



Amy Rogers

Habitat for Humanity – Amy Rogers

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian based non-profit organization that is ecumenical in nature, assisting, employing and accepting volunteers from all backgrounds, creeds, nationalities and religious affiliations. Habitat provides the opportunity of home ownership for hard working families with a demonstrated need.

Habitat does not give away houses, but rather provides a self-help program to families doing everything they can that still cannot qualify for affordable housing. Homes are not a “hand out” but a “hand up.”

Executive Director Amy Rogers came to Habitat for Humanity Mesa County in August of 2009. Amy brings her business acumen from the banking world, where she worked in Treasury Services at a locally owned bank. Her easy communication style is a result of 20 successful years of business to business sales.

Amy is part of this amazing organization at an unprecedented time where Habitat for Humanity will be breaking ground on a 52 Home development this month, for families in need. Please welcome her to our Rotary today.

The Spokesman's Spokesman

By Frank Wagner

Reed Mitchell is in the hospital so I am substituting again. Reed is recovering from an operation and is doing well, but he is not receiving guests yet. Keep him in your thoughts & prayers.

We had another good meeting of Rotary Club 1167. Let me fill you in....

If you haven't noticed, there's a lot of work that goes on before the meetings, hard working Rotary committees. Thanks go out to our dedicated workers. Another thing you may not notice is “Anything Goes”, “Got my love to keep me warm”, “Some day my prince will come”, “Peanuts” (Who does that come from?)

Prez Joe Cool opened with a soft bell; **Bob Czarnecki** led us in prayer and **Mr. Wonderful** (Dr. Mike Kercheval) lead us in a rousing smiles.

INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUESTS

Jana Gerow - Paul Watson

David Brown - Dr. Susan Oupadia (our speaker)

HAPPY BUCKS

Bob Czarnecki - Happy Dennis Baker was present (what's with that?)
- Also announced PHF are @ 2/3 of goal amount, great!

Terry Toner – Happy Rockies are starting camp

Mike Wonderful – **Roger Haggerty's** hip replacement is finished (2nd time) & is recovering.

Merritt Kinsey – Happy he has a portable base, not sure what it is but is worth \$2

Dale Beede – Had \$.25 (**That's 25 CENTS**) for Reed, wow can you afford it?

Dennis Pretti - Announced \$8,700 sent to Haiti

Jana Gerow – GSE student is doing well

New member P T man had \$10. - For how well his business is doing in GJ & Collbran

GIFTS FOR THE PRESIDENT

Jess James had a Sequoia tree for Joe and he talked about “Sherman” the tree he liked. Jess also had a Golf cap from Pebble Beach, site of the US OPEN this year.

Warner's Corner



I was visiting with Bob Delavan prior to the start of one of our Wednesday meetings recently. Bob is a former assistant governor for District 5470 and he mentioned his current involvement with the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA).

Acronym aside, RYLA is a program to assist high school students in developing leadership skills. The program centers on an intense, professionally led, 4-day leadership training retreat. Rotary clubs and community scholarship sponsors cover the cost of the training weekend.

Of course, Jana Gerow is the “go to” person in all things youth-related in our club. Jana and her dedicated crew have been a source of pride for many years.

RYLA is designed to work with high school sophomores and juniors who are beginning to show signs of leadership - or the potential for leadership - in their school and community. Successful applicants are in good standing at school and are actively involved with clubs, sports teams, or community groups.

Students are nominated by community members and interviewed for the scholarships by local Rotarians. The club conducts an interview session for each student.

Additional information can be found at www.RYLA5470.org ... or just ask Jana!



Dr. Susan Oupadia's program last week educated about Ama Ghar, a home in Nepal that takes in orphaned children and raises them together as a family through high school age.

PROGRAM

David Brown introduced our speaker **Dr. Oupadia**. Her presentation was excellent dealing w/ Nepal & AMA GHAR PROJECT, some highlights:

- Nepal is a small country squeezed between China & India - Population approx. 2 million
- There are 30 languages spoken
- Gross per capita annual income is \$1,200
- 50% unemployment (& you thought 10% was bad – it is)
- Farming is main employment
- There is still a lot of hope in the people

Susan had a very good video plus a spirited Q & A. You missed a good one if you weren't there.

Joe laid down a challenge to the PP to work on “bio-gas from the latrines that could fuel cooking” now there's something we could get into.

Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

As you all know we are working on **The 2010 Service Above Self Award** and the committee is seeking nominations. **Merritt Kinsey** is the committee chairman and he can receive nominations via email at mkinsey@wslope.com. The person chosen may be a Rotarian or someone else determined to be worthy in the community. I remember when we chose Ken Nesbitt ... may he rest in peace. Not only is Merritt a great committee chairman for this, but he is an awesome bass fiddle player. I always knew he fiddled around. I can't wait to hear his new, state of the art, portable job for which he just paid \$3,000 buckaroos. Maybe we could get a good solo performance out of the deal. At least he wears better pants than ol' Daffy Duds Durham. I nominated **The King 'N Trio** but was told “Self” is singular -- go figure. After thinking that over, I think I will work on a way to make “Self” plural. What do you think ... work on that, would you all? Thanks.

Upcoming Dates

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

- March 10** **Rotaract Club**
Amy Case
- March 17** **Saint Patrick's Day**
Celtic Dancers
- March 24** **Organ Donor Program**
Catherine Bradham

Upcoming Meetings

- March 5** **Past President's Meeting**
Noon, Bookcliff CC
- March 10** **Rotary Exchange Meeting**
11:15 a.m. Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.
- March 17** **Rotary Board Meeting**
5:00 p.m, Hospice Ctr, Room 101

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Mr. Wonderful lead last week's song fest with his usual enthusiasm.