

TODAY'S PROGRAM



Organ Donor Program – Catherine Bradham

Catherine Bradham is the Regional Donation Consultant for the Western Slope of Colorado. She has brought education to hospitals across the western slope as well as educated the western slope communities through health fairs and community organizations such as the Rotary Club. She also provides support for donor families, transplant recipients and people who may be added to the national waiting list for a life saving organ.

Currently, over 105,000 people nationally are waiting for a life saving organ transplant. Locally, the number of people waiting is approximately 2,000. The most needed organ is kidneys and thanks to living donation, this need is more easily filled but sadly the need is great and the number of available donors is small. The most common way a person can share their wish to be a donor is through the DMV. Those people who say “YES” are designated by a little read heart on their driver’s license. In Colorado, the registry is first person consent and it is important to share your wishes with your family so that they might help to carry that wish out at the time of your death.

The Spokesman’s Spokesman

By Reed (So Blunt) Mitchell

So Saint Patty’s Day is upon us and the noble gaggle was rife with green clothing, hats and regalia. His Coolness began with an anemic bell ringing with a spoon of all things. Another year’s gavel caper is afoot gentle readers, and the PPs have not admitted a thing. The nefarious **gavel-napper** walks among us, shameless and straight faced as gavel-nappers usually are. Poor Joe, next they’ll steel his spoon...

Earl Reed offered a special St. Pat’s prayer and the King’s song leadership was conspicuously absent. There were too many guests to mention; lots of hubbies and wives and friends; great fun. One highlight of the introductions was The King forgetting his granddaughter’s name. He’s a constant source of amusement, bless his heart. The Horizon Club sat at this reporter’s table and railed as no one offered to introduce them. We thought they were all just Lions and not deserving an introduction. Their president did offer our club a challenge of sorts; they wanted us to join them for happy hour that evening to help the economy by drinking or something.

New Member:

Walid introduced a newbie he sponsored to the club, Jessica (quiet and shy) Loveland. She whispered a few well chosen words and snuck away from the malfunctioning mike. She’ll do well among our exceptionally timid group

President Joe recognized **Cary Eidsness** for being awarded “**Volunteer of the Year**” by Mesa County Human Services Council. We’ve suspected Cary was sneaking around volunteering for other causes all along.

The Program:

Dick (His Irish is showing) Sweeney orchestrated a fun Saint Patty’s Day program in his Kilt, knobby knees and all. The singing of Danny Boy (by our own Vicki Canaday) more Irish Music by the K& T accompanied by that crazy harmonicist Chuck Thomas. There were dancing girls jiggling about the area and stories galore; all-in-all a great Rotary Program, **thanks Mr. Sweeny**. One of Dick’s more memorable stories was of a dying Irishman named Pat wanting his best whisky sprinkled on his grave by his pal Mike. Mike agreed, provided he could pass the sacred liquid through his kidneys first ... Isn’t that just too sweet for words?

Announcements:

- The Board asks that anyone wishing to throw their hat in the ring to fill the Club’s Secretary, Bookkeeper and Treasurer positions have their resume submitted to Chris Unfug by April 7th. Selections of candidates will be made at next month’s Board meeting. Here’s your chance to make the big bucks; NOT!!!
- The Masquerade committee will meet on the 31st at 11:15 at Two Rivers. If you signed up for the committee please attend.

Warner’s Corner



Another fine example of our Rotary Club was on full display recently when we had the opportunity to observe members of the Rotaract Club of Grand Junction “in action” as they confidently took center stage to present the March 10 program.

In the relatively short time since obtaining their Charter in November of 2007, this group of young professionals (ages 18-34) has quickly made their mark in the world, literally, as they’ve already involved themselves in a matching grant process to become a part of a much needed water project in Honduras.

Amy Case, Rotaract president, introduced her board of directors and also recognized club members in the audience. She thanked our club for serving as their sponsor and noted that we share the common goal to make the world a better place in which to live.

Rotaract gave an informative overview of their many projects and fund-raising efforts over the past couple of years. It is an impressive list of service and achievement.

The program culminated with the announcement of the winner of the “Member of the Year” award going to Che Bou-Matar. Che, in addition to being a dedicated member of the club, was the guiding force in the effort to get the Honduran water project off the ground.

While I think we appreciate the Rotaract folks in thanking us for our past support, we appreciate their energy; enthusiasm and accomplishment truly inspire us!

P.S. - What a great St. Patrick’s Day program under the direction of Dick Sweeney. My Irish eyes were smiling’ for sure!

Mystery Solved:

The longstanding **Masquerade Paternity Case** has finally been solved. DNA evidence conclusively indicates Dennis Baker is the Daddy when he commented in a bar “we need to have a Halloween party;” the rest is history. High praise, accolades, our undying respect and honors go to our departed member for his insightful incite. Amen.

Calendars:

My Dear Rotarians, this Reporter/Calendar Publisher has worked tirelessly and turned a small profit from sales of our Sexy Old Guy Calendar project. He would like to inquire if any of you have ideas about how and where to sell the remaining 1,000+ calendars, that are good until April, 2011. There’s money to be made for the Club here folks, lots of money, so please let me know if you have an idea of how to sell them or just buy some up for your friends. They make great closet fumigators and rodent control devices, or perhaps an old ladies retirement home wants them.

Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

Well, we all have heard that behind ever great man is a great woman. For that reason, this week, I decided to focus on the industrious woman behind the **King ... The King of the King and Trio that is**, and that would be **Soni Durham**. When you think about how many shows the Trio does -- all the travel, meals, clothes, car washes, gas fill ups, rehearsals, trips to the music stores, research for songs, instrument tune ups, instrument polish and cleaning and then repair, more practice, clean the house for everyone to come over and practice some more, food after practice, food before practice... oops, got that backwards, food for travel, food on trips... well, you get my drift. It is not easy being **the wife of The King** but somebody has to do it and that would be the gracious, loving, care-giving **Soni Durham**. Good job Soni! Rotary appreciates you too! Thanks!



Upcoming Dates

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

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

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