

Imagination Library – Kristi Widdows Calfee



Kristi Widdows Calfee and daughter Katelyn

Kristi Widdows Calfee, who was raised in Grand Junction, is the co-founder of Grand Junction Imagination Library. Since the birth of her daughter in 2007, Kristi has volunteered her time, along with her sister and parents, to run the local Imagination Library program. She currently lives in Castle Rock, Colorado with her husband, who she met through the Boulder Flatirons Rotary Club, and their daughter Katelyn.

The Imagination Library is a national program that was introduced here in Grand Junction last November. This Library is a non-profit group that provides an age appropriate book, every month, to children from birth to age five at no cost to their family. Since launching, they have provided 678 free books to children in the community.

While You Slept

(Copious notes from last week's meeting)

By Dennis Baker

- The Club rejoiced with the return of our beloved bell that has been missing for weeks. Also returned was J.C.'s (Joe Cool Warner's) gavel.
- The Club was saddened to hear that **Mike Blackburn** made bail on those theft charges and is out of jail again.
- **David "The King" Durham** made **Joan Joseph** and **Jane Kroese** do double duty and sing again. They sang a song about monkeys and "aba daba do." The King also dunned them for money for one of his CD's. They offered to give the CD's back to him. He demurred.
- **Andy Ferguson** was back at the meeting as a Visiting Rotarian. His new address is 169 Rodeo Loop, College Place, WA 99324. He says he misses the Club. We miss Andy, too.
- It was good to see all of the new and returning and going **Exchange** students in the meeting last week. If you're interested in promoting child trafficking, the **Rotary Youth Exchange** is the committee you need to join.
- **Gwen DeCino** was happy that she has been married to Jim for 42 years with an "abba dabba do" honeymoon. She had \$42 happies to mark the occasion.
- **Chris Unfug** was happy that **The King 'n Trio** is playing the 13th at the Fruita Civic Center and that he has a new sound system. We hope the neighbors don't complain about the dogs howling.
- **Dee Brinegar** announced that the economy is not losing ground as fast as it was. Tell that to our financial managers. If you were fined for not wearing a pin last week, Dee Brinegar will reimburse you. It was he who reminded J.C. that not many Rotarians wear a pin to the Club. To Dee's credit, he said he would underwrite every fine assessed.
- **Walt Smith** was promoting his jazz trio which will be playing at the Country Inn in Palisade. Contact Walt for tickets.
- **Walid Bou Matar** was happy that this Club was number one in Foundation giving for the District.
- **Nancy Hill** was stripped in front of the Club by **Dennis Baker**. Better her than Dennis. She was stripped of her **Red New Member Badge**, having completed all of the requirements for losing the badge as fast as it can possibly be done. Congratulations, Nancy.
- The Program was another travelogue by our itinerate traveler, **Herb Bacon**. Those who attended, who were expecting a talk on Myanmar or Burma, were disappointed. Herb's talk was on Malaysia: specifically **Borneo** and **Brunei**. There were some very fetching pictures of **Laura Mae Bacon** and references to the palatial resort suites in **Bird City** before the tornado. We also were treated to pictures of Herb's cousins hanging from vines and eating bananas. We hope Herb learns his geography and soon knows the difference between Borneo and Burma. Word has it that Laura Mae has cut him off from exotic travel destinations. Their last sojourn was to Italy. We think Laura Mae is a smart woman.

Warner's Corner



With pleasantly mild weather conditions greeting them last Thursday, an excellent turnout of this club's membership showed up early - and often - to make our Back-to-School Supplies event another smooth-running success. Many thanks to Terri Smatla for all of her hard work in organizing and carrying off this project.

The school supplies were delivered to 34 different schools in District 51. The 2009 event marked the 19th consecutive year our club has provided school supplies for the most needy of our students in the Grand Valley. It is truly an excellent example of the motto... "Rotary, humanity in action!"

My sincere thanks to all who helped with this project. Projects like this always make us feel better about ourselves and our commitment to service above self.

Reminder: Our monthly board meeting is this afternoon at 5 o'clock. We also have a new meeting place ... Conference Room 101 in the lower level of the Hospice Care Center located at 3090-B North 12th Street. (There is access to this conference room from the upstairs lobby or from an outside entrance). Hope to see you there!

Paul Harris Fellowships Awarded

President J.C. awarded Paul Harris Fellowships to a slew of people. Some were not present, but those who did receive a PHF included:

Paul Harris Fellows Mike Davis and Steve Gunderson; Walid Bou-Matar, PHF +8, Dee Brinegar +2, Michael Burke +2, Vicki Canaday +2, Andy Ferguson +3, Mark Francis +1, Bud Gimple +4, Roger Hagerty +1, Jess James +4, Bob Johnson +5, Mel Jurgens +1, Laurie Kadrich +1, Mike Kercheval +1, Joanna Little +2, Jim Mackley +1, Dean Massey +1, Tracy Miller +3, Jan Pomrenke +3, Jeanie Thomas +2 and Joe Warner +3.

Dennis Pretti prepares to award some of the many Paul Harris Fellowships to our members at last week's meeting. The generosity of our members has been a source of great pride at our club. Congratulations to all Paul Harris Fellows and thank you for your continued support of the Rotary Foundation.



Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

Thank you to everyone who helped last week with the school supply program. The following is taken directly from School District 51's web site. I thought everyone would like to read it directly and thank you, District 51, for your acknowledgement:

"The Grand Junction Rotary Club will continue a 19-year tradition this school year when they give nearly \$20,000 of school supplies to elementary and middle schools in School District 51.

Over the past 19 years, the Grand Junction Rotarians have donated over \$300,000 through the Back to School Supply Program. The club's president, Joe Warner, said the annual event is another way Rotary reaches out to assist young people. "This has become such a wonderful program over the years because it helps children in need in such a real way," Joe said. Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

School District 51 would like to thank the Grand Junction Rotary Club for all that they do for our students and

Upcoming Dates

Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson

August 26 **Energy Update**
John Harpole

September 2 **King 'N Trio**

September 9 **Kid's Aid**

Upcoming Meetings

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

September 9 **Rotary Exchange Committee**
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

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