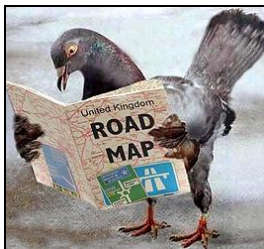


Racing Homing Pigeons – Jane Kroese



Jane Kroese is the Director of Catering at the Double Tree Hotel. Jane and Carlton, her husband, moved to Grand Junction in September 2004. Prior to moving, they lived in the Springfield, MO area (5 years) where Jane was the Director of Catering at a Clarion Hotel. They also lived in Wyoming for 25 years.

Jane has been married to Carlton for 37 1/2 years. Because of Carlton's passion for flying pigeons, Jane also has acquired this same passion. This sport of racing homing pigeons has taken them to several states because they have entered futurities and won many of them. They've traveled to China in 2008, attended 2 futurity races where they had birds entered, 1st prize was \$600,000 in each race. Unfortunately they didn't win!! While in China, the couple sold 20 pigeons at their annual expo. They plan on returning to China in fall 2010.

They have two children and three grandchildren and a new grandson arriving in

The Spokesman's Spokesman

By Reed (So Slim) Mitchell

Tom Hunn said a prayer written by a political prisoner from the Mid-East and mentioned Roger Hagerty as an example of Mid-East political prisoners. Then instead of the usual highly acclaimed, eagerly awaited, always appreciated **King David song-fest** we were treated to **The Barbershop "4"** of Grand Junction who sang the Star Spangled Banner and the Whole World in His Hands with exquisite harmony. These guys came to tout a benefit concert to be on Saturday the 17th at the Avalon along with what sounds like many other Barbershoppers. Fifteen Bucks a ticket all to benefit Scholl District 51, plus concert attendees will be treated to the caustic humor of our own **Mike' Blackburn as Master of Ceremonies, Oo-haa!!**

Our Way Cool President made a tiny little snide remark about the guest song leader's good work but in spite of all the banter we occasionally throw at our **King David** we still think **"he's our guy"** - song-wise speaking, wink-wink. There was even the compulsory CD torment from the Barbershop guys directed at our own Robert (remember me?) Bray. And mercifully nary a gavel problem this day from the deep dark recesses of our PP gavel-napper's cold black hearts... They must' a been distracted today for some reason. Perhaps it's the lovely spring weather?

Scholarship:

Local Lad - Devlyn Harnandez received a \$3,000 Scholarship from us for his college studies. **Congratz!**

Happy Bucks:

- **Dave "The King" Durham** had one \$1 buck for his sound guy John Handley cutting another K&T CD
- **Terry Toner** had \$3 biggies for the exchange students that were with us and also some for his family.
- **Walt (Piano Man) Smith** now has steady work Thursdays at the Wine Country Inn with Kristen Hartman.
- **Chris (God help us.) Unfug** had \$5 bucks for the free publicity he gets from the K & T and his barber.
- **Teresa Anson** was \$5 bucks happy about the results of the Knowledge Bowl and our smart Rotary players
- **Poor Bob Johnson** tried to give \$5 happies for his golfing triumph but got smoked by his Coolness for the woefully insufficient donation. It cost Bob 90% of his St. George winnings: \$30!!. That'll teach him.

Announcements:

- **Lou Ludington** was excited he got to interview kids for the RYLA program and helped select four!
- **Amy Case** promoted the **Rotaract Cinco de Mayo Bowling Tournament**; we need to bowl and sponsor.
- **Gwen DeCino** is doing a Luau for Latimer house on June 5th at Variason in Palisade, \$75 bucks a head and you hear cool music and eat a Pig with Gwen!
- **Barb Bowman** (in her official capacity) reminded us to "go Bananas" on May 12th.
- **Herb Bacon** announced a **Charity Golf Tournament at Redlands Mesa on May 14th to benefit AIDs** There's an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start and its \$135 per golfer/ \$500 per team. It's being held to raise money to send medical equipment to India. If Herb says it's a good thing--it's a good thing --so call him for details

Warner's Corner



Amongst a passel of people working on behalf of this club is a select group known as the Past Presidents. As their appellation suggests, each of these individuals has served as leader of this or another Rotary club in the past.

We have 30 past presidents on our club roster. Here alphabetically, they include: **Herb Bacon** (1965-66), **Dennis Baker** (2006-07), **Dale Beede** (2008-09), **Mike Blackburn** (1994-95), **Walid Bou-Matar** (2003-04), **Dee Brinegar** (1999-00), **Michael Burke** (2002-03), **Jack Connolly** (2000-01), **Bob Czarnecki** (2007-08), **Bob Denning** (1982-83), **David Durham** (2001-02), **Kim Giannone** (2005-06), **John Gormley** (1996-97), **Pat Gormley** (1970-71), **Kathy Herzog** (1997-98), **Gay Hetland** (Fruita 1995-96), **Tom Hunn** (1995-96), **Lynn James** (1980-81), **Mike Kercheval** (1969-70), **Max Krey** (1985-86), **Jim Mackley** (1962-63), **Denny Mayer** (Hemet, CA 1985-86), **Dick Pryor** (Blue Springs, MO), **Kirk Rider** (1989-90), **Dan Roberts** (2004-05), **Dick Sweeney** (Littleton, CO), **Gene Vories** (1972-73), **Frank Wagner** (1984-85) and **Larry Wild** (1998-99).

This is an impressive line-up of folks who have done, are doing - and will continue to do - an awful lot for our club. In addition to giving wise counsel, they provide a solid link to our club's storied history and help us move to the future.

Next time you're sitting at table with a past prez, thank them for their service. I'm sure they'd be happy to hear from you.

Gifts:

There were numerous gifts for his coolness but nothing really worth mentioning:

- Kevin McChesney had a Dallas Symphony Orchestra program with his daughter's name on it
- Frank Wagner gave Joe some pink balls (tactful gift eh Frank?)
- Jack Connolly had a picture of Cher's body and ...
- Poor Bob Johnson brought up the rear with his last dollar, so sad eh??

A Club sickie:

Our own Denny Mayer is having a bit of difficulty these days getting about so please send him some positive vibes, good wishes and /or your prayers. Denny is an institution here at the downtown club.

Mr. Wizard on Golf:

- The reason the Golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.
- Golf and Sex are the only two things you can do without being good at either one of them.
- Arnold Palmer- I have a tip that can take five strokes off of anyone's game---an eraser.
- Don't play too much golf – two rounds a day are plenty... **have a great summer guys.....**

Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Love makes the world go round. Do you know that song? I am reminded every so often of the friendships that we make through Rotary. Now these folks are just Rotary buddies and nothing more -- just FYI. Because of Rotary and the friendships we make, we go the extra mile for each other in "Service Above Self." We seriously think about the Four Way Test in our everyday lives. It is a part of the way we live and the business we conduct each day. As Rotarians go the extra mile to make sure **It Is the Truth, It Is Fair to All Concerned and that It Will Build Good Will and Better Friendships and that It Will Be Beneficial to All Concerned.** Thank you **Elizabeth Hochevar and Merritt Kinsey** for being good sports and demonstrating Rotary Friendships.



Upcoming Dates

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

- April 28 Housing**
Amy Case
- May 5 Art on the Corner/Art & Jazz Fest**
Heidi Hamm
- May 12 Australia GSE**
Candice Walton

Upcoming Meetings

- April 21 Rotary Board Meeting**
5:00 p.m, Hospice Ctr, Room 101

April 21, 2010