

## Math & Science Center

### Robin Maddox



Founded by John McConnell in 2009, the Western Colorado Math and Science Center annually hosts 8000 students from across the western slope. The mission is "to create lasting excitement for math and science for students, teachers and the community." With over 150 hands-on exhibits exploring principles from bubbles and bees to plasma and x-rays, visitors are never disappointed. In addition, the Center maintains a 5.5 acre science park leading to the Colorado riverbank for outdoor nature exploration.

Robin Maddox received her Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics from the University of Vermont. Upon graduation, she served 8 years as a Communications-Electronics Officer in the United States Air Force. She received a regular commission upon promotion to Captain and also earned the award of Company Grade Office of the Year for the Logistics Communications Division. After marrying her husband David, a Grand Junction native, she resigned her commission to raise their four children. David recently retired following 22 years of service.

### The Spokesman's Spokesman

By Reed Mitchell

The sardine room at Dos Rios was all a-twitter with wives, sweethearts and lovers on this our annual Valentine's Day gathering. His eminence **Pat Gormley** prayed for us and then **Earl Reid** deftly assisted the King in some exemplary caterwauling. "Let me call you Sweetheart" never sounded so...so ..,"so". Love was definitely in the air, though as demonstrated by the introductions of our dear old gals as "The Supervisor" or "the Boss" The girls were all very 'Vaklemt' (that's Yiddish for weepy or nauseous??).

It was also immediately evident that the **Laurie Kadrich's** Two Rivers minions forgot to buy batteries for the Microphones, as our illustrious group fumbled and struggled for a few minutes then finally passed around his Coolness little lapel mike to make announcements and introductions. Budget cuts everywhere these days! Then Tommy (diamonds) Hunn introduced his flying squeeze and a guest singer from the New York Metropolitan Opera who sang an unidentifiable operatic ditty in another language, all with authority and grace. The King was clearly jealous of her obvious talent and he was likewise VaChlemt.

#### Happy Bucks:

- **Dee Brinegar** spoke of his Nebraska Women's Basketball team finishing # 3, Good ole' NEB.
- **Barb Bowman** had \$3. bucks worth of praise for **Jeanie and Chuck's music** and spoke of the Ride the Rockies bicycle tour when **Dean Massy** interrupted carrying on about Wells Fargo bank as a sponsor ...that cost ole' Dean \$10 bucks!! Will Dean ever learn?
- **The Czar** had \$2 measlies for only using one crutch. - do you remember his yoga class injury??
- **Scot Holzschuh** had \$3 bucks for his last day at American Nat'l Bank; He also mentioned **Dean Massy's** using TARP funds for his Ride the Rockies sponsorship, all in the same critical breath.
- **Gerry Tucker** gave \$61 bucks praising some great ladies working in Haiti with children amputees.

#### Announcements:

- **Chris Unfug** again announced the K& T's concert on the 19<sup>th</sup> at Ropers Music. Tickets \$25 bucks!
- **Dennis Pretti** reported the members donating \$3,000 for Haiti and the club matching it - good on us!
- **Amy, of Rotaract** announced her club raising \$808 for Haiti shelter boxes, more good news
- **His Coolness** announced a board meeting that will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Hospice, very high level stuff!
- **Tommy (diamonds) Hunn** praised ole' **Gene'O Taylor** for opening an indoor archery range.

## Warner's Corner



One of the rare downsides of a large Rotary club such as ours is that it's often easy for individual efforts to go unnoticed or otherwise fail to receive the attention they richly deserve. Today, I would like to highlight the initiative of one of our members - Tracy Miller.

Tracy, still relatively new to our ranks, has already organized two successful fund-raising events called "The Holiday Extravaganza" at her home. A few weeks ago, 25 vendors came together to sell everything from food, jewelry, cosmetics, purses, candles, nutrition-related products, tools, scrapbooking materials, handmade gifts, and much more. (They even had a masseuse.) Needless to say, guests also had plenty of food and drink available to them.

A Silent Auction & Raffle drew a great deal of attention. All of the items were obtained by Tracy or donated by the vendors.

At the end of the day, the event took in just under \$1,200 for the Rotary Youth Exchange program sponsored by our club. Tracy commented: "I had fun putting it on."

Tracy, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you - on behalf of our club - for your hard work and commitment to making this fund-raiser such a success. We admire your "can do" Rotary spirit.

#### Calendars:

**Hurry, Hurry**, buy one get one free!! 16 months of fun and full of your favorite handsome almost bare-naked Rotarians. **See Reed for yours today!!**

#### Paul Harris Award:

**Dr Jim Rybak** received his PHF + 6 !! Dr. Jim is a shining example to us all

#### Presidential Gifts:

**Kevin McChesney** brought a nice shirt for his Coolness back from Cozumel instead of the monkey his wife wouldn't let him buy. Kevin would have kept the monkey and just gifted the shirt, Kevin's that way...

#### Ask Mr. Wizard:

This tid-bit came in from one of Mr. Wizard's bar room buddies.

A three legged dog walked into the local bar and looked around threateningly.

What do you want asked the bartender? "I'm **looking for the S.O.B. who shot my paw!** "

### Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

The *Seeing Eye* is always on some of us in this life. Lots of folks are admired from a distance by ordinary John and Jane Does and every now and again we get to up close and personal with the *Stars* in our community who move and shake our destinies. Rotary is privileged to have another member who brings a wealth of everything to our membership. That person is the kind, warm and generous **Steve ErkenBrack**.

The past District Attorney now President and CEO of Rocky Mountain Healthy Plans has a work schedule that is extremely demanding to say the least. With that huge responsibility in tow he still finds time to fill a very important niche on the **Rotary Youth Exchange Committee**. Committee Chairperson, **Jana Gerow**, continues to be most grateful for Steve's expertise as is the rest of the committee including yours truly. Thank you, Steve, for the gifts of your time and brilliance that you contribute to our community. It is no small or unnoticed task to make the Rotary committee and general meetings and stay ahead of the job demands of **Rocky Mountain Health Plans** to provide the health coverage of our local, not-for-profit plan that serves our community. **Congratulations to your Board of Directors for their choice in you and thank you John Hopkins for 20 fruitful years of service.**

### ***Upcoming Dates***

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

**March 3**      **Habitat for Humanity**  
*Amy Adams*

**March 10**    **Rotaract Club**  
*Amy Case*

**March 17**    **Saint Patrick's Day**  
*Celtic Dancers*

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**March 5**      **Past President's Meeting**  
Noon, Bookcliff CC

**March 17**    **Rotary Board Meeting**  
5:00 p.m, Hospice Ctr, Room 101

**February 17, 2010**