

## Kid's Aid - Mike Berry

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Mike Berry founded Kids Aid, a non profit corporation in 2008 with the objective of "helping kids be kids." It's tough to be a kid when you are worried about what you are going to eat, or how to keep warm or where you are going to sleep.

The first project of Kids Aid was the Feeding Friends Backpack Program. The program is designed to provide food to kids in need on the weekends. For many kids who are involved in the schools free and reduced lunch program, their lunch on Friday is their last meal until lunch on Monday. The backpack program provides backpacks of non-perishable food to these kids that they can easily prepare themselves or eat out of the package.

The program started at Orchard Avenue Elementary in the spring of 2008 serving 10 kids for the final 10 weeks of school. With the help of Canyon View Church, Mesa County, businesses and individuals, the program was providing over 700 backpacks a week to 12 schools at the close of the 2008 - 2009 school year.

### While You Dozed

(Astute observations from last weeks meeting)

By Crack Reporter Reed Mitchell

**President Cool** opened the meeting with another anemic bell ringing and stated that "He's in breathless anticipation of the King and Trio's appearance so there would be no singing this week." This reporter was taken aback; after all, caterwauling is a longstanding tradition at the Downtown Rotary Club. We all eagerly awaited the King and Trio's performance throughout the meeting as we dutifully should.

**President Joey-** received a club flag from Erin Somebody from Clark County Rotary Club that's next to Vancouver WA. Erin was barely introduced by Chris (Guitar hero) Unfug so the gentleman's details are a bit sketchy. At any rate, old Joey is gathering quite a collection of flags. Then King David went after Joan Joseph for not coughing up fifteen bucks for her K & T CD. Her sponsor Glen Mills is also taking a bit of heat from the King for her failure to pay but she's stated time and time again she wants to return the CD unopened. The King will not be held at bay. This reporter thinks our Club anchorman Mr. Mills is behind an insidious plot to bankrupt the King and Trio through amassing a large amount of uncollected receivables. It could be true...

### Happy Bucks:

- **Jan (hard name to spell)** had five biggies for the complements she'd received for the striking necklace she wore that her six-year-old grandson designed. Maybe Tom Hunn could use a new apprentice and start the Kindergarten designer series of jewelry. It could happen, remember you saw it here first!

- President Joe was happy he'd survived the Past President's dinner and offered five dollars to say so. However at the dinner he was repeatedly chastised for being a "weak" finer so to comply with the PP's wishes he stood them up and fined them all \$5. bucks on the spot. (Be careful what you wish for Guys). There were whispers of "Impeach the B%#@\*&" among the esteemed and steamed PP's.

- **Mike Burke** said something about speaking slowly (??)

- **Tracy Miller** was unhappy with this reporter's narrative of her last week's happy bucks. We accidentally reported she had a daughter - Whoops, my first mistake this year, or was that the second? Sorry Tracy.

- **The Czar** offered \$5. happies for the fine dinner his Coolness served the PPs

- **Kim Giannone** offered \$10 bucks for the Club providing Tee-Shirts as sponsor of the Partner's auction.

- **Herb (Hokey Pokey) Bacon** celebrated 58 years with Laura May; he said: "it sure seems longer then that."

- **Dick Sweeney** had \$5 Bucks his daughter's house survived after she was evacuated in the California fire.

- **Dan Roberts** celebrated Jeannie Thomas' wonderful playing with \$5 happy bucks, we all agree Dan.

- **Pat Gormley** had \$10. biggies for every year of his marriage, \$560. for the club. Very cool Pat

### Announcements:

- This Humble Rotarian announced that the "Legends of Rotary" Calendar project is finally done and is off to the printer. It's a salute to the "Sexy old guys of Rotary," you know the ones who make our Club so great!

## Warner's Corner



Our program schedule for September opened on the right note last week with a rousing appearance by our own King 'N Trio. I must say that one of their musical numbers, "Cool, Cool Joey," has rocketed to the top of my personal list of all-time favorite tunes!

After today's presentation on the topic of "Kid's Aid," we point to next week's observance of our club's 90th anniversary. This program will be a wonderful opportunity for all of us to get in touch with our club's fabulous history. I urge everyone to make a special effort to attend.

The program on September 23, entitled "School Day," will outline our club's long-time Dictionary and School Supply efforts. Finally, on September 30, the presentation will feature wine industry tourism in our area.

Barb Bowman, chairperson, and Gwen DeCino, co-chairperson, have taken charge of the Program Committee following Claudia Crowell's decision to step aside as chairperson. I want to thank Claudia for her tireless work and dedication as program committee chairperson and I wish Barb and Gwen well as they assume their new roles.

As we complete our club's first 90 years, let's resolve to make the next ninety even better!

### Announcements continued:

- **Dennis Baker** announced that Masquerade tickets were on sale at Dennis Morris office, Mad Margaret's and online at [www.MasqueradeGJ.com](http://www.MasqueradeGJ.com). Only \$90 bucks this year and for just an additional \$99 you can rent a room for two at the Doubletree with a hot breakfast to boot. What a party, extremely fun. **Brook and Amy of the Rotaract Club** are selling Scooter Raffle tickets for only \$10. The winner will be drawn at Masquerade at Midnight.

- **Gloria** (new Member so not in directory) of the Alzheimer clinic is asking for entertainers to provide a diversion for the patients there. Just think the K&T could sing about "The man who never returned" each week without their audience tiring of it. Anyone with a modicum of talent can do their thing there...

- **Someone complemented Vicky Canaday** for the great job on the new directory with a \$10 buck donation.

- **Denny Mayer** announced the Past Presidents luncheon on Friday where the Club's future administration will be selected. All PPs are encouraged to attend. Joe commented that this was their only real function.

### Announcement of note:

**Jack Connolly aka:** (Smooth Walker) did some cool stuff at the podium. First, he made a Lion friend of his; Brian Mahoney a Paul Harris Fellow. Rotary's future is in dire jeopardy now, Lion spies in our midst, I hope Jax don't show him our secrete Club handshake? Then we heard the usual Lion diatribe from the new PHF about gumming our Rotary food, disparaging our walkers and other Lion drivel. Old Brian seemed thankful.

**Then Ole' Smooth** announced that his friend Rusty Leech was back from India and would be at the next meeting to show us his progress from the stem cell therapy to which we contributed. Sounds like Rusty's walking a bit now and that's a medical miracle! This reporter will be there for this one.

### Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

One year ago last Saturday, September 5th; we all lost our great buddy **Karen Berryman**. So, guess what -- the girls all met to tip a beverage of our choice and toast her good health and wealth with God. We know that she is up there fund raising, chasing dogs and probably even adopting cats and more dogs. She was the **Bubble of Life** every time you saw her and you could not wait for the next time to do something fun, even if just a friendly chat in the grocery store. She touched more lives than we know and we miss her. If you feel left out that you did not get the call to meet and "**Tip and Click for a toast to Karen**" just do it at dinner tonight and say, **Here's to you, Honey** because that is what she always called each one of us - Honey! I will not forget her costume at the Masquerade Ball, **The Queen of Hearts, and she was just that.** We all have very fond memories of **Karen M. Berryman. RIP... September 5, 2008.**

***Upcoming Dates***

Meeting Programs  
Barb Bowman and Gwen DeCino  
Program Committee Co-Chairpersons

- September 16 GJ Rotary Cub's 90<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary
- September 23 "School Day" – Dictionary &  
School Supply Programs
- September 30 Wine Industry Tourism  
*Steve Smith*

**Upcoming Meetings**

- September 9 Rotary Exchange Committee  
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.
- Sept. 11-13 District 5470 Conference  
Glenwood Springs, CO

**September 9, 2009**