

Colorado Discoverability - Steve Gunderson, CDA President

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Colorado Discover Ability (CDA) began in 1980 with a Powderhorn program. CDA offers outdoor recreation programs unavailable for at-risk youth and people with disabilities in western Colorado.

Clients are primarily individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities, some of which include; cerebral palsy, developmental disabilities, spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injuries, emotional disturbances, sight impairments, and hearing impairments. Programs include: skiing/snowboarding, ski racing, river rafting, water-skiing, bicycle riding, camping, and exercise classes.

Clients come from many agencies (Hilltop, Mesa Development, District 51, etc.), Wounded Warriors, and families. There are about 500 unique clients served in the program

More Drivel from the Peanut Gallery

By Reed Mitchell

Ring, ring and away we go... Joe Cool with his cast of thousands opened the December 2nd meeting of the "Bestest" Rotary Club Anywhere with the lovely and talented Walt Smith accompanying at the piano. Our geriatric new guy; **Dave Williams** attempted to make a clean get away before being saddled with a King and Trio CD. Ole' Dave almost made it back to his seat but the King was too quick for him and alas he meekly endured his song leading and CD punishment stoically. We'll see if our aged new guy coughs up **King David's** exorbitant \$15 buck fee. He's on a fixed income after all and Dave's got a quota to make.

Then **Tommy Hunn** was summarily fined \$5 Bucks for his blatant commercial advertisement for his lawn guy's introduction. Other Rotarians and guests were appalled at the exorbitant fine his Coolness levied -- \$5 Bucks! Careful with those introductions Rotarians, Joe is just catching his stride, so let the fines begin...

Happy Bucks:

- **Dan Roberts** had \$5 grateful Bucks for the Dictionary Delivery Patrol; he's got 4 left @ \$10. ea.
- **Dave Durham's** wife's mother wrecked his wife's car and his 16 year old daughter has chicken pox!
- **Dale Beede** had \$5 frustrated Bucks his CU team was beat and Coach Hawkens was still there.
- **Walt Smith** had a measly buck he had a bell ringing conflict and was playing a wedding on Sat.
- **Barbara Salogga** was \$5 bucks sad for our friend Bobby Turner just lost his Mom.

Announcements:

- **The Czar** announced the final days of this year's Paul Harris donations cycle
- **Dennis Pretti** followed up with an outline of how to add **your PHF Donation to your Club Bill**. Dennis explained you could split a \$200. donation between your January and April billings. He also explained that our club has a \$30k PHF commitment to fill so let's get to it guys. Call Dennis!
- **Gwen (cutie pie) DeCino** reminded us of the Christmas party on the 15th; it's almost a sell out!
- **Bob Johnson** still needs **bell ringers** for Saturday's Salvation Army competition
- **Tracy Miller's** upcoming Holiday Extravaganza (Dec. 10th.) for the Youth Exchange Bunch. Tracy says it's not just a ladies event so Guys bring your wives along anyway, just to be safe.
- **Jana Gerow** is holding Dist. Youth Exchange interviews next week before club at 11:30

Official Club Session:

The President used his gavel masterfully and called to order an **official Club meeting** to confirm the nominees for next year's presidency and board. As predicted **Bob Johnson** will be 2011-12 president and **Barb Bowman, Lou Ludington and Mike McCormick** are confirmed to the board. **Very official stuff.**

The Bobster gets the Bird:

In true Rotary Spirit **Dr. Don Tyler** gave a beautiful **Rose Breasted Grosbeak Carving** to our new president **to be; Bob Johnson**. This bird rested on a hawthorn bush and is a real treasure. Dr. Don outdid himself with this carving, a true Rotary treasure himself.

Warner's Corner



Did you ever want to know more about The Rotary Foundation (TRF) but were too afraid to ask? Well, worry no more. The upcoming Quad-District Foundation Dinner and Seminar next month in Denver will likely present answers to all of your questions. The 2-day event, at the Marriott Denver Tech Center Hotel, features dinner on Friday night, January 8, with the Foundation seminar to follow on Saturday morning, January 9.

The Quad-District Foundation Committee is offering a package rate of \$65 for the two events. Otherwise, the dinner is \$55 and the seminar is \$20. The hotel is giving Rotarians an excellent rate and attendees are being encouraged to stay the night and include the morning Foundation seminar in their plans. (The hotel's reservation number is: Marriott PASSKEY at 1-800-266-9432 for hotel room reservations on Friday night.)

RI President John Kenny, RI Director Ron Burton, Past RI Director Grant Wilkins and current TRF Trustee Lynn Hammond will each speak. This is a quite a coup to have so many of our international leaders in one place to share their current and future visions.

Club Foundation Chairs, Board Members as well as New Club Members are being urged to attend. There's only one guarantee ... every attendee will gain valuable insight into The Rotary Foundation.

Gifts:

- **Pat Gormley's** wife made him buy a half full cup for his coolness. There was a hat with the cup too.
- **Dan Roberts** returned from Branson with a Vase / Hat / Face Mask for our Pres. It fit like a glove.
- **Kathy Herzog** brought back a bunch of stuff from the K- State Women's Basketball Game that she attended after **Max Krey** loaded her up with old K State sweaters, rubber fingers and stuff. Fun...
- **Dan Wilson** of Salvation Army fame delivered some Insane Hot Sauce to his Coolness. The Devil mad him do it... We're all excited to RING our best on Saturday for the Salvation Army!
- **Gerry Tucker**, after touring the Canadian North Country coast to coast brought our fearless leader an Olympic Hat, along with a weather predictor that just uses common sense, **like, it's wet for rain.**

The Program:

Our own **Herb (Hokey Pokey) Bacon** delivered another fun and interesting slide show program on one of his recent tours of the world's most obscure places. This time it was **Lapland and Ice Hotels** where our Golden Boy braved the interminable cold. The highlight of the day was pictures of his Reindeer race and subsequent crash. I think the race was fixed, but Herby wasn't telling. There were some photos of some real Nordic beauties he captured leaving the bathroom. They say big girls need love too!!

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 or at all area Walgreen's. **There going fast!!**

Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

And yes.....it does take a "Village" and for your reading enjoyment.....here is the rest of "The Village" that accomplished the Rotary Dictionary Project. Thank you to all of these folks who completed the physical delivery of those fabulous books:

Andrew Walters, Barbara Traylor Smith, Bob Czarnecki, Bob Johnson, Cliff Anson, Craig Ginter, Dale Beede, Dan Roberts, Dave DeMott, David Durham, Dee Brinegar, Dennis Morris, Dennis Pretti, Doug Colaric, Fid Braffett, Gene Taylor, George Wheeler, Gerry Geske, Glen Mills, Herb Bacon, Jack Roberts, Jana Gerow, Jane Kroese, Jenny Parsons, Jess James, Jim Ryback, Joan Joseph, John Duffy, John Gormley, Judy Ritchey, Kathy Herzog, Kim Giannone, Kirk Rider, Lou Ludington, Lynn Lickers, Mike Davis, Nate Wallace, Pat Gormley, Paul Petersen, Reed Mitchell, Robert Bray, Rod Christ, Scott Holzschuh, Terri Smatla, Terry Toner, Tim Sewell, Tom Hunn, Walt Smith

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

- December 15** **Rotary Christmas Party**
6:00 p.m., Bookcliff Country Club
- December 16** **No Meeting**
- December 23** **No Meeting**
- December 30** **New Year Resolutions/Sock**
Hop – King 'N Trio

Upcoming Meetings

- December 15** **Rotary Christmas Party**
6:00 p.m., Bookcliff Country Club

December 9, 2009



***Past President Kim "The Dutchess"
Giannone bears the elements during
Saturday's Salvation Army Bell Ringing***