



Herb's my Cousin
... Mmm?

Bacon to Burma - Herb Bacon

Our resident world traveler Herb Bacon recently began tracing his family tree in hopes of discovering more about himself; thereby helping to explain why he is the way he is. Herb's research and his quest took him deep into the jungles of Southeast Asia to Burma where he met several of his cousins, better know as the chimpanzee.

Burma, officially the Union of Myanmar, is the largest country by in mainland Southeast Asia or Indochina and is home to many chimps.

Today, in his usual charismatic style, Herb will share his journey with us in pictures and narration as we travel together and delve into the private lives of primates in Burma.

While You Slept

(Copious notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- Thank you to cub reporter, **Reed Mitchell**, who did another masterful job wreaking havoc on **Joe Cool Warner** (herein known as "JC") and the club membership with, his astute observations and acrid comments. Is there anything Reed cannot do?
- This will be the first of two more "*Mindless Drivel*" reports from **D. Baker**. With deep regret, I will take another long hiatus from *The Spokesman* and concentrate on helping with **Masquerade 2009**. I loved teasing you and I love all of you. I was particularly honored to be a part of a great team with master editor, **John Duffy**, feature writer, **Jan Pomrenke** and web master, **Mike Schaack**. We owe them all a vote of thanks. No other job, including that as president, takes as much time and gets as much criticism as one who writes and publishes the club newsletter. If you have been disappointed by *The Spokesman*, remember, "You get what you pay for." It is an unpaid position. We need volunteers to take over. It's too much for one person.
- Last week's meeting was started by Past President **Kim Giannone**...she gave a shrill whistle which startled all of us. It seems the 70 year old **Rotary Bell** is still missing. **JC** had a "dinky bell" the previous week. It was stolen. This Bell caper is past being funny. If you have it, or if you have information about who has it, please talk to JC or any director. It is part of our history. We all have suffered a loss with loss of our beloved bell.
- **Kathy O' Shea** made up a Rotary meeting by attending the **Rotary Club in Delta**. She was amazed that that club imposed self fines for their individual transgressions. Each member fessed up to a transgression and paid an appropriate fine. We thought about implementing such a policy in the **Grand Junction Club**, but **Laurie Kadrach** would take so much time listing her transgressions, that the thought was quickly abandoned.
- **The Australian Group Study Exchange** members will be visiting our District in September, 2009. The GSE Team will be in Grand Junction on September 16th, and leaving the 19th. **Bob Johnson** is arranging housing for each of the members. If you can host one or more adult professionals from Australia during that time, please contact **Dennis Pretti** or **Bob Johnson**. Let's blend cultures...we're told these foreigners speak American and don't look like illegals.
- **Terri Smatla** announced the **School Supplies** will be delivered on the morning of August 13th. There were sign up sheets for various schools in the District on each table, and there will be similar sign up sheets on each table this week. Take a minute and sign up. From what this reporter saw, last week the response was less than adequate. Come on, Rotarians, this is the Club's signature event. We are known for raising money within the Club and delivering school supplies ---so that teachers do not have to purchase supplies for indigent children from the teachers own pockets, which was occurring before the **Grand Junction Rotary Club** came to the rescue. Get on board with this program. **Service Above Self** is not just a motto. It's a way of life.

Warner's Corner

Yet another reminder of just how "cool" this is can be found virtually every Wednesday morning prior to our regular meeting. It occurs, like clockwork, when significant numbers of our members slip in early to attend a committee meeting of one sort or another.

Last week presented an excellent case in point. I arrived a few minutes after 11 o'clock and there were already a couple of meetings getting underway. And, in a few more moments, two more gatherings swung into action.

It's this type of commitment and dedication - often going unnoticed - that go into the mix to make a good club an outstanding club. We all know when people freely give of their time, talent and treasure for a cause greater than self, good deeds inevitably follow.

My sincere thanks go out to every member of this club for what you do to make the Rotary Club of Grand Junction the very best!



- **Dee Brinegar** said **Dr. Tyler** (Don "the Bird Man" Tyler) is recovering from recent surgery at **Larchwood** and would appreciate cards, flowers and visits. Each Past President who has received "the bird" from Don should go by and say "Hi" to our friend and brother Rotarian. For new Rotarians, Don carves a different wooden bird for each Rotarian President. Each is a work of art and is deeply treasured by our past presidents.
- **The Aussies are coming and your help is needed!** We need two additional Rotarians to serve as hosts while the Australian Group Study Team is in Grand Junction. The team will arrive September 15 and will end its stay in our Rotary District September 19, departing early that day from Grand Junction Regional Airport. Please give Ed Hokanson (260-2677) or Dennis Pretti (263-4473) if you can assist.



Rotaract is helping with the Raffle for Masquerade this year. The Raffle includes a Schwinn Motor Scooter and a utility trailer to haul the scooter. Tickets are just \$10. Special thanks to Rotarian Steve Martin and his company, Motorcycle Accessories, for donating the Motor Scooter!

Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

I am just shocked! I hated missing Rotary last week due to unforeseen circumstances, but the news is big. First, the missing Big Bell then the gavel, and now the missing little bell. I heard this devastating news at our local Safeway store. Really **President Cool**, you would think you could keep control of your valuable stuff, and I am ashamed of our Past Presidents for letting this happen. Let me remind you of the blind horse who depends on his sighted horse friend who wears a bell. The name of the horse who wears the bell is Strong. Strong is always checking on the blind horse making sure that he listens for the bell and follows. The blind horse slowly walks to with Strong, trusting that he will not be led astray. (**President Joe Cool** trusted in the PP's which his first mistake was). Sometimes a new president is a blind horse in need of guidance and can be guided by a little bell ringing. So **please, PP's and fellow Rotarians bring your bells next week** and let's give **Joe Cool** a little ring-a-dingie celebration. **In truth, we are the guide horses, helping others to find their ways so it is time for us to help Joe. Good Rotarians are like that...you may not always see them but you know they are always there, even at Safeway spreading the word.**

Upcoming Dates

Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson

- August 19** **Grand Junction Imagination
Library**
- August 26** *John Harpole*
- September 2** **King 'N Trio**
- September 9** **Kid's Aid**

Upcoming Meetings

- 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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