

TODAY'S PROGRAM



## Everything Irish – Dick Sweeney & Company

Erin Go Braugh! Join the Grand Junction Rotary Club for a true Irish Celebration arranged by our very own Dick Sweeney.

Dick has thought of everything including Celtic Dancers, lovely Irish songs sung by Vicki Canady, David Durham, and Chris Unfug, and the Irish Declaration of Independence read by Barbara Mahoney.

You will also learn about St. Patrick, important Irish literary contributions, the Great Famine and much more. Don't forget to wear green or a little Leprechaun might pinch you!

### The Spokesman's Spokesman By Foreign Correspondent Frank Wagner

Our Leader, Joe, seems to having a difficult time lately ,such as, opening the Rotary meeting w/a SALY bell, you can hardly hear it, can't locate his gavel (JAX says he is innocent), showed a bag of sawdust that could be it? Joe is really concerned that he'll find the gavel in an estate sale of one of the PP. Seems like this is going to require the services of Jane Quimby? ... or a committee ... or Jack Bauer Mark Dyer gave the invocation. David the King w/his assistant granddaughter (gd) Issy led us in just one song

#### The Board approved distribution of funds and checks were awarded as follows:

- \*Partners - \$7500. (Completed a match for Conservation corps) Joe Higgins & Rusty thanked the club
- \*How are the Children Donna Bennit thanked us. The finds will be used for their help line
- \*Meth Task Force - \$2,000.00
- Marralac Clinic - \$3,000.00
- Latimer House - \$1,500.00 Barbara Salogga accepted & thanked

\*Indicates the money to fund these fine agencies came from the **Masquerade Ball**. As we know Masquerade was the idea of **Reed Mitchell** some 3 years ago, last year **Dennis Baker** took over for Reed and put a huge effort to carry it through successfully. Thanks **Dennis** and **Reed**.

Joe also thanks the club for the work and effort to be able to provide the support for all these agencies.

#### Visiting Guests:

- **Mel Jurgens** - Rachel Jurgens ( Mels gd & he also gave \$ 5.00 happy buck (hb))
- **Kevin McChesney** - Rachel Diggins
- **Claudia Crowell** - Kate Jackson
- **Walid Bou-Matar** - Introduced his son
- **Barbara Salogga** - Amanda Chrysler
- **Chris Unfug** - Roger Moore who also introduced Brittany
- **Jana Gerow & Tom Hunn** - introduced the visiting Rotaract members; (couldn't get all names, I apologize) Ones I did get: **Brooke, Jen, Abby, Holly, Amy, & James.**

#### Happy Bucks

- **David Durham**- Great article about **Don Tyler** and creation of his fine birds
- **Dr. James** - \$10. for all his 10 grand children getting jobs
- **JAX** - big F-1 race on Sunday
- **Dee Brinegar** - likes the Don Tyler birds also
- **Gwen** - Something that had to do with she wearing thongs or a thong
- **Dean Massey**- Made a pitch for Wells Fargo
- **Dennis Baker** - Thanks for bringing Rotary Magazines to the meeting (Joe had 6 )

#### Announcements

- **Teresa Anson** - Reminding us of the Scholarship Awards for non Rotarians
- **Vicki Canaday** - Don't forget St Patrick's Day, & Messiah performance where Vicki will be singing.
- **Terry Smatla** – Had Tickets for Messiah & Joe auctioned them to Bill Sisson for \$50 (thanks Bill)

## Warner's Corner



We had the opportunity to witness the culmination of a recent decision made by our club's newly seated Rotary Foundation Board with the formal distribution of Masquerade funds. This action took place at the start of last week's meeting.

Representatives of three organizations were on hand to accept checks on behalf of their groups. Those receiving checks included:

- \$7,500 to PARTNERS, CONSERVATION CORPS BUILDING, with Rusty Lloyd, director of Western Colorado Conservation Corps (WCCC) accepting the check.
- \$2,500 to HOW ARE THE CHILDREN, with Donna Bennett receiving the donation on behalf of HATCH.
- \$2,000 to MESA COUNTY METH TASK FORCE, with Joe Higgins, Executive Director of Partners present to accept the check.

Bill Sisson, president of the Foundation Board, is providing outstanding leadership. I'm confident he would heap high praise on members of the board for their interest and commitment as well.

Finally, to all those in this club who have been a part of Masquerade - either directly or indirectly - you deserve a solid pat on the back for making events like last Wednesday's fund distribution ceremony happen. I also want to thank Reed Mitchell for his vision and energy in coming up with the idea for Masquerade.

What a "cool" club to belong to!

#### Coming & Goings Department

- **Fred Kugeler** has resigned, he is battling Cancer, also has moved to Denver
- **Scott Holzschuh** is taking a leave of absence

#### Birthdays

**Jan Pomrenke & Jeanie** did the honors of the March birthdays, don't include **Reed** in that, his is in May. **Matt Ward & Bill Sisson** handed out roses to the Rotarian birthday boys and girls.

#### Gifts

- **Cindy Stanfield** (yes the long lost Cindy) had a shirt for Joe + another commercial.
- **Barb Bowman** - Badge for Joe
- **Herb Bacon** – Brought a Tiger from his India trip for Joe. (Last report Joe is still playing with it)

#### PROGRAM

The Rotaract Board made a fine presentation. We are very fortunate to have a great group of young people in the group that are doing good work in the community. They have 18 members with 7,000 total in all clubs. They presented a video of the various activities.

#### A Birthday Poem

By Jan Pomrenke

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mikie,  
Blackburn that is  
He is the one who  
makes us sizz  
In his funeral parlor,  
a very big biz  
I won't tell you how old Mike is.

Also on March 3rd  
We have Dear Robert Bray  
Sometimes he's here  
And sometimes he stays

Then on March 8th  
A former Santa Clause  
Sweet Gorden Gimple  
The one with the dimples

One more on the 8th  
and that is Carol Skubic  
The Rubicks Cube lady  
Since she has lots of moves  
And takes care all sorts  
of money grooves.

On March 9th,  
Jerry Tucker was born  
Don't you just love the stories he  
tells so forlorn  
A blast he would be  
to travel around  
If he's not here today... no telling  
where he will be found

March 11th we have  
Long, tall Dr. Denny Mayer  
A purveyor of talents extreme  
He was the president  
of a college supreme

On the 12<sup>th</sup> is kind Mike Schaak  
One of those folks  
Who can put a house on your back  
He's full of business  
if it's money you lack

The 16<sup>th</sup> is Jim Rybak, retired  
But busier than ever  
And he's always wired.....  
So glad he's not tired.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> Cute Claudia Crowell  
Tis the season  
For her to watch owls  
Making their nests and  
hooting at night  
For her, to be outdoors, a  
total delight

The 23<sup>rd</sup>, Laurie Kadrich celebrates  
More City Council very late dates  
We'll cherish her more when all  
that construction abates.

Last, on the 27th, incoming Pres  
Dean Christian Unfug  
"Chris" to you & he has the bug  
The bug to lead us into 2011  
So stay on his good side  
A new president will be Heaven.

***Upcoming Dates***

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

- March 24**      **Organ Donor Program**  
*Catherine Bradham*
- March 31**      **Tour of Israel**  
*Ora Lee*
- April 7**        **Club 20-Civic Engagement**  
*Angeline Roles*

**Upcoming Meetings**

- April 2**        **Past President's meeting**  
Noon, Bookcliff Country Club
- April 14**      **Rotary Exchange Meeting**  
11:15 a.m. Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.
- April 21**      **Rotary Board Meeting**  
5:00 p.m, Hospice Ctr, Room 101

**March 17, 2010**