

MBA Program at Mesa State – Dr. Morgan Bridge



Dr. Morgan Bridge is the director the Business Dept and the Master's in Business Administration (MBA) Program, as well as co-director of the Entrepreneurial Business Institute on campus. The EB I includes the MBA program and research assistance for local businesses. She earned her PhD at the University of Wyoming.

The MBA program celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. Dr. Bridge has been instrumental in improving the program from the start. MBA program has improved the college's attraction for businesses and for people looking to improve their business knowledge. It's partly designed for people who had no formal business training in their undergraduate programs. It is a good match for people who want to own and run their own business, or manage a business. They take 12 courses, studying management, marketing, accounting, and finance.

While You Slept

(Copious Notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- **President Joe Cool** (herein "JC") **Warner** lost his cool, when he realized he was eating down front alone. It's lonely at the top. Face it, JC, we took a vote. No one really likes you. JC took the opportunity to fine everyone a buck for not sitting with him. Looks like **Rotary** just got more expensive, this year.
- Still looking for his lost cool, **JC** forgot the forgettable: **King David Durham**. David was crushed. He was supposed to lead singing, but JC was already reciting the 4-Way Test. David finally took the podium by overthrowing JC and led us in a rousing rendition of a corny song about an "Elephant's Eye." We were thrilled when David showed us his genuine banjo capo (or "banjo cheater") once used by the **Kingston Trio**. No one at our table recognized the name that group. Must be David's generation.
- **Carmen Moyer** had happy bucks for the sizzling hot **Jess James** and his pin up photo shot. There's more to come about that later.
- **The Czar, Bob Czarnecki**, who never loses his cool, had happy bucks for a fishing trip to Alaska and that fact that his kitchen remodel is done. Now they go out for dinner more often.
- **David Huerkamp** is hoping that you will attend **Office Outfitters Furniture Design** when they host the **Chamber After Hours** on Tuesday. By the way, whatever happened to **Rotarian Diane Schwenke**? We haven't seen her at Rotary lately.
- **Dean Massey** who doesn't like to miss Rotary, nearly missed the birth of a grandson in Denver, because he tarried too long at Rotary. Luckily, he made it with 10 minutes to spare and survived a tongue lashing by **D. Ann**. Dean's living right. His company also posted a profit last quarter.
- **Carol Skubic** went to **San Antonio** to see her son graduate from basic training at **Lackland AFB**. We heard that after just one night, she was banned from returning to the Riverwalk. She had \$20 happy bucks as penance.
- The mystery of the missing page of **The Spokesman** which was written originally by cub reporter, **Reed Mitchell**, has been solved. The printer was partially absolved of liability. Spokesman publisher and editor, **John Duffy**, forgot to send the page to the printer. Editor Duffy thinks the printer's representative, **Tyler Riehl**, should have questioned the receipt of a missing page from the otherwise loquacious **Reed Mitchell**. Duffy brought the missing page to Rotary and distributed them on the tables.
- **Terri Smatla** announced a meeting of the **School Supplies Committee for August 5th at 11:30** before our regular meeting. The Committee is short a bit on money to purchase school supplies. You can make a tax deductible donation to the **Grand Junction Rotary Club Foundation, Inc.**, and earmark it for the purchase of "**School Supplies**." This is an important project of the Club. Don't let the disadvantaged children of Mesa County down this year. Terri also announced an important donation of \$2,300 from **Alpine Bank** toward this project. Thank you to **Norm Franke** and his bank.
- **Chris Unfug** was happy to get to go to Red Rocks with his sons, and that one son has departed for San Francisco to find his fortune (or like us at that age, find a flower child).

Warner's Corner



I must say I'm inspired by many of the traditions associated with Rotary International - and with our club as well.

One time-honored ritual is recitation of The Four-Way Test. There's a great article in the August edition of The Rotarian Magazine retelling the story of how Herbert J. Taylor, in the darkest days of the Great Depression, wrote the following four questions on a small piece of paper in 1932:

"Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?"

Mr. Taylor gave his co-workers an "ethical yardstick" with this simple but uplifting test penned during harsh economic times. We continue to draw inspiration from these words as we face a rough stretch today.

So, let's continue to recite The Four-Way Test at the beginning of each of our club meetings this year ... a tradition that's more than withstood the test of time!

- **Lynn Lickers** is happy that **The Daily Sentinel** will be saved by a Manhattan, Kansas company, and she still has a job. Hey, Lynn, you can have ours.
- **Dennis Pretti** had sad bucks that **Andy Ferguson** has moved to Washington State. He reports that Andy has joined a Rotary Club there.
- **Merritt Kinsey** announced that he has been asked to speak at the **Horizon Rotary**. He also had sad bucks for the loss of his mother, last week.
- **Jan Pomrenke**, who is fondly referred to as the "**Vanna White** of Rotary," directed the July birthday celebration. We played musical charades. Whatever happened to Rotary Jeopardy?
- **Dan Roberts** who recently finished a stint as the Rotary District Treasurer arranged a Paul Harris Fellowship for the person who did all the work, Dan's assistant, **Julie S**. Congratulations to her.
- **Jeff Nichols**, CEO of **Mesa Developmental Services**, was inducted as a new Rotarian. **Robert Bray** was his sponsor. Welcome, Jeff.
- **Carol Skubic** had a gift for the President: a coon skin cap from the **Alamo**.
- **Traci Miller** had chocolate covered cherries from Washington for **JC**, and a book entitled "**How to Make People Think You're Normal!**" **Dean Massey** says he wants to read it, next. Too late, Dean.
- **Editor in Chief, John Duffy** had the carton for a six pack of "Bitch Creek Beer" for **JC**. The Past Presidents at his table rightfully confiscated the beer.
- **Kevin McChesney** had a wooden whistle that sounds like a train for JC, to replace the stolen bell.
- **Jack Connolly** was in **Couder d'Alene**, Idaho for golf. (Gee, can't you people go places that are easy to spell?). He brought back to JC a lousy range ball.
- Next **Masquerade Meeting** is August 5th at 11:30 AM before the Rotary meeting.

Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

Last week was the **Taco Bell Open Tennis Tournament**. It is exciting that we had a Rotarian Father/Son duo playing doubles. At this writing we don't know whether or not they won. Our own **Pete Hautzinger (our District Attorney) and his son Ryan, a Fruita Monument Junior-to-be** played in the tourney. Hopefully Pete will have **Happy Bucks** today. Another exciting thing about our tennis community is that we are in the running for \$100,000.. It would be great if Grand Junction were to win first place in the **Tennis Town USA contest**. Voting was to end July 26th and the award will be presented at the **U. S. Open 2009**. I hope many of you were able to vote for Grand Junction. Tim Foster, Lena Elliott, Laurie Kadrich, Barbara Bowman and Diane Schwenke were just a few in the online video, which was just wonderful. It may still be up on line, so go to **besttennistown.com** and check it out. It's great and it will make you even more proud to live in Grand Junction.

Upcoming Dates

Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson

August 5 **Colorado National Monument**
Joan Anzelmo

August 12 **Bacon to Borneo**
Herb Bacon

Upcoming Meetings

August 7 **Past President's Meeting**
Noon, Bookcliff Country Club

August 12 **Rotary Exchange Committee**
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr

August 19 **Rotary Board Meeting**
5:00 p.m., Rm. 101, Hospice Care
Ctr. Ctr, 3090 B N. 12th Street

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