

School Daze – School Supply and Dictionary Programs



Rotary and District 51's relationship goes way back. Rotary has always been there to support our students and schools. The School Supply program is a joint partnership between GJ Rotary Club, District 51, and Wal-Mart. We identify students that qualify at each school through the free/reduced lunch program and deliver school supplies in August directly to the schools to give to those students.

The Dictionary program is entering its 8th year and provides every third grader in District 51 and the area parochial schools with a Scholastic Children's Dictionary. In 2008, 1,874 dictionaries were distributed to 37.

Terri Smatla is the Community Partnership Coordinator for District 51, and a member of our Club. She will be joined by Belinda Howery, a REACH Advocate for District 51, and some students that have benefited from the school supply and dictionary programs.

While You Dozed

(Astute observations from last week's meeting)

By Crack Reporter Reed Mitchell

President Coolness opened the meeting by stating he had ten pounds of meeting to stuff into a five pound bag, (nice metaphor from his coolness, eh?) anyway he started a bit early. The room was jammed and the excitement evident to everyone. **Wow!! Our club is 90 years old** and most of us don't look a day over 75, but some obviously do, go figure? **Jeanie wrested control of the singing from the King** and regaled us with song titles from 1919, things like "The old guys will take care of your girlfriend while you're over there" and other snappy tunes. The King led us in: "Over There, Over There the Yanks are coming. Quite fun actually.

His Coolness called Walid to the podium... so he left the room... and organized a kinda parade back in with our newly won DD Monroe "Best Club" Award along with several others. We also won recognition at the District Conference for Most New Members and Most Foundation Giving. Very cool of us!! Dale Beede had a few well chosen words about the club and his good fortune to having been president last year. **Walid gave Dan Roberts** recognition for all his help last year as well.

Announcements:

- **Mike Blackburn** introduced **Jerry Newland** for the 30th time. Soon, Mikie' Soon
- **Herb Bacon** mentioned his 58th anniversary with Laura May and praised her mostly good work.
- **Pat Gormley** celebrated 56 years with Ruth without a glitch.
- **Dennis Pretti** praised his wife Peggy and screwed up his introduction of the GSI team leader big time, he also reminded us of the **Pot luck at Ed Hokanson's** house Thursday.
- **Janna Gerow** thanked a cast of thousand for help with the exchange students this year with special thanks to **Liz Hochevar** and **Scott Holzschuh** with bracelets and things.
- **Max Krey** introduced **Al Gaffredi**, a Club past president and past member; (a good Italian??).
- **Speaking of Good Italians; Dennis Pretti** was gathering up Rotarians to join him and the GSEers for a tour of Westar Aviation this afternoon, Thanks Dennis for all you do.

County Commissioner **Steve Aquafresca** spoke to us about our history and asked for some of us to go to the upcoming Mesa County government class. This reporter missed some of the Commissioners remarks waiting for Frankie (the Schvelt's) phone to stop ringing, His coolness missed that golden opportunity for \$\$.

Happy Bucks:

- **Amy** offered **\$90** happies from **Rotaract** to celebrate our anniversary. She's also selling scooter tickets.
- **The Czar** had three Scooter raffle tickets last week with an unclaimed one, Baker tried to nab it but got caught. Bob also celebrated loaning \$20 bucks to a Past President, Hey Bobster; I could use \$20 bucks.
- **Jack (Smooth Walker) Connolly** had \$90 happy bucks for his Mom's 90th birthday, sounds like she's fun.
- **Doug Colaric** offered up \$100 biggies to celebrate his Mother-in Law's 100th birthday, Wow!
- **Denny Mayer** was happy USC beat Ohio State; he causally mentioned the fact to Fid over the loudspeaker.
- **Doctor Don Tyler** is back and thanked everyone for their cards, letters and visits. Welcome back Birdman!

Warner's Corner



We came. We celebrated. We moved on.

Simply put, that's what we Rotarians do. We gathered last week to celebrate our club's 90 years of service, and we immediately turned our sights ahead to add to our legacy. Today brings a new day of challenge and achievement ... no resting on past laurels for us!

Our anniversary celebration was heightened by news of our club's stellar showing at the District Convention. In addition to winning the district's D.D. Monroe "Best Club in the District Award (2008-09)," we received recognition for the following achievements: District Rotary Foundation: Highest Per Capita Giving (\$357.24); District Rotary Foundation: Total Giving (\$85,406.75); Dan Roberts, recognition for service on the executive committee (treasurer); Presidential Citation: Dale Beede, and Most New Members Inducted: (16).

Once again, our sincere thanks go to President Dale Beede for stepping up last year and providing us the outstanding leadership necessary to achieve these honors. Dale is not one to boast, but he - most assuredly - was the "good" in his meeting-opening theme song!

Finally, thanks to each and every one of you ... members of the Rotary Club of Grand Junction. You are "humanity in motion," you are Rotary!

New Member:

Jim Rybak introduced new member **Don Wilson** of the Salvation Army. Don is most recently from Casper, Wyoming. Don has been married for 25 years and has 5 Children -- Welcome Don.

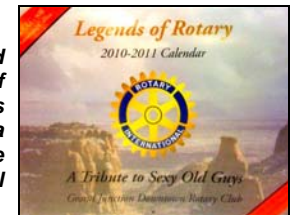
On the Beat:

This Reporter was in Glenwood Springs last weekend at the District Conference and can report our District is headed in the right direction. The new District Governor, Peter J- (something, something) is the right man for the job. He and his team did a great job organizing the event and everyone appeared happy to be there. Also the "**Legends of Rotary**" **Calendar** sales got off to a smashing start. Speaking of which, calendar sales have begun so your Christmas shopping worries are over. They're the perfect gift for most on your list. Good for folks you really like and those you don't like either. The perfect gift for **just \$10.00**

The Program:

Pat Gormley gave us a brief history of our club and some antics of some older members. I hope no one's keeping track of some of us newbies too close. The program finished with a nicely done Glen Mills interview of our four **Golden Boys of Rotary; Pat, Herb, Jessie and Mike**. Well done Glen, and they're Legends!

The long awaited
"Legends of
Rotary" calendar is
now on sale for a
measly \$10. See
Reed Mitchell



Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

Oh my gosh -- have you seen **IT?** Talk about funny, great fun, in fact. The **12 Sexy Old Guys** in Grand Junction Downtown Rotary are really to be commended for **Baring It All** and then some all for the good of the order. The **Legends of Rotary 2010-2011 Calendar** is just a blast. The voting has been opened at this email address (BlubirdBen@aol.com) for the following categories. I will just go ahead and get my votes out of the way first. And the winners are: **Most Nude:** Larry Wild, **Most Shy:** Dr. Lynn (Jesse) James, **Most Naughty:** Gene Taylor, **Best Legs:** Frank Wagner, **Flashiest underwear:** Chris Unfug, **Coldest ass:** Kevin McChesney, **Phony promises:** Fielding "Fid" Braffett, **Biggest talker:** Mike Blackburn, **Funky Farm talk:** Pat Gormley, **Hold that Six Pack:** Jack Connolly, **High on Weed:** Dennis Pretti, **Nice Strings:** Bob Denning, **Marine Mouth:** Col. Roger Hagerty, **Santa Baby:** Dennis Baker, **Mid Evil:** Dr. Mike Kercheval, **Pure Torture:** Thomas Hunn, **Little Buggie:** Herbie Bacon, and the **Fairy Godfather** of the entire calendar -- Reed Mitchell. Good on all of you. I have just two autographs left to get and it will be worth really big money\$\$\$\$\$. Thank you. And oh yes, if these mean nothing to you, you will have to purchase your own personal copy for only \$10.00 ... cheap, cheap according to this Blue bird, yours truly.

Upcoming Dates

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

- September 30** **Wine Industry Tourism**
Steve Smith
- October 7** **Rotary Youth Exchange**
- October 14** **Frost Busters**
- October 21** **Polio Plus**

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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