

### Australia GSE Program – Candice Walton



Candice is thrilled to share the importance of her GSE experience in Australia with the club, the wonderful sights, sounds, and people she met during her stay. Candice participated in the GSE program in 2009 to the Adelaide region. She is a member of the Grand Junction Rotaract Club, and a Financial Planner for Ameriprise Financial Inc.

Candice grew-up on a farm in Southwestern Kansas with her parents and two brothers. After graduating from Kansas State University with a degree in Business Marketing and Financial Planning, she moved to the Grand Valley with her husband, Evan. Candice loves to camp, hike, mountain bike and ski and snowboard. While she has only seen 3 percent of the world, she is passionate about traveling. Paris and Nashville are two of her favorite places on earth.

Candice is the Chair of the Grand Valley Young Professionals, Club Coordinator for the Rotaract Club and Community Giving Chair for the Junior Service League.

### The Spokesman's Spokesman

By Reed (So Timid) Mitchell

His Coolness began the festivities in the famous **Dos Rios Sardine Room** with a sound bell ringing he somehow accomplished with his very own Official Rotary Gavel. The much coveted treasure has actually been in His Coolness possession for over a week now, amazing! This Reporter recently pooled the Club's membership asking just how our Hero could maintain permanent possession of his treasured gavel. The general consensus is that ole Joe should **keep his wooden hammer in his pants**; the same fearful place our musical friend "the King" keeps his CDs. Both the Gavel and those pesky CDs would henceforth forever remain untouched by the membership, a very good thing! Dennis (short time) Pretti conducted the prayer this day musing about how many Rotarians will make it to Bananas next week for the tent revival meeting.

Our **Short Time Presidential Hero** (only 8 weeks left) then observed we were **a good looking crowd** and asked; **"Is this really the Rotary Club meeting??"** The tactless pun went over the heads of most of us; perhaps because our hearing aids were not as yet turned up, an important weekly Rotary procedure. Then in an effort to properly address the issue of all the directionally challenged Rotarians making their way to the Fun Park next week President Joey drew a map for us on a chalkboard. If you weren't confused before this exercise you certainly will be now. It was the classic **"Blind leading the Blind"** scenario played out real time except it was more like the **"Bewildered leading the Bewildered"** We're hopeful Mr. Pretti's prayer is successful and very few members actually follow Joe's directions next week.

### Happy Bucks:

- **Kevin McChesney** had \$2 happies his kid was named Student of the Year and he's almost 48 (his waist?)
- **Ed Hokinson** had \$100 Biggies! He's back from a winter in sunny Florida. For \$100. go every year Ed.
- **Dave Mooney** had \$5 bucks that he noticed 5 Rotarian Sponsors for the Red Cross Banquette, We da best'
- **Jeannie Thomas** will be holding court at the Double Tree Hotel on Mother's day; Spendy but good!
- **King David** has \$10 for his oldest Granddaughter for being elected "Head Girl" at GJHS, Way to go Izzy!
- **Jan Pomrenke's** car had dead brain cells last week, and somehow this reporter has no comment.
- **Barb T. Smith** had \$5 bucks for her son's school achievements
- **Nancy Hill** gave \$5 bucks for being MIA in Denver for 3 weeks and gave a spiel for more new members.

### Announcements:

- **Gwen (Cutie Pie) DeCino** re-announced the Luau for Latimer House on June 5<sup>th</sup>. in Palisade
- **Barb T. Smith** talked again about JUCO and our search for batboys; must be over 11.

### Warner's Corner



I've been meaning to write about another of our club's traditions - and always the gavel person's most favorite - and that's the part of the program known as "Gifts for the President."

First of all, right from the beginning of my term, I was amazed at the thoughtfulness - and quality - of the presents people have been bringing back from their travels to virtually every point on the globe.

Of course, there have been more than a fair share of "unique" items but, for the most part, I been on the receiving end of some top-notch remembrances from the many memorable trips taken by fellow club members during this past year.

I've gotten virtually everything from "A" (a Rotary banner from Anchorage, Alaska) to "Z" (a zebra-striped pencil) ... and just about everything imaginable in between. Incidentally, if you are in need of an extra ball cap, a t-shirt or some multi-colored golf balls, I'm the guy to see.

I remember saying that "Joe Cool" was eyeing some really neat gifts this year, but I had no idea. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who participated in this fun club tradition, a memory I will always cherish.

Once again, thanks for all the cool stuff!

### Announcements continued:

- **Barb Bowman** helped with a map to Bananas, Frank Wagner wants to ride the Bumper Cars

### New Members Striped:

Right here in front of everyone Dan Roberts stripped Chris West now a veteran member and our fun facts gal Jan Pomrenke helped Jane Kroese through her 12 step recovery program, er, ah make that 6 step Rotary program. Anyway Jane got striped in public as well and what a show it was. Vicky Canaday added the musical accompaniment and Jan did the deed. We all knew I liked this club for some reason...

### Gifts:

**Fid Braffett** brought Joe a gift from Poland (a cup with Volcanic ash in it), very thoughtful Mr. Fid

### Masquerade Committee Meeting:

Meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> tonight at 5:30 at the Double Tree Hotel.-- Don't be shy – Come help make it happen

### Mr. Wizard:

**Question-** Do the old Past Presidents wear boxers or briefs? Answer- Depends...

**Social commentary** - Mr. Wizard believes- 99% of attorneys make all the others look bad!

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### Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Some people mean more than words can say, or thoughts can imagine, or feelings can express. **Dr. Dennis Mayer** is simply one of those kind and gentle people. We have had the joy of his presence many times over the years leading our songs, giving joyous happy bucks, or just simply harassing someone with pure pleasure not to mention the brilliance he contributes to all things important. **Denny**, our thoughts and prayers come out to you and yours and we want you to know you are one of those wonderful people who is so special to all of us in Grand Junction Rotary. We need you to get well and bring your buns back downtown and while you are doing that.....just bring the rest of your body. Our song leaders don't have near the class, rhythm, tone, sense of style and grace plus the terrific beat you have and we need you more! Just wanted you to know. **Get well now** -- from all of us in the Grand Junction Downtown Rotary Club. We miss you.

### ***Upcoming Dates***

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

**May 19**        **Suicide Prevention**  
**May 26**        **JUCO**  
**June 2**         **Staycation**  
*Jennifer Grossheim Harris*

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**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

**May 12, 2010**



**In case you needed directions to today's meeting at Bananas, President Cool drew out the above map at last week's meeting to clarify directions.**