

TODAY'S PROGRAM

## Grand Junction Update – City Manager Laurie Kadrich



From updating Main Street to new roads & Interstate connections to the balancing of the budget in the challenging times, here to update us today on all that's happening here in River City is our very own fellow Rotarian Laurie Kadrich.

Laurie joined the City of Grand Junction three years ago. Laurie embraces the concepts of transparency and openness in her leadership. Her career began in law enforcement at the Gillette, WY Police Department. After fourteen years moving up through the ranks she ultimately became Cody, Wyoming's first City Manager.

In her spare time, you can often find Laurie exploring a new hiking or cross country ski trail with her dogs, or focused on the teachings of a good book.

### While You Slept By Frank Wagner

You are reading the ramblings of a substitute scribe so don't blame this on Reed. If you weren't in attendance you missed a good meeting of Rotary Club 1167. Let me fill you in....

Joe Cool opened the meeting with the bell but few people paid attention.

Bob Czarnecki led us in prayer

David (the King) recited some poetry to try to help clarify what some people feel about Nebraska football. David also tried to get \$15 from David Brown, but we're not sure if he got a dime.

### HAPPY BUCKS

- **Jana Gerow** thanked everyone for remembering the loss of her mother & brother
- **Mel Jurgens** gave \$82 for his birthday
- **Jesse James** was proud to be alive and from Nebraska
- **Don Tyler** gave \$63 for wedding anniversary
- **Glenn Mills** congratulated all for giving for food drive.
- **Dee Brinegar** for the Nebraska thing even though there was a Joe Cool moratorium on mentioning any bowl games for happy bucks.
- **Dennis Pretti** defended the quality of CU grads.
- **Lou Ludington** made comments on CU grads

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bob Czarnecki** announced a meeting next week @ 11:30 for Rotary Foundation planning
- **Dennis Pretti** is billing next week (can hardly wait)
- **Barb Bowman** - make your calendar for Valentine day – bring your honey to the Rotary meeting.
- **Gary Nagy** - blood giving sign up but forgot the forms, maybe next week, Gary?
- **Joe "COOL"** gave us a "state of the club report"- actually all is well w/ old #1167

### NEW MEMBER

Terry Smatla sponsored Steve Schultz & introduced the new School District 51 superintendent to our club. Steve gave a nice talk; he has some history w/ Rotary - **WELCOME STEVE!**

### PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

President Joe introduced Paul Harris Fellow, Andy Walters and the following Paul Harris-Plus members:

Jack Connolly	+2	Gay Hetland	+2
Kathy Herzog	+1	Kim Giannone (Asst. DG)	+3
Mike Burke	+2	Joanna Little	+2

## Warner's Corner



I want to take a moment to share my very positive impression with the third grade students in the Grand Valley.

Of course, each year we receive dozens and dozens of letters - likely at the urging of their teachers - from the students after receipt of their brand new dictionary. This year was no different and we've shared many of these notes on the tables at our weekly gatherings.

It's always a moving experience to read, in the child's own hand, how grateful he or she is for getting such a wonderful gift, often noting it the very first book they ever called their own.

However, in reading the letters, I came across the following note from a third grade teacher:

"Dear Rotary Club Members: Thank you for the wonderful donation of dictionaries to our third grade classes here at Appleton Elementary School. Your generosity has inspired us to "pay it forward." We have been collecting pennies to donate to Pennies for Peace. We are pleased to announce that our school will be able to send over \$100 to this charity. Thank you for setting a wonderful example for us all."

One can't always know the full measure of good that can come from doing good deeds.

### PROGRAM

**Jack Connolly** regaled us with a great show about the Panama Canal, we learned things like;

- When they got the idea to dig the big hole in 1880, they got on the internet to put in out to bid.
- French started work in 1882 – they stopped building in 1889
- USA took over construction and the first ship went thru in 1914.
- There are many locks on the canal that they had to sell bagels they sold to go with them.

The program was both interesting and a lot of fun.

**Terry Smatla** won the big bucks in the weekly raffle.



*President Joe Cool introduced our newest member, Superintendent Steve Schultz. Steve was sponsored by Terry Smatla.*

### Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

I think I have a fabulous idea! I hope you all will agree. Ya'll heard **David Durham** give his excuses for his **bad pants**. And, Ya'll know that being the good Rotarian that David is, he would never tell a fib. So why don't we just help him buy a new pair of pants? I will make a deal with Vicki and Leslie to have a cute hat at the check-in desk for anyone who agrees that **King David needs a new pair of pants**. Just drop in a dollar or whatever or clean the change out of your pockets and we will give it to him. He does so much for the club and always has. So it is time we do something special for him. I pledge \$5.00 whopping greenbacks for the new pants of his choice. He, of course, will have to model them at a later date and we will all cheer. So here's to King David and

**The Hat Collection for New Pants! (not jeans - nice slacks) Today (January 13th) or next week, your choice. Vicki and Leslie will collect! Yea!**

### ***Upcoming Dates***

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

- January 20 Super Secret Program  
January 27 Rotary Service Tailgate Party

### **Upcoming Meetings**

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

January 13, 2010



*Even though President JC put the kibosh on anyone speaking about Nebraska's bowl game, Dee Brinegar's outfit spoke loud enough for Nebraska alums and fans.*