

Mesa County Assessments - *Barbara Brewer*

The program we are presenting is regarding the Reappraisal of all properties in Mesa County and how the process works and why. The time frame we are required by law to use for setting our values falls within a time when real property sales were very strong. In an effort to inform as many tax payers as possible about the process we hope to keep them from being caught off guard when they receive their Notice of Valuation on or shortly after May 1, 2009.

I was sworn in as County Assessor in January 2007. Prior to that I served as the Mesa County Public Trustee for 4 years and I was the Recording Division Director of the County Clerk's Office working there 21 years. I also have a Title Insurance background, having been in the title insurance business for a number of years before coming to work for Mesa County. I am privileged to live here in this wonderful part of the world and truly enjoy serving the Citizens of Mesa County.

My husband, Garry and I have been married 46 years and have 4 grown children and 10 grandchildren.



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While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

Did you enjoy last week's meeting at the **Masonic Lodge**? If so, you will be ecstatic to learn that we're meeting there again on May 6th. Yep, **Two Rios C.C.** is kicking us out again. We're wondering if **Pretti** paid the rent. The Masonic Lodge is nice, but the acoustics are not the best. Your reporter could not hear much of what was said. It didn't help that he was sitting next to motor-mouth, **Barb Bowman**. I don't recall that she has ever been fined.

The Chief, **President Dale**, began the meeting with a reminder that Rotary does not espouse any political or religious cause or belief.

- **Cary Eidsness** was happy that one of our exchange students who is staying with Cary's family has a lead in a play at GJHS. Congratulations, **Daniel**. Daniel was hawking tickets.
- The aforementioned **Barb** ["never been kissed or fined"] **Bowman** had happy bucks for **Jeannie Thomas** who is being recognized as an "Outstanding Woman" by the **Women's Foundation** at a dinner party in her honor. **Congratulations Jeannie!** We all wonder why it took them so long. We already knew she was outstanding, and have realized it for many years.
- **Barb** also had happy bucks for the fact that the City kicked us out of Two Rivers so they could promote tourism. Well, maybe it's o.k., Barb.
- **Merritt Kinsey**, a **GJ Rotary Club** representative to the **Knowledge Bowl**, paid money in anticipation of a well deserved fine, because the one with all the knowledge forgot to show up for the "Knowledge Bowl." Has **Merritt** ever been fined? We limped through another losing bowl game with **Kirk Rider** leading the pack and **Kevin McChesney** answering the "monkey" question.
- **Merritt** also had happy bucks because he visited some Rotary Clubs in the Carolinas and they wanted him to sell them **King 'n Trio** CD's -- poor bastards. They haven't heard music since **Earl Scruggs** died.
- The well traveled and world famous "**Trio**" is traveling to Iowa to play for the Rotary District Conference, next week, according to "King" **David Durham**. We wish them a safe and prosperous concert. Memo to David: make sure Merritt's alarm is set.
- The **King 'n Trio** will also appear with the **Centennial Band** to do a concert to benefit the "**Honor Flight**" which brings WWII vets to their memorial in Washington D.C. The concert will be May 21st at the **Avalon**. Make plans to attend.

- **Dr. Don Tyler**, the Bird Man of Rotary, had happy bucks that he escaped **Mike Blackburn's** clutches for another anniversary of his birth. Congratulations for your April birthday, Don. May you have many, many more—and may you say the eulogy for Mike.
- **Kate Jackson** and the **Rotaract Club** had thank you happy bucks to give for our support of their recent bowling fund raiser. They raised \$2100 and are making gifts to worthy causes. They also gave \$75 to **Roice Hurst** for the memory of **Marlayne**, who was instrumental in the formation of the Grand Junction Rotaract Club.
- **Geno – Gene Taylor**—had happy and sad bucks for a variety of reasons, including: the loss of his Golden Retriever, Duke; the fact that Gene is going to have to put down one of his horses; grandchildren who are graduating from Western State and GJHS, respectively; a grandson who is gainfully employed at **KREX** and loving it; and lastly his granddaughter's husband who is headed home from Iraq. Your reporter was writing like mad to hear everything, but with **Barb Bowman** on one's left, we don't know. I hope we got everything.
- **Denny Mayer** was absent last week because he was in Denver for some medical issues. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Jana Gerow** arranged the birthday celebration for April in fine style. She brought in a guest pirate—**Captain Jack Flash**. The Captain claims to be a "Pittsburg Pirate" and wore a cap to prove it. He awarded gifts of doubloons and eye patches to all the Rotarians having birthdays in April. **Admiral Dale Beede** received a pirate hat and an eye patch which placed over his one good eye. He's our leader.
- **The Rotary District Leadership Conference** will be held at **Two Rivers C.C.** on May 2nd. If you can't go, make plans to travel to Colorado Springs on May 16th. Take District Governor **Walid**, President Dale, President Elects **Warner** and **Unfug** with you.
- **The JUCO and Masquerade committees** will meet at 11:15 at the **Masonic Lodge** May 6.



April Fools?

Captain Jack and his able assistant Jana Gerow had eye patches for of our Rotarians celebrating an April birthday. Included among the celebrants was President Dale. With the eye patches they all were on equal footing, with the blind leading the blind.

Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

In every organization there is a quiet force that always comes to the rescue no matter the cause. This giant among Rotarians is small but mighty. However, they say people resemble their dogs and I am baffled by this one. I had a small reason to visit their home where an adopted and ever so beautiful retired racing Greyhound resides. The shiny, bright and gorgeous, but ever so shy greyhound lives with its buddy, a short and slightly chubby Corgie who plays companion to Miss Long and Lean. Now I don't know which goes with which? -- The Corgie and **Kathy Herzog** or Miss Long and Lean Greyhound and **Kathy Herzog**. Kathy, our powerful Past Grand Junction Rotary President, is probably our longest tenured (can't say oldest here) lady member, having joined in 1988. **Herb Bacon** brings in the best members regardless of their dog affiliations. I must admit, however, that Ms. Kathy has beautiful pets and is a fantastic pet owner, let alone the fact that she is also a great Rotarian. We all love those who adopt. It is a good thing.

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Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson**

- 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.

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