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## Rotary Youth Exchange – A Taste of Italy

Our program today will be 'A double taste of Italy' by our Inbound exchange student, Alessandra Rossi from Italy and now a Junior at Grand Junction High School and our Outbound exchange student from last year Jeanette Ramos who is now a senior at Fruita Monument High School. Alessandra is from a small city near Milan Italy and will share a few 'bites' of her home, family and country. Jeannette who lived in Genova, Italy also in northern Italy shares tasty tidbits of her 11 months in a Genova, her friends, family, her travels and an encounter with 'a headless chicken??' could it be?? Fruita's own!!!

The exchange committee would also like to take this opportunity to say Thank YOU Downtown Club Rotarians for giving more than 17 exchange students, inbound and outbound – 'A Taste of the World' and it's many cultures for the past 5 years'. You have definitely made a difference in their lives!! And I hope they have touched yours!!

### Telling It Like It Is

*(Astute observations from last weeks meeting)*

*By Reed Mitchell*

The meeting got off to a great start with President Joe Cool in fine form. After prayer from the Czar and a hurtful statement about being skewered by the editorial staff of this publication by King David redeemed himself and managed to dump three (count 'em) three of his glorious K & T CD's on our unsuspecting new members. The crack Two Rivers' staff again failed to get our microphones to work properly so members on the left resorted to shouting their happy bucks and announcements. If we miss a detail or two this week we can once again put the blame on Laurie Kadrich, that'd be fun.

Finally, Lynn Lickers Mom reported she had a crush on Mike Blackburn, Mike is kinda cute, but reported to be a twisted, emotionally unstable lout who spends his Rotary time checking pulses and secretly turning off oxygen bottles and pacemakers, standing "at the ready" to give his special CPR to our older members.

#### Happy Bucks:

- Dennis Pretti introduced Dave Williams from Upper Petoskey, Michigan, three times.
- Herb Bacon split a \$20, part for CU and Part for KU and not a buck for my alma mater, PU.
- Walid had \$13 bucks for the Redlands club going 100% on PHF and challenged us to do the same.
- New Member Dave Mooney offered \$2 bucks for the privilege of receiving a K& T CD, Lucky guy?
- Lynn Lickers had \$100 bucks for her Grandpa having been attacked by a lion in Africa, NOT!
- Walt Smith played at a good party at the Wine Country Inn worth \$10 bucks, good work Walt.
- Tracy Miller has a new nephew; Wyatt James Miller, born light but Okay, Mom's not quite Okay yet.
- Once again Jeanie snuck in an announcement about her dance classes(Wed. at 5:45)
- Tommy Hunn offered \$2.00 for Ora Lee's safe return from Israel and her bashfulness.
- Our speaker; Dr. Lee Harmon offered \$15 happies thanking several members' courtesies and praised our **Wonderful, Legends Calendar**; he may also have mentioned some CD or another.

#### Announcements:

- At its Oct. 21 meeting, the board unanimously approved Dave Williams for membership. Dave is a retired radio station owner from Petoskey, MI who moved to Grand Junction in May to be closer to family. His membership in Rotary dates back some 30+ years. His sponsor is Dennis Pretti.
- Dictionaries are arriving soon and members are needed to attach labels on November 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. At Mays Concrete's on Riverside Parkway. Call Terri Smatla, she was fined \$2 bucks for saying this.
- Jan P. (hard name to spell) asked for more tombstones for Masquerade (mine's almost ready)
- Laurie Kadrich let us know Barb Bowman's home from the hospital and doing Okay.
- Gene Taylor's been in Community Hospital this week with Pneumonia, calls and cards please!
- Tomorrow (Oct 29<sup>th</sup>) is the new member breakfast at Good Pastures at 7:30 AM, Newbies be there! Contact Nancv Hill or Dennis Pretti for additional information.

## Warner's Corner



At September's board meeting, some concerns were raised about club decorum. After lengthy - and positive - discussions the September and October meetings, board members decided a brief review of Rotary International's unambiguous guidelines on the subject would be an appropriate first step to remind us of proper etiquette during club gatherings.

As we know, Rotary clubs throughout the world include members who have many religious beliefs and values but are united in service to humanity. Each club, therefore, should use good judgment in conducting meetings in a manner that reflects Rotary's basic principle of tolerance and encourages Rotarians' participation in humanitarian service.

In addressing the issue of proper decorum at club meetings, I discovered the RI guideline on the matter, first articulated way back in 1917, to be most instructive. It simply states: "No story, stunt, joke or entertainment is proper or fit to be placed before any Rotarian or any gathering of Rotarians which would not be perfectly proper and fit to place before such Rotarians if each one were accompanied by one's parents, spouse or children."

Well said! We also strive to refrain from making statements about such subjects as gender, politics or religion as they have the potential to be misinterpreted and cause offense.

While not perfect, the Rotary Club of Grand Junction remains an outstanding example of what Rotary is all about. However, since we sometimes fall short, we can always work to improve ourselves and make ours an environment warm and welcoming to all ... at all times.

#### Announcements continued

- Dennis Pretti is still begging for a replacement to take over as Club treasurer before June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Chris (Guitar Hero) Unfug celebrated his wife's birthday with \$5 Bucks and wants to have his tailgate party committee meeting next week at 11:45. Wanna help? Let the madness begin...
- His Coolness announced he is contemplating a \$3 dollar surcharge for "out of order" announcements, spooky. More to follow

#### On the Beat:

Has everyone stopped to enjoy the beautiful fall colors? What a beautiful valley and wonderful season!

#### The Program:

The Club was treated to a wonderful talk and power point by Dr. Lee Harmon about Polio Plus, and Rotary International's 24-year effort to eradicate this killer from our planet. This reporter was greatly inspired and Dr. Harmon's program made us reconfirm our commitment to the Rotary cause. We are so lucky to live in this country and have the opportunity to serve others as we do with our club, God Bless Rotary.

#### Legends of Rotary Calendars:

The perfect Christmas gift for those you love or for those you don't, See Reed for yours today; only \$10.00, get one online at: [www.LegendsofRotary.com](http://www.LegendsofRotary.com) or at all area Walgreen's. Just watch how many we sell!

## Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

**The Countdown has begun! The Masquerade Ball** is in two days. Thanks to all of the many Rotarians, spouses of Rotarians, the Collbran Job Corp, the hard working Rotaractors, and even friends that have helped. Let's give thanks also to the great vendors who gave us such great deals and help. Thanks to all of you who came forth with a fantastic tombstone for the **Cemetery Walk** and if you have not, you still have time. Just deliver your tombstone to the **Doubletree** tomorrow evening (Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>) then come to the Ball on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>. By now they are on sale if you just want to buy one like **Bob Czarncki.....thank you, Bob**. There are still lots of great ideas you could exhibit and get a laugh. The paint is now dry on mine which will go home to my house and yard for Halloween - keep that in mind for your own yard. Hope the neighbor's dog does not come along with his leg lifting technique. So we'll see you at the Ball this Friday night for great music, great eats, great communion and a good time to be had by all -- not to mention the great cause it will serve for **The Disadvantaged Children of Mesa County**.

### ***Upcoming Dates***

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

- November 4     **Fruita Monument High School  
Rotary Foundation**
- November 11   **Veteran's Day – *Floyd Keller***
- November 18   **CADA – *Tim Jackson***

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- November 6     **Past President's Meeting**  
Noon, Bookcliff C.C.
- November 11   **Rotary Exchange Committee**  
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

### **Christmas Party**

***This year's Rotary Christmas Party is  
scheduled for December 15th at Bookcliff  
Country Club. Save the date because this  
will be a good one. More to follow!***

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