week stay in District 5470. Hosts (Jack Connolly and Barb Salogga) should also plan to attend. Contact Dennis Pretti or Ed Hokanson if you are interested in assisting with the exchange.

New Member Proposed

The membership committee and the board of directors have approved a membership application for Terry Toner. Terry is a longtime resident of the Grand Valley and has been an active volunteer with the District 51 School system, Little League baseball, Volunteers to America, the National Ski Patrol and BMW Riders of Western Colorado. His sponsor is Jana Gerow.

Rotary Road Trip

The Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs Rotary Clubs are organizing a meeting exchange for June 3 and 5. On the 3rd, our Rotarian friends from Glenwood will be traveling down valley to present our program for the day. We will reciprocate on the 5th with a short drive up the I-70 corridor and a noon meeting at Rivers Restaurant and a program of our own. If you are interested in the trip to Glenwood Springs, please contact Dennis Pretti at 263-4473 or by email at pdpretti@bresnan.net.

Who's the Leader of the Club?



The ever cheerful and exuberant "Mr. Wonderful," Mike Kercheval leads the club in song before last week's meeting.

Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

If I Could Give You Anything

(For Marlayne, Karen, Dave, and Marge And those who have gone before us)

If I could give you anything
In this life we've lost
To love you for more moments
And disregard the cost

I would say I love you
Before you left each time
I would say I love you
An ignore each and every dime

More lap time upon your knee
Because it is you I adore
More looking into your eyes
Before we go to snore

To celebrate more moments
Though silly they may seem
Maybe it's just Mother's Day
Or maybe some other scheme

To laugh and love and tease you
As we go our way
In each and every moment
Of every single day

Maybe a walk in a shower
Of rain upon our heads
Sweet apple of my eye
And love on you in bed

I'd never leave you waiting
Late sometimes I am
In Heaven there's no time zone
For Marlayne, Dave, Karen and Ben

So if I could do it over
A better person I would be
The best that there is
Would be me.

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Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson**

April 29 **Property Assessment Update**
Barbara Brewer

May 6 **Exchange to Ireland**
Angela Harness

May 13 **Colorado National Monument**
Future of National Parks

Other Dates

May 1 **Past President's Meeting**
Noon, Bookcliff CC

May 13 **Rotary Exchange Committee**
11:15 Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

April 22, 2009