



A Rotary Club Toast (Or is that Roast)

Presenting a cadre of members who will speak their minds about one of our long time members! This world traveler, who has shared his many adventures with us in his trademark dry-wit style, is within days of his 80th birthday. He will no doubt garner a plethora of both controversial and savory comments from our group. Come and relish this yummy Roast for yourself!

Sit back and enjoy, and join in the celebration as we pay homage to one of our more colorful and seasoned Rotary Club members – Herb Bacon

Rotary Fun January 13, 2010

By Reed Mitchell

This Reporter just has to comment on the **Roast Beast luncheon** put on by Dos Rios for our esteemed gaggle; **Yummy**. They may not always be able to get the microphones to work but the chef had his stuff together today. His Coolness did a double bell ringing today, a dainty little one for himself and another with some genuine authority for the masses, the second after **Jack Acuff** returned our hero's missing gavel, What was Jack thinking? **The tradition of stealing the president's gavel down the drain. — ts-k- ts-k**

Our prayer leader for the day, **Kevin McChesney** tentatively asked if anyone missed him over the holidays. His Coolness asked for a show of hands on the question and got a lukewarm response from the group. When asked who didn't miss him there was an equal lukewarm response so Kevin is now almost one of us; almost. Just a little more praying and you're in Kevin.

There was then some nonsense about new pants for the King perpetrated by our Fun Facts gal Jan P. and after Dave showed off his new toggs it was evident he needed help. His marginally tasteful shirt and sweater were also called into question by the group. This finally explains the Hawaiian shirts and khaki pants the K & Trio wear to perform their Tom Dooley songs -- **Shades of the fifties**. Jan handed over the ill-gotten loot to Dave and said something about buying a tank of gas. I clearly remember someone passing the hat a couple years ago and he was nearly eviscerated by some. Times change or have the rules?

Happy Bucks:

- **The Czar** had \$5 happy/sad bucks for breaking his new hip in Yoga class and missing a trip to Antarctica. The club asks why on both issues?
- **Kirk Rider** is \$10 bucks happy Jeanine is recovering from back surgery
- **Scott Holzschuh** was a buck happy the Two Rivers mikes are working today, how'd that happen?
- **Barb T. Smith** was happy her Longhorn team's quarterback is still in one piece; or something??
- **Dave Brown** praised the King's pants and was happy he sold a K& T CD on ebay for a buck fifty.
- **Jeanie** sang happy Birthday to Walid and announced her dance class is next week
- **Nancy Hill** had \$5 biggies for bowling after her arthroscopic surgery
- **Carmen Moyer** \$5 for St Mary's tower opening and \$5 sad bucks for Bob Ladenburger leaving

Announcements:

- **David (pants) Durham** shared that he and his K& T cohorts were headed to San Diego for a Rotary thingie and also they were doing another **Royce Hurst concert at Ropers on Feb. 19th - tickets??**
- **Gary Nagy** announced another Rotary Blood Drive on January 27th ^{Bring} your arms Gang.
- **Nancy Hill** announced a membership committee meeting next week before Club, come get involved.
- **The Czar** pontificated about everyone becoming a PHF or advancing for only \$200 bucks.
- **Jana Gerow** is looking for host families for her child trafficking business, any takers?
- **Max Krey** is looking for five folks to sit at his table for his birthday party (good luck with that Max)
- **Chris (disaster) Unfug** reminded us of the Club's tailgate party On the 27th wear a team shirt and join a committee. This will be a fun meeting so come ready to party.

Warner's Corner



The second annual "Super Service Bowl & Tailgate Party" will be on January 27. It's another fun-filled event - which also serves as our Club Assembly meeting.

Two Rivers will once again be transformed into a Super Bowl-themed tailgate party. Chris Unfug, president-elect, is working to complete plans for this program.

The goal here two fold: (1) to have fun, and (2) to encourage members to sign up for one - *or more* - of the nearly two dozen committees that are the backbone of this great club. In past years, we attempted this task in late May or early June with sign-up sheets (which more often than not languished in the middle of the tables.)

Special tailgate areas representing each of the club's six areas of emphasis - club administration, public relations, membership development, service projects, the foundation and community service - will be set up and likely will feature a brisk competition to recruit - and sign - new members to the respective committees.

We will follow-up with a "Draft Day" where we'll announce the members for each committee. That day there will be an opportunity for trades and acquisitions.

If last year's inaugural Super Service Bowl & Tailgate Party is any indication, we should have a blast. So, put on your game face - and your favorite team's jersey - and come join in the fun.

Paul Harris Fellows:

Larry Wild was elevated to **PHF + 8 !!** He's our hero and no, he apparently did not die in 1983

Gifts for the President:

- **Larry Wild** brought his highness a gem from Rio, Isn't that where the nude beaches are? Hummm
- **Mark Dyer** brought Joe an official Mermaid trinket from Puerto Rico with a shot glass, whee'o

Joe's Fines:

- **His coolness** tried to levy a Club fine by asking us what happened on Jan 11th 1974 and we were miraculously saved by Chris (himself) Unfug who knew that's when the Vikings won the Super Bowl.
- **Mike Blackburn** didn't fare as well and was fined for lingering outside Joe's Hospital room when he had heart surgery last year waiting for a bad result. That cost Mike' \$10 biggies. Shame on you Mike -- for shame...

Calendars:

Hurry, Hurry, There's only 1200 Legends of Rotary Calendars left get one for everyone you know, they're tacky and fun and full of your favorite handsome Rotarians. See Reed for yours today!

Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Well, you know me, I am always thinking. My latest thoughts have to do with downtown Grand Junction and the construction project and the closure that is so damaging to those businesses. A few days ago my family and I went to the Moulin Rouge (now known as La Rouge) for dinner. It used to be you needed a reservation in order to have a table but when we walked in there was not a single person dining. Frenchy, the waiter was simply down in the dumps - no business. He said he did not know if they would even be able to stay open. I love that restaurant! I feel terrible for them and all the others in the construction area. So Laurie Kadrich, Great and Beloved City Manager (I know you read your email) what if the city contracted with Grand Valley Transit (a small bus) or whomever, to run on a roving basis around the area to give free rides from the free parking garage and other free parking lots to the alley entrances of those businesses affected. Then pickup in the alley and deliver back to their free parking space - constantly roving you might say. What a nice service that would be. An older population does business with many of those merchants and from now to when the project is finished they are going to do their business elsewhere. What do you think? It would be safer for everyone, give the city additional tax revenue and save a few businesses. I would bet those merchants would find a way to get their alley entrance/exits up to par for the sake of the business. Just thinking again...then again...maybe there's a better plan to support these hard working merchants.

Upcoming Dates

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

- January 27 **Rotary Service Tailgate Party**
- February 3 **Saint Mary's Hospital Update**
- February 10 **Valentine's Day Program**
Bring Your Sweetie
- February 17 **Math & Science Center**
Robin Maddox

Upcoming Meetings

- January 20 **Rotary Board Meeting**
5:00 p.m, Hospice Ctr, Room 101

January 20, 2010



***President Joe Cool presents The "Wild Man,"
Larry Wild with his Paul Harris-Plus-Eight Pin.
Way to go , Larry!***