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## Ama Ghar – A Motherly Home in Nepal

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Nepal is among the ten poorest countries in the world. Each year, a significant number of children are abandoned or orphaned. Ama Ghar or “Motherly Home” in Nepali, provides a safe and loving home for the most desperate of these children. Its unique concept is supported by a small, non-profit, grassroots organization based in California.

Dr. Susan Oupadia is originally from the Pittsburgh area but has lived and worked in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. She has been a park ranger, a middle school science teacher, a petrochemical lab technician, a pharmacology research assistant and for the past 16 years, a physician, currently practicing pathology at St. Mary's Hospital. Her love affair with Nepal began in 1989 when she traveled there as a medical student. She is currently on the Board of Directors of the Ama Foundation.

## The Spokesman's Spokesman

### By Reed Mitchell

**President Cool** welcomed the faithful to the meeting and commented about our once again being relegated to the Sardine room at Two Rivers Convention Center and screen door emporium. **Peggy Foster** prayed for us and **David (the King)** was called to the podium and “we all sang anyway” according to Joe. The King invited **Mike Kercheval (Mr. Wonderful)** up to add some enthusiasm to the effort and assist him directing the willing throng. About this time something amiss was spotted in the audience; **Dennis Morris' lovely wife Lynn as Tommy Hunn's guest** while Dennis sat across the room oblivious!! I've heard of this stuff happening in Vegas but right here in River City, Astonishing! Lynn said she just wanted someone taller to lunch with.

**Jeanie** started “Grand old Flag” in the wrong key and stopped us prior to anyone's voice catching fire. Our gal Jeanie just gets more entertaining each week. The restart worked out much better so then the King had us sing Jambalaya in honor of Marti Gras which was all ready over. Somewhere in the meeting His Coolness observed all our hair turning grey; surprise. This reporter did his part to add to the silver hue that lingered in the air identifying our illustrious group! What do those Lions know anyway, they're just a bunch of young whippersnappers who sell tickets and march down Main Street dressed in frilly women's clothes every now and again? We're obviously the better club.

### Happy Bucks:

- **Dennis Morris** had \$10 happies his wife was there with a taller man?
- **Our “Dog Gal” Kim Giannone** had \$10 bucks for her favorite dog being the best anywhere.
- **Nancy Hill** had \$10 “NASCAR Bubba” Bucks because she was headed somewhere to see 2 races.
- **The King** had \$2 measleys, \$1 for **Tom Hunn's** lack of socks rivaling his often stylish slacks and \$1 for the K & T concert at Ropers Music on Friday. The dogs at Royce Hurst will be very grateful.
- **Lynn Morris** stood up and gave a speech about Dennis being such a nice man like his pal Tom
- **Barb Bowman** bragged (\$2 bucks worth) about the Two Rivers Kitchen getting high marks from the health inspector. Several close members gave a warning about another kitchen in town not faring as well in the health inspector's review. No specific Country Club was named but did anyone eat at the Rotary Christmas party? Just curious if you're still with us???

### Announcements:

- **Merritt (ole smooth pipes) Kinsey** wants nominees for potential ‘Service above Self’ award recipients. He and some other luminaries are doing the selection before June 1<sup>st</sup>. They'll review anyone; Rotarian or not! Merritt's email is [mkinsey@wslope.com](mailto:mkinsey@wslope.com). If you know anyone who is an exceptional citizen let Ole Pipes know about it and he'll do the rest.

### Calendars:

- **Hurry, Hurry** anyone who mentions this ad gets a free one when Reed gets back, this is a test...

## Warner's Corner



An important activity of our club is the Grand Junction Rotary Foundation. It was started several years ago as a local level, not-for-profit corporation that dovetails with The Rotary Foundation of RI whose goals are promoting world understanding and peace through humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and others who share in the vision of a better world.

TRF was conceived as an endowment fund in 1917 “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” TRF was formally established in 1928, but significant contributions were not received until 1947, when the death of Rotary founder Paul Harris generated an outpouring of support. Since that time, more than \$991 million has been spent on Rotary Foundation programs.

Our local Foundation meets quarterly at 11:15 a.m. on the second Wednesday of January, April, July and October. Its Officers are: Bill Sisson, president; Michael Burke, vice president; Fid Braffett, treasurer and Glenn Mills, secretary.

The 9-member board - representing three categories of membership include: President's Group: Dale Beede, immediate past president, Joe Warner, and Chris Unfug, president-elect Paul Harris Group: Bill Sisson, Michael Burke and Lynn James; Members-At-Large: Kim Giannone, Fid Braffett and Glen Mills.

If you have a question about our foundation, touch base with any of these folks.

### Paul Harris Awards:

His Coolness handed out three PHF's this day:

**Cary Eidsness & Larry Osterburg** both PHF +1 and **Steve Proust** PHF -- Good on ya guys!

### Presidential Gifts:

**Jax (Smooth Walker) Connolly** returned from Newport Beach gave His Coolness a book on California wildflowers, Joe was VaClempt, anyone recall that word from last week?

### Fill in Reporter:

Please excuse our substitute reporter; **Frank (older than dirt) Wagner** while we go in for some much needed medical maintenance. Old Frank will be much funnier and more informative than this humble reporter. Smarter and better looking too! Not!!

### Ask Mr. Wizard:







Answers to life's most perplexing questions??? Email your queries to: [mrwizardgj.com](mailto:mrwizardgj.com)

**A devoted reader asks: How old are you Mr. Wizard?** I'm 62 right now but that's just 17 Celsius.

## Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

Once you have corresponded email with folks you feel a lacking of expression when you write by hand. Some examples are happy face icons, animations, wallpaper and even sounds that you can include in your correspondence when sent by email. I would put some here but you just cannot get the full effect in the still life of ordinary print. Because we can just fly on our computer keyboards, when we write with pen & paper through the U. S. Mail our penmanship becomes harder to read and our hand written letters decrease. I am reminded every time I use my **Happy Face Icons of our great Rotarian, Cary J. Eidsness**. Now, why is that you ask? Everyone of his expressions (maybe he was the model) looks like

one of the faces in our computer choices of many *Facial Icons*.....example....., , ,  to exhibit a few. Now, if you are not computer savvy, you are not missing the animations in these faces, which are a hoot. Cary's face is always animated because he has such a cool personality. He recently celebrated his one year anniversary with Grand Junction Rotary and already is a Paul Harris Fellow+1. Good on you, Cary. We will think of you with every Icon we send except maybe the Angel  ..... 

***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*

**Upcoming Meetings**

**February 24     Rotary Board Meeting**  
5:00 p.m, Hospice Ctr, Room 101

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

**February 24, 2010**



***Jeanie Thomas was all business in revealing the cards that were dealt to our February Rotarian Birthday celebrants.***