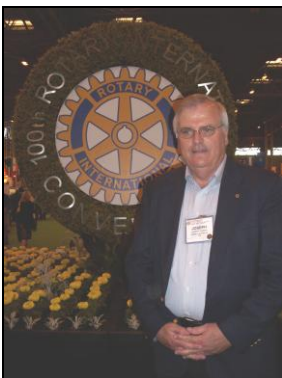


Rotary International Convention – Joe “Cool” Warner



Today, Joe Warner shares his thoughts on attending the 100th the RI convention in Birmingham, England, last summer.

“From the world-renowned speakers, to the well-organized breakout sessions, to the one-on-one conversations, a meaningful learning experience was assured each convention attendee. It was extremely motivating to see so many people from all over the world with such enthusiasm for one cause: service to humanity through Rotary,” Joe said.

A native of Kansas, Joe Warner and his wife, Sherida, moved to Grand Junction in May of 2001. He has been a marketing consultant and she is a copy editor and writes the “Art of Quilting” column for The Daily Sentinel.

He is a graduate of Wichita State University and attended the Graduate School of Mass Communications at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Sherida attended Marymount College in Salina, KS.

Joe and Sherida spent all of their adult life in Salina, where, in addition to his journalism career, Joe was the vice president of marketing and public relations at Salina's St. John's Hospital for nearly 10 years.

The Spokesman’s Spokesman

By Reed (So loyal) Mitchell

The faithful somehow arrived at the Bananas fun tent for our weekly festivities and Joe Cool's last “away game”. Several members immediately began double-dribbling as the room reminded us all of a basketball court, the dribbling didn't exactly remind us of basketball, but we're thinking our older readers get the reference. Our musical prodigy Jeanie accompanied by that sly old swinger Chuckles regaled us with some Accordion and Sax music. A new member sitting at our table commented that he loves the Accordion when it's played -- far away. After our resident orchestra made several attempts to play God Bless America we sang it anyway - Pitiful. Then finally we sang King David's personal theme song: Aba Dabba Honeymoon. “Larry Wild went so”. Thanks must go to Mr. Dan Roberts for the much needed prayer.

The change in venue led to some shenanigans such as His Coolness starting the meeting by ringing a saucepan; his bell was somehow left at Dos Rios. Accordion music in place of piano, a deflated bump and jump in the corner, we could hardly keep Frank Wagner away from the plug. The microphone system was as usual, marginal, and the lunch was well, just kinda a lunch. The importance of the day was that our stalwart club met and accomplished many wonderful things. Fellowship, camaraderie and even some good will carried the day; don't ya just love ole 1167? Sorta sounds like a steam engine. Hey not bad; “1167 - the little engine that could”... that's us by golly!

Happy Bucks

- **Terry Toner** was some happies his nephew knocked someone out in a professional fight, Ookkaayy
- **Dick (Irish) Sweeney** had \$5 bucks for several very worthy things; a niece he's quite proud of and a man named Lou reconsidering joining the Lions to become one of us, perfect. Joe grabbed Dick's \$5 Bucks
- **Barb Bowman** announced that GJ was in competition to become the 7th wonder of the U.S. hurray!
- **Chris (impending doom) Unfug** had \$20 biggies his son finished the first year of College- go man go...
- **Kirk Rider** celebrated his first grandchild (Willard Joe) with a small unspecified donation

Announcements

President Joe: We're meeting at Two Rivers next week “see him after this meeting for directions”

Brian from Bananas thanked us for being there and then announced they need street signs on the parkway and asked for help from the faithful to get them -- Hmmm

Chris (we're doomed) Unfug harped on about everyone signing up for a committee.

Gene Taylor pushed the limit a bit by commenting about being happy Bananas wasn't a city facility.

Warner’s Corner



We recently received a nice note from the folks at ShelterBox (makers of the 10-person tent) thanking us for our contribution of \$8,700 to help the people of Haiti. A fine showing, as usual for this generous Rotary club.

Last June, I had the opportunity to visit for a few moments with Tom Henderson - the mastermind of the ShelterBox program - during the Rotary International Convention. He typifies the successful Rotarian ... creative, energetic and passionate about a favorite cause.

He downplayed his role, emphasizing the point that just about anyone could do what he did. He simply said, “You get an idea, find some supporters and look for ways to get the project done!”

Henderson, a Rotarian and former Royal Navy search and rescue diver, saw that the aid response to most disasters was in the form of food and medicine to help people survive the immediate aftermath. In 1999, Tom started researching the idea of providing shelter, locating equipment and twisting arms to get his project off the ground.

His persistence paid off in April 2000 when ShelterBox was launched and the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard in Cornwall, England, adopted it as its Millennium Project. Little did they know that it would become the largest Rotary club project in the world.

To date, the effort has resulted in the delivery of nearly 1 million tents worldwide. Since 2001, ShelterBox has provided shelter, warmth and dignity following more than 100 disasters in close to 70 countries.

Gifts

Terry Toner brought His Coolness a nifty hat from Aruba; Jeanie immediately absconded with it!

The Program

Chris Unfug's associate Candice Walton told us about her GSE trip Down Under and showed us several fabulous pictures of the outback, NOT. Several loyal members had comments to enhance the presentation.

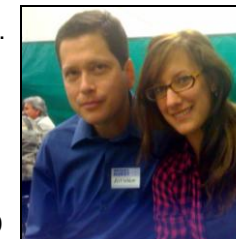
Mr. Wizard

On Mistakes

- I've never made a mistake I couldn't explain away afterward.
- You must learn from the mistakes of others because you'll never live long enough to make them all yourself.
- I don't make mistakes; I make prophesies that are quickly proven wrong.

Fun Facts By Jan Pomrenke

Last week Rotary had the pleasure of having as their guests our soon to be departing **Exchange Student Alessandra** and her host parent **Dr. Art Weber**. We regret Dr. Weber's wife, **Patricia**, was not able to attend our outing going **Bananas @ Bananas**. Our club is very fortunate to have such wonderful host families who give their hearts and souls to these young folks to learn the ways of the United States. The busiest families step up to the plate to house these young enthusiastic students. We are very grateful and extend our thanks to the Webers. Memories are created that we will never forget when we give of our homes and families involved in **Rotary Youth Exchange**. I had my first exchange student 30 years ago from Finland, Jarmo Ojala. We've never missed a Christmas corresponding since then. He is now a chef to the Prime Minister of Finland and was in New York this past year searching out new menus. Even the Weber's children will have memories they won't forget. Thank you again to the Weber's and Alessandra, we hope to see you again -- Safe Travels.



Upcoming Dates

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

- May 26** **JUCO**
June 2 **GJ Rescue Mission**
 Mike Moran
June 16 **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 19, 2010



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