

## The Business Incubator Center – Chris Reddin

It takes a lot to start a business, and sometimes even more to help that business grow. The Business Incubator Center serves a mission to address this need. From funding through the Business Loan Fund to hourly rentals in the commercial kitchen, we are poised to make a daunting endeavor surmountable.

We here in the Grand Valley are a community that prides itself on its independence and ability to create our own prosperity. In these times of economic uncertainty, it is critical that we seize upon the opportunities at hand and do all we can to grow our own businesses. This is exactly what we do at the Business Incubator Center.

Today, Chris Reddin the Executive Director will present on tools and resources available at the Business Incubator Center.



Chris Reddin

### While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- **Max Krey** provided a miner's hat for the **Chief, President Dale**. The light on the front failed to illuminate the dark matter in the Chief's mind.
- The club acted in horror when the Chief announced that **Mike "the Knife" Burke** will return as our acting President next week. The Knife can't undo in one meeting what he did to our club during 52 weeks of his reign. There is no redemption. His recent reign is remembered as one where there were: fines for no reason; unintelligible mutterings: jokes that we have heard; and water-boarding torture for non-combatants.
- New Rotarian, **Nancy Hill**, purchased a **King 'n Trio** CD, but wisely asked for one that hadn't been stuffed in the King's pants. She's going to make a great Rotarian.
- **Jeanie Thomas** played a perfectly fine intro to "**Rotary Smiles**" but the **King** took exception. Luckily, the club ignored the King's tin ear, and kept singing. You go girl.
- **Dean Massey** was fined \$549.37 in absentia for his publicity without mentioning Rotary and not wearing a Rotary pin in a recent article in the **Free Press**. Some things are not "free," Dean.
- **Michel Hammond-Todd** challenged the club to go for a **Rotary Foundation Matching Grant** by teaming up with the Rotary Club in **Cartegena, Costa Rica**, to provide clean drinking water for a village, **Gavillian Canta**, in the heart of Costa Rica. The Cartegena club has raised \$15,000 of the \$30,000 required by the project. This project is made for the Matching Grant program. By our calculation, we could donate as little as \$3,000 and the Foundation would match both clubs' donations to a total of \$18,000. Such is the magic of the Foundation.
- Speaking of the Rotary Foundation, **Dee Brinegar** announced that you can earn a **Paul Harris Fellow** for only \$200...\$800 off the regular price. Call Dee for details. Call early before he starts drinking.
- **Gwen DeCino** had happy bucks that she went camping in Ridgway with **Marcel Theberge**. He said to tell the few of us who remember him, "Hi." As for the camping trip, we're not speculating beyond that.
- **Correction: Tyler Riehl** didn't fall off **Gary Nagy's** motorcycle. He actually hurt his shoulder when Gary stumbled over it while leaving the **Blue Moon**. Tyler had happy bucks for the fact that we have a great medical team in Grand Junction, and for the fact that he is one of the fortunate...the insured.
- **David Durham** had happy bucks that the **King 'n Trio** is playing a benefit concert for the **Red Cross** at the **Grand River Winery** in Palisade. Bring a chair, some ear plugs, and a picnic basket and have a great time. The date is June 20<sup>th</sup>. Gates open at 6:30 pm. Start drinking wine early, and by 7:30, when the band starts, you won't care.
- **Barb Gottschalk** had happy bucks that a JUCO baseball player who we have all forgotten was drafted 110<sup>th</sup> by a team we don't care about.

- **Jana Gerow**, who is easily entertained, had happy bucks that she got to attend the Rotary meeting in Glenwood, last week.
- **President-Elect Joe Warner**, who will make the best president ever, had happy bucks that dittoed Jana's comments. **Dennis Pretti** spoke at the **Glenwood Rotary** meeting so we almost got back at them for their program here.
- **John Duffy** actually had something to say about something at Rotary. We were sitting next to **Reed Mitchell** and could not hear John over Reed's incessant talking. We don't remember the last time Reed was fined. It's a travesty and an injustice. We're sorry, John.
- **Ed Hokanson** had happy bucks that two of his grandchildren are visiting and that he will see the other nine in a month. We're happy Ed is on the wagon for this time period.
- **Steve ErkenBrack** is happy that the **Whitehouse** has declared **The New Yorker Magazine** article about **McAllen, Texas'** healthcare, as contrasted to **Grand Junction's**, mandatory reading for staffers. We're happy that the contrast was favorable, but after all, it was Texas...what did you expect? Not mentioned by Steve was the fact that **The Spokesman** uncovered his plan for Steve to spend thirty days in Italy this month...studying the effects of single payer healthcare?
- **Barb Bowman** had happy bucks and thanks to the anonymous donor who gave money so that she could become a **Paul Harris Fellow**. Memo to the donor: Get Barb to fix the microphones at Dos Rios Convention Center.
- **Jack Connolly** had happy bucks for the fact that he got to have dinner in San Francisco with the children of the late Rotarian, **Brian Brannon**.
- **Kirk Rider** pledged \$200 for the Riverfront concerts. You're the man, Kirk!
- **Steve Martin**, who owns **Motorcycle Accessories**, and who has been a frequent visitor to Rotary, was inducted as a new member. His sponsor was Tommy. We like Steve.
- **Paul Harris Fellows** were awarded to the following people, many of whom are multiple PHF's: **Mark Dyer, Bob Ladenburger, Lou Ludington, Gary Nagy, Kevin McChesney, Carol Skubic, Dick Sweeney and Tyler Riehl**. Congratulations to all of them.
- Keep **Denny Mayer** in your thoughts. He's going through a rough time.

### New Member Nomination:

The Board of Directors unanimously approved Chris Reddin for membership. Chris is Executive Director of the Grand Junction Business Incubator, a board member and founder of Capstone and a member of several state business related committees. Chris is sponsored by Laurie Kadrich. Please contact Laurie if you have need of any additional information.

### Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Early on, several years ago in my "**Rotary Fun Facts**" career I wrote a fun piece about **Dr. Dennis M. Mayer**. Don't tell his wife that I say he is fun and a cutie. I hear he is not feeling well and that is a bummer. He is a true gem and we miss him on the podium being the **Rotary Choir Director**. He's the one who really feels the rhythm ...ba boom, ba boom, ba boom boom boom. The story I wrote about him back then, if I recall correctly (can't find where I filed it on my PC because that was on the computer before this one and I did not keep my stuff. Who would ever have thought that I might need my old "stuff, much less my old Rotary stuff)? Anyway it seems that Denny was on a college ice hockey team. It was the season grand opening game, the music was playing, the fans were screaming and the announcer was introducing each team. When it came Dr. Denny's turn he skated with great speed onto the rink, did the ice hockey stop that sprays ice for 20 feet, and guess what? He fell flat on his face! The crowd roared and Dr. Denny got up and acted as though he meant to do just that, and then he bowed. Well, Big Guy, **we bow to you** and wish you well and hope we see you again very soon. Hugs from all of us in Grand Junction Rotary. Get well soon!

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***Upcoming Dates***

**Meeting Programs  
Claudia Crowell  
Program Committee Chairperson**

**June 24      The Final Chippendale  
Performance**

**July 1        Inauguration of President  
Joe Warner**

**Other Dates**

**July 8        Rotary Exchange Committee  
11:15 Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.**

**July 10      Past President's Meeting  
Noon, Bookcliff Country Club**

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