

## The Final ChippenDale Performance

TODAY'S PROGRAM

It's been a long year of the Good, the Bad and the Ugly ("You know who you are") and after today that haunting melody will be a distant echo in the nightmares of many a Rotarian for years to come. Rumor has it that the infamous theme from Clint's movie will now serve as the starting bell for future Past President's meetings.

Through this year we've seen of all kinds of headpieces, a misplaced gavel and Rotary Bell, and a variety of Cow, Moose and other "Chips" being given to, or slung by the president. If nothing else, through all this we all learned one important credo -- Whatever you do, make sure you don't get "under" his goat.

So today, get your dollar bills ready to tuck into strategic places and sit back and enjoy the final performance of the Grand Junction Rotary's own private ChippenDale dancer – President Dale Beede.



Chief ChippenDale

### While You Slept

*(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)*

*By Dennis Baker*

- "The best laid plans of mice and men"....can be ruined by a webmaster who does not read what he sends out. **Supreme Ruler, Mike the Knife Burke**, asked your reporter to come up with something devious for our Rotary meeting last week. I had planned a Hawaiian luau theme, and act like the Club had been notified. We only intended to notify 15 or 20 people about the theme and that they were to wear lei, a Hawaiian shirt, or a grass skirt or all of the above. Those not wearing appropriate attire would be fined. I sent a private email to **Mike Schaack** concerning the dress, and Schaack published it as an email to the entire Club. The joke was on us. Schaack has since apologized to us. Schaack is in Chicago, and out of our jurisdiction. When he gets back, we're going to recommend him for a large fine. He told us that he does not intend to come back.
- This is the last week of **Dale's** presidency. He claims to be too young to join the **Past Presidents**, but PP's let the kid, **Mikey Burke**, in, so that can't be true (Mikey was actually allowed in on a special exemption for the mentally challenged.). Welcome to the PP's, Dale. Now you can gripe about things, but cannot affect those things. You buy the drinks, next meeting.
- Speaking of the "**Supreme Ruler**" he had his lovely wife, **Dee Burke**, at the meeting. They've been married 19 years, so she was 12 when they were married. Mike was 32.
- **Travis Robinson** was present as a guest, rather than as a Rotarian. If you haven't heard, he and his lovely wife are moving to Laramie so that Travis can go to law school. **The Knife** fined him for the fact that he was leaving and taking his wife, and for the fact that there are too many lawyers. The rest of us were surprised that Wyoming has laws to study (must be sheep law).
- **Gary Nagy** and **Jess James** were fined for not getting the Hawaiian theme message. **Schaack** was foiled for once—they don't look at his emails. Ha. Ha.
- We who were dressed appropriately were fined for no reason. We looked really good. Now we remember why we over-threw the **Burke** regime.
- **Chuck and Jeanie** played Hawaiian music to set the mood. New Rotarian, **Steve Martin**, led singing and was forced to purchase a **KNT** album. It's tough to recruit new Rotarians.
- **Jan Pomrenke** showed us her Hawaiian underwear as she lei'd **Mikey Burke** in front of Dee, and caused a bubble revolution to erupt into pandemonium during another-wise conservative **Rotary Club**. We were all embarrassed, as we often are, by Jan's brazen actions.
- **Teresa Anson** was happy that she got to go the **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) conference in Glenwood and meet such outstanding young men and women.
- Old man, **Mark Dyer**, is a grandfather again. He is happy he has a new granddaughter, his second.
- **Kevin McChesney** was happy that **Denny Mayer** was present at Rotary. Welcome back, dear friend.
- **Steve Martin** was happy to be a new Rotarian, until he witnessed the **Burke** debacle last week.

- **Cindy Stanfield** booked a trip through her favorite travel agency to Belize with her main squeeze. Her husband, **Jay**, also went to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Congratulations, Cindy. You must have been 12, as well.
- **Roy Blythe**, whose picture dominated the **Business Times** two weeks ago (no mention of Rotary and no Rotary pin on his lapel), was \$100 happy that he was named "Architect of the Year for Western Colorado." Congratulations, Roy, and you got off lightly.
- **Steve Gunderson** was a bachelor last week. His wife, **Marge**, is a participant in the **Ride the Rockies** bike tour. He was happy she was on "the road" and not taking him over the **Monument** on his bicycle for training. Whew!
- **Carmen Moyer** was happy that the **St. Mary's Foundation** awarded the "Physician of the Year Award" to our own **Dr. Lynn "Jess" James**. Congratulations for a well deserved award Jess!
- **Claudia Crowell** and **Jack Connolly** have a strange perspective on sports—they're Penguins fans. We don't remember a Colorado team by that name.
- **Travis Robinson** will be in law school, and too busy to join Rotary in Laramie, but he will miss this club. We will miss his wife.
- **Lynn Lickers** was happy that she survived a tornado at the **Colorado Rockies** game she attended. It goes to show what we all knew: Lynn is a jinx, and should not be trusted to leave Grand Junction.
- **Dennis Pretti** was happy that **Dee Brinegar** has done such a great job in getting the Club to endorse the idea that everyone should be a **Paul Harris Fellow**. Take advantage of the new Club offer to become a PHF for \$200. Dee says this offer ends on June 30, 2009.
- On June 27th the Club will meet at **Vicki Canaday's** house at 627 Grand to help with repairs to the century old house. She is getting ready to sell it. If you can help, call **Gary Nagy** or **Tyler Riehl** and let one of them know. Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you can't attend and help, then give a donation to help defray the cost. **Vicki does so much for us, it's time we give back to Vicki.**
- **Jan Pomrenke** had \$5 happy bucks if her unmentionables were returned promptly. **Bill Sisson** was seen wearing them.
- Many were awarded the PHF for recent donations. I'm sure there is a picture of the new PHF recipients somewhere, but I got so long winded there wasn't room for any photos.
- **Glenn Mills**, our second favorite broadcaster, held an auction for **George Jones** tickets. George, you will remember was the "man" for whom one woman "stood by" in a famous song. George's tickets were donated by **Kevin the generous McChesney**. The proceeds of \$125 that were paid for George's tickets by **Jana Gerow**, were donated to the fund to help **Vicki**.
- **Scott Holzschuh** had 20 happy bucks for his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday last week. "Is it the Truth?"
- Lastly, we had a glimpse of the **Pink Panther** who brought by the **Chief's** gavel. It seems the gavel has just returned from Hawaii. It was wearing sunglasses and looking a little tan.

### Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

I would like to expand the direction that this column serves and I need Rotarians' help. You know we now have a void with the absence of Marlayne Turner. She was so wonderful to get a card around for signatures when **Get Well Wishes**, **Sympathies** or **Congratulations** needed to be expressed. With your help, I would like to use this space to continue to do this. Please email me any details at [BlubirdBen@aol.com](mailto:BlubirdBen@aol.com).

After all this time you probably wonder about my email address. If I tell you maybe you'll remember that email address for me. My dad's name was Ben. His hobby was, and my hobby still is, Bluebird trails and Bluebird houses. But why no "e" in my email address? Years ago when got my screen name there was only a certain number of digits allowed, so I had to drop something. When I worked for the telephone company writing service orders for businesses or home phone set up, blue was spelled on the service order "blu." So there you have it! Now you will remember that my dad's nickname was Blubird Benny. The point being, please provide me the info about any Rotarian need of support, congratulations or any other greeting and I will take care of it. E-mail me or just call me at 242-5794.

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***Upcoming Dates***

Meeting Programs  
Claudia Crowell  
Program Committee Chairperson

**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

**June 24, 2009**