

Art & Jazz Festival – Heidi Hoffman Hamm and Kathy Dirks



Art and culture is an important part of the Downtown experience. The annual Downtown Grand Junction Art and Jazz Festival is in its 22nd year. This no-fee event attracts regional artists and nationally known musicians. One of the centerpieces of Downtown is its outdoor sculpture program, Art on the Corner. The DDA has recently taken the reins for this program after retirement of Allison Sarmo.

Heidi Hoffman Ham is the Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority. She came to the DDA in May, 2008, from Meeker where she was the Director of Parks and Recreation for five years. She has worked in public service for 18 years.

Kathy Dirks is the Marketing and Communications Director for the Downtown Partnership. She began her work Downtown in March of 2007. Previously she had been the long-time Marketing and Communications Director for Powderhorn Resort. Kathy has lived in Grand Junction for 33 years.

The Spokesman's Spokesman By Reed (So Very Faulted) Mitchell

The mini-gavel **Tommy "the trickster" Hunn** gave Joe last week just doesn't have the **world class ring-ability** of his official, full size and weight Rotary gavel, but somehow President Joe got through an anemic bell ringing and got things in motion, then we all settled down to await the surprises of the day. There were some conspicuous birthday balloons on the podium with a **Happy 60th** printed on one of them. Joe lamented the obvious play on words and tried to blame Kevin McChesney for the shenanigan. **David "the King" Durham** directed the caterwauling and had the faithful sing a rendition of "**His Old Kentucky Home**" which sounded curiously like the **Volga Boat Song** to this reporter. The King has always loved a "**DURGE**" as any follower of the K & T knows all too well. Oh, did I mention Lou Ludington's lovely and sincere prayer for us the faithful? Life and the carrot cake are so good at the Downtown Rotary Club!

Barbra Salogga then crept up to a microphone with the oddest looking yellow hat adorned with of all things; a **gavel**. Not just any gavel mind you, but one very conspicuously like our Fearless Leader's purloined gavel. It's clear to this reporter that she was put up to ransoming the sacred article by nefarious persons unknown, but our boy Joe was up to the challenge. He immediately bid \$5 Bucks for his own gavel and was just as quickly outbid by several members of the club. The madcap scene played out when Joe finally bid his birthday years "**\$60 Bucks**" and regained possession of his precious gavel. Our leader says he resists using the Czarnecki Neck Chain Gavel Protection System but those **rascal PP's** are lurking about everywhere so His Coolness better come up with some way to secure his treasure. He and other Gavel-napping victims could just wait a few years for **Jack Connolly's "estate sale"** where we have been told by unnamed sources "Jack's garage holds many gavels that have been purloined over the years."

Happy Bucks:

- **Dee Brinegar** had no bucks but said it takes 12 years for a bad habit to form so he should live to be 94.
- **Dan Roberts** had \$99.58 to honor his dear departed Mom who nearly made the Century mark and also \$100.42 for something else this reporter missed, Thanks for all you do Dan.
- **Lynn (Speedball) Lickers** had \$20 bucks for getting lost in a canyon overnight and for an 18 year old son.
- **Fid (weird news) Braffett** had \$5 for spending 5 extra days in Poland because of an errant Volcano,
- **Dick (his Irish is showing) Sweeney** had \$5 bucks to celebrate his really smart niece with a 4.8 GPA!
- **Kim Giannone** had \$2 measlys to mention the Fat Tire Beer Festival the Fruita Club is pouring beer for.
- **The Czar** lost his luggage on his China trip and bought new cloths there, can anyone tell the difference??
- **Gene (always there for you) Taylor** had \$5 to celebrate his grandson's acceptance to the Jr. Olympics.

Warner's Corner

It's time once again to take "this show on the road" next week!

As most of you know, we are unable to meet at Two Rivers Convention Center at least a couple of times a year when all available space at the facility is booked to the max, usually by a large statewide convention or otherwise large gathering of folks.

When this happens, we get to trek "off campus" for an exciting experience elsewhere. In recent years we've had nice trips to such venues as the Two Rivers Winery (always a fan favorite), the Masonic Lodge (a good central location) or Bookcliff Country Club (another prime location).

I bring this issue to your attention only because we're about to take to the byways once again for our upcoming May 12 meeting. This time, we're going to the new "Special Events Pavilion" located at Bananas Fun Park.

Bananas can accommodate up to 600 people for a variety of events. No, we won't have time to take part in miniature golf, bumper boats, go karts or laser tag! Nonetheless, it promises to be a grand outing.

So, circle the date of May 12 - that's next Wednesday – right, and plan to attend the meeting when we truly go bananas ... or at least dare to venture there.



Announcements:

- **Barbra T. Smith** talked about JUCO and the search for batboys; must be over 11.
- **Herb Bacon** announced a Golf Fund Raiser Tournament (**Golf for Hope**) for Suicide Prevention on May 22nd. To be held at Chipeta Golf Club. Cost is \$300 a team. See Herb for details.
- **Don't forget to go Bananas on May 12th** - an easy task for this reporter and a few others here.
- **The Membership Committee:** There will be a meeting this week at 11:30 before club.
- **Masquerade Meeting:** Wednesday, May 5 at 11:15 Come one come all -- Let the fun begin

Gifts:

Dean Massy wanted to bring Joe a gift from China but just gave him a \$1.Buck and said go to K-mart.

Mr. Wizard's advice:

- Always be sincere, even if you don't mean it
- Live every day like it's your last, because one day you'll be right.
- Three phrases to help get you through life 1) Cover for me 2) Good idea Boss! 3) It was like that when I got here....

Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Who would believe we are in prep mode for the changing of the Rotary Guard? **Vicki Canaday** is "up and at it" with the new membership book and getting all of your info updates. Along with finding out your new, up close and personal facts it is **Ad Time**. If you look in the back of your membership book you will find the **Advertising Section** that funds the making of this wonderful tool that makes it possible for you to know your fellow Rotarians all that much better. I am leaving my same picture in because it was a good hair day and I am thinking about getting a haircut. I have to study the picture to see if that is really what I want to do. Reason enough to not change. As for the **Ad Section**, I just like doing **Something for the Good of the Order**. That is what **Rainbow Girls** do, you know. So, for the Good of the Order I think I will just run the same ad again. Thanks for just billing me, Vicki. You make it so easy. This is another reason why we all love you for all the great work you do for Grand Junction Rotary. Thank you so much! Now you know I have responded to both the personal fact section as well as the ad section. Yea, yea! Now it is time for all of you to do the same.

Upcoming Dates

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

May 12 **Australia GSE**
Candice Walton

May 19 **Suicide Prevention**

Upcoming Meetings

May 7 **Past President's Meeting**
Bookcliff CC, Noon

May 19 **Rotary Exchange Committee**
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.

May 19 **Rotary Board Meeting**
5:00 p.m, Hospice Ctr, Room 101

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Barbara Salogga models the long lost gavel that went up for auction. It was eventually purchased by President Cool for a buck for each of 60 years on this earth.