



## Battle of the Musical Service Clubs



Rotarians and Kiwanians will hit the streets with bells in hand and kettles at their sides manning store fronts throughout the valley on Saturday, December 5th. Although lots have already been drawn determining which club will take which shift (morning or afternoon), David Durham promises an extremely desirable prize for the winning club in today's competition.

Along with David, Stuart Cruickshank of the Grand Junction Kiwanis Club will host today's competition of "Name That Tune."

Contestants representing each club will face off testing their musical memories of songs of the 1950s and 60s. As mentioned. The winning club will walk off with a valuable prize.

### Observations from the Peanut Gallery

By Reed Mitchell

After our dose of Snoopy Music and the ringing of "da bell," President Cool ushered Tommy Hunn to the podium whereupon he advised us of a religious war going on between the Methodists and Episcopalians. Oh the humanity!! Then Mr. Wonderful led us in a sick twisted version of Bye Bye Blackbird with the wrong bird. His enthusiasm is fun and his cheeriness almost contagious. God bless you Mr. Wonderful.

#### Happy Bucks:

- **Barb Traylor Smith** had \$10 bucks for Tom Hunn and his creativity.
- **Merritt Kinsey** had \$60 biggies for being here 60 years. Musta been 25 when he arrived
- \$25. **Larry (Wild Man) Wild** praised our Calendar, this time for locating his long lost niece.
- **Barb Bowman** offered \$20 bucks for all the cards and letters she received as a sickie.
- **Jeanie Thomas** offered \$10 bucks to hide her thinly veiled ad for the Doubletree T-day meal
- **Jana Gerow** had \$5 bucks because she's driving 5000 miles to visit a 102 year old uncle.
- **Dee Brinegar** said some nice stuff about the Pomona School
- **Chris (disaster) Unfug** had \$10 bucks for someone named Walton returning from a GSE trip.
- **Max Krey** told us about a speaker at the college talking about Commodities for \$5 bucks.

#### Announcements:

- **Nate Williams** reminded us to show up to deliver dictionaries in Dan Robert's stead.
- **The Czar** gave us a pitch to donate to the Paul Harris Fellowship committee before years end in order to receive the tax deduction. A worthy endeavor so it'd be a great time to step up Guys.
- **Barb Smith** announced a Dec 2 meeting of the Polio Plus committee and also reminded us of this year's Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup>. She says it'll be a blast! We'll be there with our Mum!
- **Bob Johnson** reminded us to show up for bell ringing on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and then a Chili lunch at Hospice (**new location**) at either 12:00 or 2:00 depending upon next weeks coin toss.
- **Nancy Hill** badgered us to find new members and tweak those who aren't regular attendees.
- **This week is the joint Rotary/ Kiwanis meeting** so prepare, the heathens are descending upon us. They just don't stand a chance against the "Mighty" Downtown Rotary Club!!
- **Denny Mayer; Past President Emeritus** announced next year's new board members including **Barb Bowman, Lou Ludington and Mike McCormick** and reconfirmed; **Chris (disaster) Unfug** will be next years president and **Bob (the Bobster) Johnson** has been selected by out Past Presidents for the year after! Congratulations to you all, our Club will continue to be in good hands.

#### Paul Harris Fellow Awards:

**Bob Czarnecki** received something nice (in Crystal) for becoming a major Paul Harris Donor. **Diane Schwenke and Nate Williams** became Paul Harris Fellows. more congratulations!

## Warner's Corner



Today's meeting is one we look forward to every year - the joint session with our friends in the Kiwanis Club of Grand Junction.

We come together as two outstanding service clubs with a long and exemplary history of providing support to our community. My counterpart, President Maily D'Aponti of the Kiwanis Club, and I share a great sense of pride as we lead our clubs in 2009-2010.

Of course, the real purpose of today's gathering is to launch our annual competition as bell ringers for the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle Campaign. There's likely to be the usual good-natured banter as to which club possesses the superior fund-raising prowess as we hit the streets on Saturday, December 5.

However, in the end, the real winner is the Salvation Army and its effort to provide goods and services for those in most need in the Grand Valley. Members of these clubs have been squaring off in this friendly competition for many years in support of this great cause.

As usual, we Rotarians will celebrate will a post bell ringing chili feed (at a location to be determined) following our 2-hour shift on December 5. I promise the chili will be hot and the event will be "cool."

Good luck to all - Rotarians and Kiwanians alike. We're sure to have another ringing success in 2009!

#### New Member:

**Dave (Grandpa) Williams** became a full fledged Rotarian and shared his memory loss with us. At 85 he upped the average age of our Club to a ghastly high number, but he'll be a fun Rotarian. He also shared that he needs a ride to the meetings so let's find out where he lives and someone bring him.

#### On the Beat:

This reporter had the privilege of handing our dictionaries to some lovely 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at Nisley School on 28 ¾ Road on Thursday and the experience was incredible as usual. Tommy Hunn officiated and I must say those children's lives will never be the same. Tom's perspective on life is just...well...ahem...Wow!



*Dave Williams is welcomed by President Joe Cool and Dennis Pretti as our newest club member.*

### Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Wow, and we even made it to the front page of the Daily Sentinel! Congratulations Grand Junction Rotary. The 2009 Rotary 3rd Grade Dictionary Project is now complete except for the reading of the Thank-You letters. Thanks to all that labored and contributed. Big thanks to the donors who give the money to make the project possible: **1st National Bank of the Rockies, Alpine Bank, Bank of Colorado, Bernie and Mary Buescher, Best Exploration-Rod Christ, Callahan-Edfast Mortuary, Coldwell Commercial-Dale Beede, CommWest-Nate Wallace, Conquest Development (Tuckers), American National Bank, Gay Johnson's and Dee and Pat Brinegar, Gene Taylor, Jan Pomrenke, Mays Concrete, Inc., Wells Fargo Bank-Dean Massey, FCI Constructors, Inc.-Mike Davis, Timberline Bank, U S Bank-Steve Gunderson, 72 Degrees-Bill Hirt, Subaru of Grand Junction, Thomas Hunn Jewelers, Dalby Wendland & Co., Fid Braffett, Banana's-Chris Burns. Now, the real Angels who did the physical labor much deserving of thanks: Lou Ludington, Terri Smatla and her admin assistant, Teresa Anson, Judy Ritchey, Dee Brinegar and Doug Colaric...and more to follow next week. Good job.**

### ***Upcoming Dates***

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

- December 2**    **Travel Program to Lapland**  
*Herb Bacon*
- December 9**    **Discoverability Program**  
*Pete Wynn*
- December 15**   **Rotary Christmas Party**  
*6:00 p.m., Bookcliff Country Club*
- December 23**   **No Program**
- December 30**   **New Year Resolutions/Sock**  
**Hop – King 'N Trio**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- December 4**    **Past President's Meeting**  
Noon, Bookcliff CC
- December 15**   **Rotary Christmas Party**  
6:00 p.m., Bookcliff Country Club

**November 25, 2009**



***Bob Czarnecki was honored with a crystal plaque for his contributions to the Rotary Foundation.***