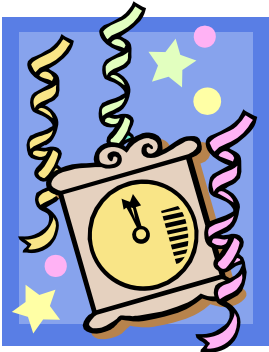


New Year Resolutions – Surprise Moderator!

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Here's what John Wayne thought about the New Year:

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday."

Bring your favorite New Year's Quote to share with your table on December 30th!

Put your resolution cap on for a FUN filled luncheon with a "Surprise" moderator.

Christmas Time at Rotary By Reed Mitchell

Our esteemed gaggle again met in the sardine room of good ol' Dos Rios and after one of his Coolness' punier bell ringings we were off to another historic Rotary get together. The crowd was restless on this date and order was difficult for our fearless leader to bring about. The Czar (sitting at our table) continued his long winded story halfway through the program speaking to Gary Nagy across the room but no one was distracted, or paid much attention, well sorta, kinda. Dale (beady eyed) Beede prayed and Herb (Hokey Pokey) Bacon directed our rendition of God Bless America and thankfully saved us from doing David's annual 12 days of Christmas table competition. The King was clearly distraught about the missing the opportunity to hear "Five Golden Hens" caterwauled twelve agonizing times. Poor David...

The **LOOSER Kiwanis Club** humbly gave their post dated check to President Joe for loosing the **Name that Tune competition** several weeks back and for getting trounced in the Salvation Army bell ringing competition. Our Rotarian heroes proudly rose over \$35,000 for the Salvation Army cause last Saturday.

An Auction:

Glen (not an auctioneer) Mills feebly worked the crowd over auctioning Walid's two Rotary neckties; after Scott Holzschuh nabbed one for \$35 bucks Tommy Hunn raised his own bid three times to eventually win the next one for \$100. Then he promptly gave it to **Chris (disaster in the making) Unfug**, go figure???

Next Meeting: Our Club will have a hiatus of sorts and not meet again until Dec. 30th. In the meantime there's our Christmas Party at Bookcliff Country Club on Tuesday the 15th. Come ready to Boogie!

The Past Presidents are likewise forgoing their next meeting until Feb 5th. Wonder if they boogie at those meetings? We humble Rotarian plebs will never know what goes on at those secretive PP meetings and they're just not talking. I'll bet they practice the secret Rotary handshake and then drink special drinks.

Happy Bucks:

- **Jack (Smooth Walker) Connolly** reported that Susan Lanham is okay in Santa Barbra (no Bucks)
- **The Czar** (\$5 Bucks) casually mentioned that Alabama beat Nebraska, are you listening Dale?
- **Kathy O'Shea** was \$5 Bucks happy her son is getting well after an accident a year ago.
- **Walt Smith** had \$5 bucks to celebrate the wedding he played in Silt Saturday. They marry in Silt?
- **Cliff Anson** celebrated with a buck the outbound exchangers after interviewing them last week.
- **Barb T. Smith** celebrated the Texas Longhorns victory over Nebraska, Dale that's for you?

Announcements:

- **Tracy Miller's Holiday extravaganza** was still on December 10th, everyone's invited.
- **Max Krey** had a new necktie gift for Glen Mills after making some curious remarks about enjoying watching him on TV. What's old Max into these days we all wondered?
- **The Czar** had envelopes for everyone's PHF donations and graciously exempted the K&T guys.
- **Kim Giannone** announced a fund raiser for the Grand Valley Kennel Club

Warner's Corner



As 2009 draws to a rapid close, I want to take a moment and congratulate our newly elected leadership team that will be coming on board next July. I think all would agree we have a truly outstanding group of folks about to step up and accept key roles in our club.

We will have Chris Unfug as President for 2010-2011 and Bob Johnson as President-Elect for 2011-2012. Bob has already been formally initiated into the top post as he recently received the beautiful wood carving of a bird from the master wood carver himself, Dr. Don Tyler.

The three new members of the board, serving 2-year terms from July 1, 2010, through July 1, 2012, are: Barbara Bowman, Lou Ludington and Michael McCormick.

Denny Mayer, representing the Past President's, had charge of the nominating process. Denny and his crew performed their assigned duties marvelously. (I'm told that after performing such an arduous task, the Past Presidents will take the month of January off and reconvene the first week in February!)

As this will be my last column of 2009, I want to express my sincere thanks to all for a great first half of my presidential year. Let's pray we have a very Happy New Year in 2010!

Paul Harris Foundation Awards:

Steve Gunderson received his PHF pin and certificate, "good on ya Steve".

Legends of Rotary Calendars:

Call Reed 216-8533 "I'll deliver" it's not too late for Christmas and what a great gift they are!

Dennis Baker, remember him? brought this reporter an old Spokesman from his archives dated **Oct. 23 2002** and in it **Karen Berryman** challenged the Club's old guys to do a **"Beefcake Calendar!!"** She wanted pictures of Herb Bacon and Dick Sweeney in the "All together" Her spirit must be at work because just look what we've done! She was a special Rotarian and still greatly missed. There was also a correction in that issue that stated **"Reports of Larry Wild being dead since 1984 are false!"** Could that still be true?

Christmas Party:

The Christmas party was a blast and if you missed it you missed a great time. Everyone turned out in their best finery. The evening was cold and windy (**much like our esteemed president, Joe cool**) couple that with great food and entertainment the evening was fabulous. Jerry Tucker sang his heart out to the oldies at our table and drowned out most of the caterwauling from Kirk Rider and his group. This reporter will savor the season and the experience for at least another day. Several key Club members were conspicuously absent and must have been called to the mother ship for reprogramming, **John Duffy?**

Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Well, well, we did not forget, and I want to give you **December Birthday Folks** advance notice that we will celebrate your birthday's on December 30th, our last meeting of the year. My Dad's birthday was December 28th and it seemed as though he never, ever had a birthday because we prepared for Christmas. Christmas came and then we celebrated the birth of Jesus instead. He felt he was always on the back burner and really never had a birthday. Well, we won't put our Rotarians on the back burner. I'm giving notice to: **Walid Bou-Matar, Dee Brinegar, David Brown, Vicky Canaday, Mary Crumbaker, Bob Czarnecki, Kim Giannone, Roger Hagerty, Jerry Hamilton, Leslie Hughes, Mel Jurgens, Jane Kroese, Ora Lee, Bob Lombardi, P. J. McGovern, Glen Mills, Larry Osterburg, Dick Pryor and Bob Rigg.** December 30 will be your day and ya'al better be there because Jeannie Thomas has great big plans for you. Sooooooooooooo -- Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, and Happy Birthday to all of you. See you then -- 12:00 noon sharp:)

Upcoming Dates

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

January 6 **Greetings from Panama**
Jack Connolly

January 13 **Update on the City of Grand**
Junction – Laurie Kadrich

Upcoming Meetings

January 13 **Rotary Exchange Committee**
11:15 a.m. Two Rivers Cnv. Ctr



Glenn Mills auctioned off two Rotary ties to raise funds for the foundation. One went to Tom Hunn and the other to Scott Holzschuh.