



A Celebration of Grand Junction Rotary's 90 Years

Today we celebrate 90 years of serving the Grand Junction community through our club. The Grand Junction Rotary Club was established with their first meeting on September 11, 1919.

Although it is rumored that some of the club's original members are still members today, it is true that we have four members that have served the club and the community for over 50 years – Pat Gormley, Herb Bacon, Dr. Mike Kercheval and Dr. Lynn “Jesse” James.

Kathy Herzog broke into the bastion of male dominance as the first female member in 1988 and served as president in the Rotary year of 1997-98.

Today we will learn about, and celebrate this club's great history.

While You Dozed

(Astute observations from last week's meeting)

By Crack Reporter Reed Mitchell

President Coolness opened the meeting with a robust, authoritative bell ringing. Our Joey is catching on and appears to be taking charge of his podium. Speaking of which, we all had an excellent view of the top of his head as the podium was not on a riser for some odd reason. Good ole Two Rivers, maybe they forgot we like to see our fearless leader in action. **Paul Smith spelled Jeanie** on the piano and did a great job and **Vicky Canaday** played a recording of a guitar song about a Plains Bull sung by our recently departed **Ed Carpenter**. It was an excellent and funny rendition -- we'll all miss Ed for sure. **Dan Roberts** replaced the King as song leader and the caterwauling was just like usual. No CD's were forced on anyone this day.

Happy Bucks:

- **The Czar** mumbled something he's happy about, but he's usually happy since his retirement.
- **Jim Rybak** was \$5. happy for his CSU Football team and their performance last week. Others were not.
- **Nancy Hill** had \$20 biggies as thanks to our G.J. Firefighters who saved her office and allowed her to open.
- **Jack Roberts** had \$57 happies in celebration of his long and happy marriage; His kids must be gone.
- **Gary Nagy** was a buck happy the club was getting another financial advisor (like we don't have enough).
- **Chris (Guitar Hero) Unfug** was \$5 bucks sad he'd be in Tucson for next week's 90th anniversary meeting.

Announcements:

- * **Ed Hokanson** announced a Group Study Exchange (GSE) dinner at his house next Thursday, Sept. 17th It's a Pot Luck dinner and if you're interested let Ed know. Bring a salad or side. The Aussies will be there.
- * **Frankie (The schvelt) Wagner** announced the Clubs annual Golf extravaganza to be held on October 6th at Bookcliff Country Club; it costs \$50 bucks for non-members. He says he'll bring a sign up sheet next week. Frankie's also very graciously donated his new pickup as grand prize to the highest scoring team, Baker and I should be a shoe in to win it. That's only fair, don't you think Frankie? (not)
- * **Dennis Pretti** announced a tour of Westar Aviation next week while the GSE guys are in town. He says it's a good tour and takes two hours of our invaluable time between 2:00 and 4:00 Call Dennis for details.
- * **Dennis (Stud Muffin) Baker** announced raffle tickets are on sale for only \$10 bucks and sales are a bit slow so the odds are really good to win that little beauty, Buy your tickets now or Dennis will hunt you down!
- * **Carmen Moyer** assumed the chair of the Membership Committee today; we can expect some good things.
- * **Rusty Leech** (Smooth Walker's Pal) walked to the microphone on his own and gave us a brief description of his ordeal and treatments in India. He's headed back to India soon and there will be a fund raising Fun Run on October 25th at Canon View Park to help with the expense. It's a real miracle he's walking and he deserves our support so let's show up and Run or Walk or at least give him a check.

Paul Harris:

Ed Hokanson received his PHF plus 7 pin this week. Ed's a good example for us all to follow.

Warner's Corner



Today's program celebrates the 90th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Grand Junction. This moment in time affords us all an excellent opportunity to pause and reflect on what this club means to each and every one of us - and to the wider community we strive to serve.

Also, let's not forget those who have gone before us, down through the years, holding high the banner of service above self. We need look no farther than to our own “Golden Boys” (50-plus years of membership in our club) - Herb Bacon, Pat Gormley, Lynn James and Mike Kercheval. There are no better examples of what Rotary is all about ... honesty, integrity and exemplary ethical conduct. And, they've done it with class.

And, finally, to all you members of this great club today. You are special and you are a part of something special ... our Rotary Club!

Note: The September meeting of the Board of Directors will be next week - Wednesday, September 23, at the regular time and place (5 p.m. at Hospice.)

On the Beat:

This reporter was invited to address the Horizon Sunrise club Thursday morning to show off our new **Legends of Rotary Calendar**. That's a nice little club and Bookcliff CC does a good job with breakfast. We put together a snappy little video to show off our geriatric Beefcakkers posing for the masses and wowed the crowd. Miss December is quite fetching in **her** (ahem)“**His**” red boa. Too bad our printer is behind; we didn't have the finished product to sell. Soon, he says, soon. We're headed to District Conference on Friday to sell thousands of them to unsuspecting Rotarians from around the state. Wish us luck.

New Member:

Dave Hutton was admitted to the club in spite of the nefarious individual who sponsored him; **Mike Blackburn**. Dave will fit right in and he praised Mike for all his good work at Martin Mortuary. President Joe reminded Mike that he's required to instruct Dave in the ways of Rotary. Poor guy, his Rotary future is in dire jeopardy under Mike's twisted guidance. Good Luck Dave and welcome to our fabulous club!

Gifts for the President:

- **Fid Braffett** returned from Europe but his Credit card stayed behind to party on for a while longer. Fid came back with a hat.
- **Mike Sewell** found a Wells Fargo hat in St. Lewis for his Coolness.
- **Herb (Hokey Pokey) Bacon** returned from Scotland a bit weathered from the rain and gave our cool Pres a poem about rain and a unique version of the Serenity Prayer to hang on his wall.

Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

Last week we all received a travel gift from Scotland via our own special Herb Bacon. In case you missed it, or just want to hear it again, here it is by special delivery from misty Scotland:

Mull Weather

It rained and rained and rained and rained,
The average was well maintained;
And when our fields were simply bogs,
It started raining cats and dogs.
After a drought of half an hour,
There came a most refreshing shower;
And then the queerest thing of all,
A gentle rain began to fall.

Next day 'null pretty fairly dry,
Save for a deluge from the sky.
This wetted people to the skin,
But after that the rain set in.
We wondered what's the next we'd get,
As sure as fate we got more wet.
But soon we'll have a change again,
And we shall have
A drop of rain.

Upcoming Dates

Meeting Programs
Claudia Crowell
Program Committee Chairperson

September 23 "School Day" – Dictionary &
School Supply Programs

September 30 Wine Industry Tourism
Steve Smith

Upcoming Meetings

September 23 Board of Directors Meeting
5:00 p.m., Hospice Meeting Room

October 2 Past President's Meeting
Noon, Bookcliff Country Club

October 14 Rotary Exchange Committee
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

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