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The Israel You Never Knew - Ora Lee

I was born and raised in Jerusalem Israel where I had a great childhood in spite of living through 2 wars. Today's presentation will describe Israel different than you hear in the media. As a small country in the midst of enemies who are committed to destroy it, the country amazingly offers a great quality of life, with amazing agriculture, medical and high tech breakthroughs.

The Israelis cherish each day, enjoy ongoing social activities and thrive on the pleasures of everyday life. Most of its citizens are not religious but they will fight for being and living as a Jew.

It is my pleasure to share "Israel you never knew"

The Spokesman's Spokesman By Reed (So Humble) Mitchell

His Coolness managed a sound bell ringing with half a gavel, mysteriously provided by one of the gavel napper's unsavory cohorts. Joe appeared satisfied that he'd somehow get by with half a gavel for the rest of his year. It was split lengthwise, not cut in half like a Jack Connolly hatchet job, so Jack's not the number one suspect anymore. Rumors of just who had the requisite skill to halve a gavel flew about the gathering; Dennis Pretti tried to accuse Tom Hunn who quickly had an **ironclad alibi, Mike Blackburn?** So there's no resolution to the ongoing gavel mystery and the nefarious villain remains at large. Joe and several noteworthy Rotarians are quietly constructing a gallows to be put to use when the foul villain is finally apprehended -- Rotary crime and punishment at work.

Scott Holzschuh offered a short, sweet prayer and Mr. Wonderful led the caterwauling giving the King and the club a much needed break. We sang "My wild Irish Rose" in honor of Dick Sweeney's knees and other Irish Rotarians' odd appendages, Mr. Wonderful thrashed wildly as usual. Just how old is Mike anyway? Robert Bray was introduced as a guest, but some of us actually remember him attending a meeting or two in the dim dark past.

Happy Bucks:

- **Fid Braffett** had \$5 bucks celebrating his son's young love, the boy quit his job and followed his girlfriend to Washington DC, he then proposed to her, Sweet eh? Fid also had \$2. bucks for his Ohio State team.
- **Chris (impending doom) Unfug** had \$5 bucks for the Rotaract Club's success with Latimer House.
- **Jenn Hensel** announced April 24th is the March of Dimes "walk for babies" and asked us to form us some teams.
- **Dale Beede** sadly announced our pal Bobbie Turner joined his dear Marlayne in Heaven on Monday night. Funeral services will be held next Thursday morning. They both shall be greatly missed.
- **Kirk Rider** for a measly \$10.Bucks pitched his fishing club "Grand Valley Anglers" convention at the Doubletree in two weeks. For information see (www.grandvalleyanglers.com) Kirk can even fish! Amazing!
- **Mike (Mr. Wonderful)** had \$10 bucks to announce a Good Friday Community Breakfast at Two Rivers this Friday to be hosted by the Kiwanis Club. 6:30 Am until 12:00. Sounds a bit pancakey to me.

Announcements:

- **President Cool conveyed the appreciation** of the Marilac Clinic and Hilltop for our Club's donations.
- **Kirk Rider** solicited players for the Knowledge Bowl Sponsored by the Grand Junction High School on in two weeks. He again mentioned Merritt Kinsey's peculiar absenteeism last year for some odd reason?
- **Chris Unfug** presented District flags to PP's Czar and Dale Beede for the Club's performance the last two years. Chris received the flags at PETS in last month. Joe really wants a flag now guys...

Gifts:

Scott Holzschuh brought some stolen merchandise back from Joe's Crab Shack in Florida. Joe was Vaklemp.

Warner's Corner



One of the things that define this Rotary Club is its strong tradition of providing generous assistance to those in need in our community, our district and, in many cases, the world as well.

Members of this club know we receive many requests for aid, often more than we can possibly handle given finite resources.

Helping us as a club, and more specifically the Board of Directors, is a group of hard-working individuals who comprise our club's Robin Hood Committee. This panel was formed approximately a decade ago to assist the board in sifting through the often mountains of applications seeking funds for worthy causes.

Heading up the Robin Hood Committee, which is a part of our Community Service arm, is P.J. McGovern. Current members of the committee include: Dennis Pretti, (co-chair), Herb Bacon, Fid Braffett, Peggy Foster, Scott Holzschuh, Jane Quimby and Tim Sewell. Our friend, Harry Mavrakis, served on the committee prior to his death last fall.

The Robin Hood Committee, with a long-established set of guidelines to follow, continues to stand at the ready to serve this club in helping to determine the most prudent allocation of resources. If you have a request - or you are asked by a group or agency to fund a project - please contact a member of the committee or the board and advance it through this very successful process.

The Program:

The program by was about organ donations and very informative. Everyone had questions for the presenter. Most of them were good questions except our pal Max Krey who wanted to know if Earl Reed could donate his hair to him.

Calendars:

Our request for help with calendar sales yielded two willing participants; Frankie (the Schveldt) Wagner and Ed Neilson both true Rotary Heroes! Take a look across the room, this reporter has a calendar just for you too.

Ask Mr. Wizard,

Answers to life's most perplexing questions and stuff.. We thought we'd entertain our loyal readers with this lovely poem. Can anyone tell me who wrote these words?

The forest is lovely, dark and deep, and I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep... Think cold.



President-Elect Chris Unfug presents flags to our two immediate Past Presidents Dale Beede and Bob Czarnecki for the clubs accomplishments in donations while under their guidance.

Fun Facts

By Jan Pomrenke

The law practice of our own **Kirk Rider of Rider and Quesenberry LLP located at 200 Grand Avenue in Suite 200** (new address) is enough to curl a person's hair. Allegedly, I repeat allegedly, however, Kirk uses a curling iron to curl the hair in his awesome mustache.....ouch.... 😡I wonder if he has ever burned himself. Check it out! It's a good one.....the handlebar mustache that is.....truly a Schwinn.

Upcoming Dates

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

- April 7** **Club 20-Civic Engagement**
Angeline Roles
- April 14** **Daily Sentinel**
Jay Seaton
- April 21** **Pigeons**
Jane Kroese

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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***Mike Blackburn comes to the aid of
falsely accused Rotarian Tom Hunn in the
case of the sawed-off gavel.***