

Rotary Cultural Ambassador – *Michael Hammond-Todd*

TODAY'S PROGRAM

In 2008 Michael Hammond-Todd lived in Costa Rica as an International Rotary Scholar for three months. In addition to intensively working on his Spanish proficiency, Michael volunteered with local youth wanting to learn English. Today he will be presenting some of their stories and other experiences during the program this afternoon. Michael will also be announcing a new direction in my profession that is directly linked with my experiences with Rotary International here and in Costa Rica.

Currently, Michael is an ESL teacher at Nisley Elementary School where he provides educational services to approximately 32 kindergarten through fifth grade students. While he has students from non-Spanish speaking countries, the majority of his students come from Mexico.



*Michael Hammond-Todd
with his daughter
Huckleberry Sage*

While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- We were all amazed (see **Jan Pomrenke's** column elsewhere in the **Spokesman**) when **Grand Junction City Manager, Laurie Kadrach**, delivered an invocation on a moment's notice. We surmise that she probably picked up a few pointers about public prayers in City Council meetings.
- Jeanie Thomas** was playing the intro to the "Eyes of Texas," when **David Durham** wanted to sing "I've Been Working on the Railroad."
- The Employee Association for the City of Grand Junction** announced its "**Christmas in July**" fundraiser for June 19th (or if you live in Texas "June Teenth"). See Jan Pomrenke's column for details.
- FBI Agent, **Jane Quimby**, gave a report on **President Dale's missing gavel**. After blowing smoke about what a priority finding the gavel is, Jane sadly reported that she doesn't know where the Chief mislaid it.
- Teresa Anson** had happy bucks for all the events she has attended recently having to do with Rotary: the JUCO picnic; the GSE Potluck; the RYE Potluck; and getting to party with the GSE team from Ireland.
- Jana Gerow** was happy for the RYE Potluck and **Jan Pomrenke's** house, and for the fact that Trish from Glenwood was in our company.
- Barb Salogga** was happy the GSE Team made it back to Ireland safely, after a passenger on the plane they were on had a seizure and the medics from the Team were able to keep him alive.
- Terry Toner** was happy that his nephew won his Ultimate Fighting battle with the world champion.
- Dennis Pretti** acknowledged the work that **Ed Hokanson** did in hosting the GSE Team.
- Liz Hochevar** gave \$100 happy bucks to announce the celebration of the Botanic Gardens.
- Jane Quimby** acknowledged the assistance of Gay Hetland, Dean Massey, Norm Franke, Glen Mills, Kirk Rider and Thomas Hunn for doing something that helped Jane. She didn't say what it was.
- Denny Mayer** had happy bucks that members from the **Glenwood Rotary** were present.
- Fid Braffett** was happy that he sold his boat and he didn't lose as much on it as his 401K.
- Jeanie Thomas** was happy that she's going to be playing piano for the silent movie on the 19th.
- Barb Bowman** and **Major Alfred Parker** were made Paul Harris Fellows by an anonymous donor: a well deserved honor for both.

- Gary Nagy** announced that **Tyler Riehl** had recent shoulder surgery.
- District Governor Walid Bou-Matar** thanked the Club for its support of him during his year as DG. He also presented to the Club the President's Citation.
- Nancy Hill** was **inducted as a new member**. Nancy is a Vice President and manager of **Bello Credit Union** in Grand Junction and Meeker. Nancy is eager to get involved. Please get around and introduce yourselves to her.
- The sergeant-at-arms is requesting** that Rotarians have the correct change for the pot, for guest lunches, and fines or happy bucks. We do not have a banking license. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Last Call to Get it Right!

This is the last call for changes, additions, and or corrections in the Rotary directory. If your zip code has changed, your marital status, your e-mail, your classification, your favorite color or business changes, now is the time to respond.

At Last week's meeting: Barb Bowman and Alfred Parker are presented with Paul Harris Fellowships through an anonymous donor; District Governor Walid Bou-Matar presents a citation to President Dale and new member Nancy Hill introduces herself after being inducted into the club.



Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

JUCO is over but people continue to step up to the plate, especially in Grand Junction Rotary and the **City of Grand Junction**. Last week we witnessed the superior qualities of our own City Manager **Laurie Kadrach** when our dear Dick Sweeney was MIA for the weekly blessing. Prez Dale made the briefest plea and wa la, there **Lauri** was front and center before you could blink an eye. She gave the most fantastic blessing as natural as they come with every important element that a perfect blessing contains. She was great, and equally good was the **Grand Junction Parks and Recreation** presentation she gave for June 19th program at the **Avalon** to help raise funds for **Christmas In July**. The fundraiser is a presentation of the silent film, **The Great K & A Train Robbery** with our own **Jeannie Thomas at the Wheel.....oops.....I mean the piano!** Gotta Go, and tickets are only \$6.00 for the movie, or if you want to do the whole shebang, you can tour the Avalon with **Dave Fishell** and be clued in on the secrets of that grand old building for only \$15.00.* I am really dying to know about the **Petticoats and Pistols Gang!** **Wow.....sounds fun.....let's go!** (*VIP's at 6:00 p.m.)

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Upcoming Dates

**Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson**

June 17 Business Incubator

**June 24 The Final Chippendale
Performance**

Other Dates

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

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