

## 2009 Alpine Bank JUCO World Series – Jamie Hamilton

TODAY'S PROGRAM

This weekend marks the beginning of the 52nd Annual Alpine Bank JUCO World Series at Suplizio Field here in Grand Junction.

A total of ten of the best Junior College baseball teams have or will qualify for this prestigious tournament. These teams will travel here from all parts of the country to compete for the right to call themselves World Series Champions.

The quality of play has never disappointed the fans and many major league players have appeared in past JUCO World Series including stars like Kirby Puckett and Kal Daniels.

Atlanta Brave superstar Dale Murphy will give the keynote address at the JUCO Banquet to open the week of events on Friday night.

JUCO Chairman Janie Hamilton is here today to give us a rundown of this year's tournament and its surrounding events. Jamie served 16 years as director of tournament play for JUCO prior to taking over as chairman two years ago.



### While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- We always hoped we would look better at 85 than **Mike Kercheval**. Some of us would like to live that long. Some of us would prefer to die early than to look like Mike. "Mr. Wonderful" celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> with us and had \$200 happy bucks for the **Rotary Foundation** in honor of the event. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Mikey as he led us in his song. The ham is suspected of starting the Swine Flu.
- Max Krey** was not finished with **Jeanie Thomas**. He penned lyrics to "Thanks for the Memories" which expressed the Club's feelings for our favorite musician: Jeanie (not David).
- Our favorite Exchange Student, **Daniel**, needs a ride to Denver to catch a plane on or about the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July. If you can do so, please help Daniel to DIA for a plane trip home.
- We were invaded by the **Kiwanis club of Grand Junction**. They were holding our banner and demanding a ransom. **Steve Thompson**, who is the twin brother of our **Terri Smatla**, but 30 years older (it was a long delivery), wanted us to recite the Kiwanis' motto: "**Kiwanis is a bunch of thugs who stuff pancakes into the throats of every decent American until they puke...or something like that.**" After passing a hat for the Search and Rescue team which raised \$375, the bottom feeders released our banner. Many of us did not know we had a banner, until today.
- Gary Nagy** wants to remind us that we will have the opportunity to "**Give the Gift of Life**" again on **July 15<sup>th</sup>** before Rotary---or if we have another boring speaker like **Fid**, we can choose to give blood and have a root canal at the same time.
- The King 'N Trio** is going to appear with the **Centennial Band** at the **Avalon** on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The concert is free, but it is hoped you will give a donation to fly **WWII vets** to Washington D.C. to see the new **WWII memorial**. WWII vets are dying at more than 1000 per day. Let's do all we can to give them this opportunity. Give a check, even if you can't go hear the KNT play.
- Check the current directory. If you divorced the spouse you had last year and remarried a 20 year old honey, you need to update the directory, and see your doctor. All changes to the directory should be made before May 31<sup>st</sup>, when it will go to press.
- The microphones at Rotary were on the blink again. **Laurie Kadrach**, who is in charge of such things, was not fined, again. We are wondering what one has to do to get fined in this club. **Joe Cool Warner** will not be so lenient. We love it when a man is tough with us.
- Chris "Cry Baby" Unfug** was unhappy that he slurred his announcement last week so that we understood his son graduated from Fruita Monument. When he sobered up, Chris realized that his son graduated from **GJHS**, and not FMHS. He then had the audacity to blame the **Spokesman** for erring in this respect. For the **Spokesman**, we apologize to all Rotarians for Chris, though he was sponsored in a weak moment by **Roger Hagerty**.

### While You Slept Continued

- Gary Nagy** announced that **Tyler Riehl** got engaged and is getting married to a woman. We all rejoiced. We were worried about that boy.
- Terry Toner** is moving his business to **Wells Fargo**, hoping for a bail out. Good thinking.
- Lynn Lickers** is happy her niece graduated from FMHS (not GJHS). We are waiting to hear the real story when Lynn sobers up.
- Assistant Governor Bob Delevan** gave \$20 happy bucks for the fact that we have a "great club." "But," he said, "It is not as great as the Horizon Club." Bobby is going in for group therapy next week. **Chris Unfug** will be there as well.
- Liz Hochevar** is still reminding us to keep the **Botanical Gardens** in our thoughts. She has tickets to their wing-ding for the **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> of June**. Let's try to support this great amenity to Grand Junction.
- Andy Ferguson** had happy bucks for his grandson who graduated from the **Colorado School of Mines** and received a job from **Boeing**. "He's set." Andy said.
- Denny Mayer**, President of the Past Presidents--had a happy buck for the fact that his granddaughter graduated with honors "magna cum laude" from Mesa State. We're glad she received JoAnne's genes.

### Gifts for the President:

- Roy Blythe** went to Vermont and brought back maple syrup for the **Chief**.
- Bob Czarnecki** went on a three week cruise to who knows where and came back with a pen from the **Four Seasons in Vancouver** and a hat from **Aruba** and cigars from Cuba through Nicaragua. **The Czar** is a pusher. Cheap drugs are available at a Rotary discount.
- Dee Brinegar** went to New Mexico to find his long lost Air Force buddy, and brought back a lousy "Three Piece Chicken Dinner" -- which turned out to be 3 kernels of corn -- Corn head!
- Tracy Miller** thinks **President Dale** reminds her of Disney's "**Goofy**". We can't argue. She brought back a Goofy pin/key chain, or something, for the Chief.
- Terry Toner** also brought back a hat from Aruba for the **Chief**.

### Terrible News:

- Late breaking news:** In a real shock to the Club, **President Dale** announced that his gavel was misplaced by him. The Club is searching diligently for the hammer. We know that President Dale is getting forgetful. We hope that he remembers where he placed it.

### Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Well, last week we had an important member **MIA**. That would of course mean Missing In Action, but **Major Alfred Parker** was absent and we hope that he was "missing" Rotary action for a very good reason. **The Salvation Army** staff had a nice luncheon out, according to my source, to celebrate his birthday. How sweet was that! Not only is the Major the Administrator for The Salvation Army he is also a Pastor, which I would think is the case with all administrators for The Army. What a sweet and gentle soul he is, and that is probably the reason our own special Helen Hansen made sure he became a member in December 2004. Thank you, Helen. **Bob Johnson** is chairing the **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** again this year, which is always a heart warming time even though you are freezing your tush and a few other body parts. The food and the fellowship afterwards make up for the winter weather. So, if you have not signed up, now is the time to think ahead about ringing the great **Red Bell**. Belated **Happy Birthday**, Al.

May 20, 2009

***Upcoming Dates***

**Meeting Programs  
Claudia Crowell  
Program Committee Chairperson**

**May 27            GSE Group from Ireland**

**June 3            Glenwood Springs Rotary Club**

**Other Dates**

**June 5            Past President's Meeting  
Noon, Bookcliff Country Club**

**June 10          Rotary Exchange Committee  
11:15 Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.**