

Cruising America's Great Loop aka: Fid & Deb's Excellent Adventure

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a really great trip. For eighteen months, from April, 2007 to November, 2008, Fid Braffett and his wife Deb circumvented the eastern one-third of the United States by boat. The waterway excursion took them from Stuart, Florida up the eastern seaboard, through the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays, up the Hudson River, through the Erie Canal, several of the Great Lakes, down through the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers, into the Gulf of Mexico then finally across Florida and back to Stuart, Florida.

Through that year-and-a-half the couple had many adventures, took in many sights and believe it or not, happened upon other Grand Junction residents along the way.

Welcome Fid



While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

Announcements:

- The **Rotary Group Study Exchange from Ireland** will be at the meeting on May 27th. If you are interested in dining with the Irish on May 28th, please call **Ed Hokanson**.
- The **Glenwood Rotary Club** will be attending our meeting on June 3rd. On June 5th, those of us Rotarians, who can, will travel to the Glenwood Springs Rotary Club, whose meeting is also at noon.
- **Walid** announced that the Glenwood Club is doing a fundraiser and will be hosting golf tournaments at **Aspen Glen** and **Cedaredge**. He has the information. Green fees are \$185 and \$65, respectively. Call Walid for more details.
- **Dave Harman's** memorial service will be at his house, 572 -28 Rd, Saturday, May 9, at 1:00 PM. Unfortunately, this paper will probably not get published in time.
- We are beginning work on the **2009-2010 Rotary Club Directory**; please review the current directory for changes, additions or corrections. Please get them in readable written form to **Vicki** or **Leslie** by May 31, 2009. Changes can be emailed to GJRotaryDirectory@bresnan.net.
- **Masquerade 2009** will be held at the **Double Tree Hotel** on Friday, October 30, 2009. Tickets are just \$90, and we will have tables for everyone. Great room packages are available, and we will have cash prizes for best costumes. **Rotaract** is partnering with our club for the second year to host this event.
- We are looking for a title sponsor for **Masquerade**, this year. The title sponsor's name will appear with **Masquerade** in all advertising. Title sponsor will be a \$10,000 level, and there is only one. The 2009 Event will be known as "The _____ Masquerade." Your business' name will go in the blank. Call **Kevin McChesney** for more details.
- **Mike McCormick** is looking for youngsters to serve as bat boys and bat girls at **JUCO**. Contact **Chris West** or **Mike** with nominations.

Happy Bucks:

- **District Governor Walid Bou-Matar** had happy bucks that his son obtained a cochlear implant and he will be able to hear for the first time on Friday.
- **Kevin McChesney** had happy bucks that his daughter graduated cum laude from **Ft. Lewis** with a degree in International Business.
- **Chris Unfug** is happy that his son graduated from **Fruita Monument** and is headed to **Mesa State**.
- Speaking of **Fruita Monument**, they had a raffle to help the sports teams. Ask **Kirk Rider** what he won in that raffle. We swore we wouldn't tell, so we won't. We can't remember the last time **Kirk** was fined. Kirk had happy bucks that guest **John Groves**, a rep from the **Masonic Lodge**, was wearing a coat and tie.

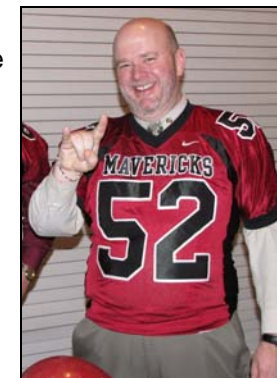
- **Scott Holzschuh** (whose name sends our Spell Check into spasms) had happy bucks that his daughter who is a student at C.S.U. passed an important licensing test for interior design.
- **Merritt Kinsey** had happy bucks that the **Trio** is going to Albuquerque to play at the **New Mexico District Conference**. He had sad bucks that **David (the King) Durham** was going to meet them there.
- **Jeanie Thomas** had \$25 as happy bucks for the fact that Rotary is so nice. She also had compliments for the **King 'N Trio**. She said she had been to Denver and got to go have tea with a pianist she admires, **Ralph Sharon**. She brought a tea cup/saucer back to President Dale and showed him how to hold his left pinky when sipping. We showed him our fingers as well.
- **Kim Giannone** had sad bucks for the passing of a dear uncle. She had happy bucks that her dog showed well in the last kennel show.
- **Liz Hochevar** had happy bucks for an announcement of exciting things going on at the Botanical Gardens.
- **Barb Bowman** had happy bucks that **Two Rivers** was able to host a convention, and thanked the Club for moving to the **Masonic Lodge** to make that happen. She also had happy bucks that the **Monument** is receiving federal money to help improve the trail system.
- **Walt Smith** was happy his knee is working after recent surgery, and that his trio is playing jazz on **Main Street** on Sunday between 2 and 4.
- **Dennis Morris** has a son in China, and Dennis had happy bucks that his son was not quarantined like some other American tourists.

Gifts for the President

- **Ed Hokanson** had Stars & Stripe hat from his trip to Washington D.C., which he gave to the **Mad Hatter**. He also had a golf hat from Palm Desert.
- **Kevin McChesney** had been to Durango for his daughter's graduation and brought back a mortar board hat and gown for the **Hatter**.
- **Herb Bacon** who is always taking exotic trips to South America, the North Pole, the jungles of Viet Nam, Africa and Timbuktu, got tame and went to Italy. He brought back an Italian Ship Captain's hat for the **Hatter**.
- **Denny Mayer**, who is never fined, had nothing for the **Hatter**, but announced that the **Colorado National Monument** is having an open house on May 11th.

Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

I learned something new last week. I was sitting with **Kevin McChesney** after our Masquerade meeting and just chit chatting. He gave me his business card and I was amazed to learn not only is he the **Sales Manger** for KREX TV but his card also says KREY 10, KREG 3, KGJT 27, and KFQX 4. Did you know about all those other stations? Some days I think I live in the dark ages and then **Voila** -- Something new pops up that is exciting. Need to obviously watch more TV. My new favorite show, which happens to be on one of their stations, is **Flash Point** on Friday nights. The show is exciting because I can never premeditate the ending, which is my definition of a good show. Kevin is so kind to always step up to the plate for Rotary and is just the nicest young man. I think he is Santa Clause in disguise for all that he does for Rotary and others. I can't wait to see their new building which seems to be climbing every day. I bet he cannot wait either. Thanks Kevin, for all that you do for Rotary and this community. We need you!



Kevin McChesney

Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson**

May 20 **JUCO**
Jamie Hamilton

June 3 **American Cancer Society**

Other Dates

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

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