



King 'N Trio

The Merry Minstrels of Rotary, better known as The King 'N Trio, are approaching their 8th anniversary of bringing joy to music lovers near and far and raising money for Rotary and other charities along the way.

They began in December of 2001 with 4 Rotarians getting together at the New Life Church to sing a few old Kingston Trio songs - and the rest, as they say, is history.

They have performed on the big stage at 3 different RI International conventions and have played for numerous District Conferences around the country. They have recorded 5 CD's (*beware new Rotarians*). Proceeds from the sale of CD's and proceeds from various performances have been donated to the Rotary Foundation and many other local charitable organizations. To date, their donation total is in excess of \$170,000.

While You Dozed

(Astute observations from last week's meeting)

By Crack Reporter Reed Mitchell

President Cool opened the meeting with a rather anemic bell ringing; we think he's afraid to bring attention to the esteemed bell after our resident commando team went to such lengths to recover it. But perhaps he was taken off his stride by the presence of Diane Schwenke, our resident "Rotarian in absentia." Nice to see you again Diane. **Dean Massy** is also glad you've returned from bear country for some reason.

Singing: After sufficient caterwauling by membership and complaining by the King to **Glen Mills** about his inductee not paying for their CD the subject turned serious. **King David** announced the Honor Flight is returning from Washington this afternoon at 5:20. David said something like 110 WW2 veterans flew to our nation's capital to be honored and to see a new Memorial and asked us to attend their return.

On the Beat: This reporter raced to Grand Junction Regional Airport at 5:20 as instructed and was met by cars lined up almost to the freeway. After struggling through the crowd and flashing our fake press pass we got within spitting distance of the action. There was a band and the crowd was friendly and excited. What an honor to live in a patriotic area where our veterans are still held in such high esteem. We are lucky to live here for sure.

Happy Bucks:

-**Dean Massy** was \$5.00 happy his grandson started Kindergarten by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Republicans. Good for the little tyke, I do the same with my checkbook on occasion.

- **Kevin McChesney** was \$5.bucks happy because his daughter graduated college and actually got a job! She's now working for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra president. Maybe Kevin can buy the coffee now.

-**Tracy Miller** told a tale of her Daughter's school records being lost and missing last week's meeting because of it. Her story was long and complicated and I started dozing in the middle but from what I heard toward the end things all worked out. Tracy paid \$5. bucks to tell that story.

-**Barb Bowman** was likewise \$5.bucks happy about an upcoming vacation (gee can we come?) and also something about her son getting a job in Sheridan WY. Seems like everyone's getting a job these days.

- **Rob Johnson** was delirious his son got a hole-in-one last week. I'd be delirious too, congratz to his son.

Announcements:

- **Dennis Baker** announced the Scooter Raffle was in full swing and that there was a Masquerade Committee meeting scheduled for next week before the regular meeting. Dennis looked fetching in his black pumps.

-**Frank Wagner** tricked the club into raising our hands and admitting we were mostly "wanna-be" golfers. In spite of this disclosure, he still invited us to the annual Rotary Golf outing on October 6th at the Bookcliff Country Club

-**Assistant Governor Kim Giannone** reminded us of the District conference to be held in Glenwood Springs on Sept 11 to the 13th. She touted all kinds of fun activities not to mention fishing, rafting, spas, and gol'off, all the fun stuff. You can register online at: Rotary .org/ dist 5470 conference.

Warner's Corner



It hardly seems possible a year has passed since our club was part of the host community in Grand Junction for the district conference during District Governor Walid Bou-Matar's term in office. What a great event with many pleasant memories to share.

Well, it's a year later and the Rotary District 5470 Conference 2009 is just around the corner. Our own Kim Giannone, assistant governor for Area 13, urged us last week to consider attending all or parts of this year's event in Glenwood Springs beginning Friday, September 11 and wrapping up Sunday, September 13.

Highlights, in addition to informative presentations and breakout sessions, include: 2 Odinner Friday at the Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park; dinner and program on Saturday in the historic Hotel Colorado; golf at River Valley Ranch Golf Club; a fly fishing tournament; rafting and bicycling. For more information and to fill out a registration form go to: www.rotary5470.org today.

Let's support Rotary and our new district governor, Peter Jeschofnig, by attending the upcoming district conference!

Gifts:

- **Diane Schwenke** in her own curious style offered an empty beer bottle to our Cool President as a pseudo gift or something. She told a story about the Alaskan Ale Bottle being consumed by a mysterious assailant on the way to Club. She did manage to redeem herself a bit with some homemade Rhubarb jelly, now that's cool, eh Joe? "Never Rub another Mans Rhubarb" I always say.

- **Tracy Miller** offered a little rock and an empty wine bottle in a little suit. If Joe likes these kinds of gifts we'll be able to make him real happy from now on. Empty bottles and Rocks for the President, bring-em on!

The Program:

John Harpole gave us an inspired presentation about natural gas and its place in our world. He quoted Nancy Pelosi who thinks it's something other than a fossil fuel; our congress is in good hands. Nancy's from California so you gotta make allowances, right? Maybe natural gas comes from cows or perhaps Dennis Baker. John's revelation about Vladimir Putin and his control of Russia's gas industry is downright frightening. This reporter was all ears. Spooky stuff in store for our country's future for sure.

Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Last Wednesday when I picked up the Daily Sentinel and saw the great article **Follow the Birds to Grand Mesa**, I was reminded how much we all are missing **Dr. Don Tyler**. He is recovering from a major surgery, you know. What a delight he has been to Grand Junction Rotary. For many years now, he has personally hand carved a beautiful bird for every incoming GJ Rotary president. Each one is a treasure to behold and is truly a fantastic work of art. How lucky to receive such a gift. The Sentinel featured a colored photo of a **Western Tanager**, which is the bird on the right that Don carved and I purchased at a Rotary auction much to my delight. He also carved the **Cedar Waxwing** in the middle. He is very generous with his carvings



and has a terrific collection on display in his lovely home. If you have not gotten to know him, you should. Doctor Don is a retired Internal Medicine Physician and is a real gem. He has been a Rotarian since 1948 – Wow! Maybe you could drop him a card to wish him speedy healing. His address is 2068 Rim Shadow Ct., Grand Junction, 81503. I bet he would even love a **Bird Card**, because **Dr. Don is for the birds!**

Upcoming Dates

Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson

- September 9 Kid's Aid
- September 16 GJ Rotary Cub's 90th
Anniversary
- September 23 "School Day" – Dictionary &
School Supply Programs
- September 30 Wine Industry Tourism
Steve Smith

Upcoming Meetings

- September 4 Past President's Meeting
Noon, Bookcliff Country Club
- September 9 Rotary Exchange Committee
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

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