

The Rescue Mission – Director Keith Bradley

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Keith came to Grand Junction in 1983 and started the Rescue Mission. He did so after his vehicle broke down while traveling through the valley. After the break down, he felt a calling to open a Rescue Mission, and has lived and worked in the Grand Valley ever since.

The mission has served more than 1 million meals in that time, and has helped thousands of people. Bradley raised funds to build a new mission building seven years ago, paid for entirely with private donations.

Three years ago, Bradley started a program to deal with people on parole and probation to help the men and to also serve the community, which needs to find places for the men to live and work.

The Rescue Mission in Grand Junction serves men in trouble or experiencing hard times via a program funded without the help of government or United Way funding. Director Keith Bradley founded the mission in the early 1980s as a place to help people get back on their feet while they recover from problems, work jobs, and gain spiritual guidance.

Bradley is seeking to raise \$250,000 to build a new men's shelter to house another 80 to 90 men at the facility at 550 South Avenue.

The Rescue Mission requires all residents to work a job, pay a fee of \$3 a day for rent, stay free from drugs and alcohol, and attend church services twice a week.

The Spokesman's Spokesman

By Reed (So Fabulous) Mitchell

After a double Bell ringing and several sorted "settle down kids" gestures from our fearless leader the faithful got down to some serious Rotary business this day. Jeanie prayed as sincerely as she knows how and The King did his song shtick as only the King can. We all dutifully caterwauled "Take me out to the Ball Game" to celebrate the JUCO series that's in town this week. Dale Beede was seen doing a two handed "One -Two- Three Strikes you're Out" finger-count with more enthusiasm than our auspicious group's ever seen. Ole Dale really loves his baseball.

Several items of odd business transpired at this reporter's table we felt compelled to bring to the club's attention. **First:** We overheard that Laurie Kadrich is now entirely too busy to have coffee anymore, her subjects are suffering. **Second:** Bob Czarnecki's luggage is still in China. His old high school shirts and socks are now being worn by a Chinese Communist! United Airlines is not cooperating with Bob on the recovery but with the prospect of updated fashionable clothes Bob's image could improve. **Third:** Barb T. Smith is not one of the Blue Thong Society as previously suspected. **Finally:** when Jamie Hamilton mentioned Dennis (remember me?) Baker and the Palisade Club as JUCO team sponsors the men cheered and women swooned; or was it the other way around?

Happy Bucks

- **Dean Massey** celebrated his retirement with \$40 Bucks; Dean will miss evicting widows and orphans.
- **Herb Bacon** lamented making biggest mistake of his life 35 years ago by hiring Dean Massey with \$35.
- **Barb T. Smith** of Blue Thong fame celebrated with \$2 driving back and forth to San Francisco in two days.
- **Laurie Kadrich** had \$2 Bucks for local merchants and some for Paul Peterson for bringing Cabellas here.
- **Mary Garland** also had \$2 bucks for a 5th grade graduation and District 51's good work
- **Dee Brinegar** gave up \$5 bucks for a station wagon and something about his daughter
- **Dale Beede** had another \$10 bucks for Dean Massey's retirement and also for his daughter's graduation and his son managing everything east of the Mississippi; WOW! Does that include Washington DC?
- **Fid (weird) Braffett** had \$2 bucks the Brazilian Council General was in Denver to help out his GSE friend.
- **Mel Jurgens** had \$10 bucks for surviving heart surgery last week! It took me a year. What a strong guy!
- **The Czar** had \$2 measlys for his wife's 75th Birthday and his son getting snake bit, only a Czarnecki...
- **Bob (a visitor from Montrose)** donated \$10 biggies and says our singing and music are the best...
- **Jeanie** thanked Bob for the compliment and coughed up \$20 bucks in recognition of herself...
- **Debbie Kolvalic** had \$5 bucks to announce the Redlands Club has moved to the Redlands Country Club

Gifts

- **Chris Unfug** had a Indy Speedway hat for his honor to wear during the race
- **Dale Beede** spent a month in Vegas last week and brought our leader a small memento.

Warner's Corner



In his most recent newsletter column, District Governor Peter Jeschofnig designates May and June as "home-stretch" months in District 5470. He calls this timeframe a race to the finish line to ensure that our 2009-2010 Rotary Year is a roaring success.

I agree with Peter. Now is the time to prepare for a big push!

In keeping with this theme, your board of directors achieved one of its year-long goals during the May meeting: formal adoption of the reorganization of the secretary/treasurer position by affirming Vicki Canaday as treasurer and David Brown as treasurer. Both will serve a 2-year term (2010-2012) on the board. Also, Sharon Woodward was named bookkeeper, a contract position.

David Brown was named to the treasurer's post when Merritt Kinsey opted to decline the position. Merritt's commitment to the King 'N Trio and his otherwise busy schedule were key factors in his decision.

In other action, the board approved two new members, Sharon Dixon and Michael Lowenstein. Welcome aboard Sharon and Michael.

The board also okayed the following funding requests put forward by P.J. McGovern and the Robin Hood Committee: Grand Junction Veterans Medical Center's "Golden Age Games" (\$800), Colorado Discover Ability (\$500), Colorado Sportsmen Wildlife Fund (\$500), and P.A.C.T. (Perceptions Actively Changed by Teens) Leadership Conference at Central High School (\$250).

As June begins, let's prepare to rev up our engines one last time to complete a successful Rotary Year in anticipation of a better 2010-2011.

Announcements

- **Jana Gerow** talked about youth exchange; surprise, surprise.
- **Chris Unfug** touted his committee sign up sheets
- **Jim Rybak** invited the faithful to the Salvation Army's new Adult rehab facility at 9th and Grand a week from Friday. **Kevin McChesney** is packed and ready to check in. Cocktails at 4:00 ---not
- It's time to make corrections to the directory--- so here's your chance to get it right
- **Barb T. Smith** asked for a show of fingers to count how many would attend the JUCO BBQ on at Canyon View Park. Our Nevada team has Bryce the \$10 million dollar super-catcher and you can meet him for only \$15 bucks! Our own Mike Meyers Vanna White-ed the tickets
- **Gwen DeCino** reminded us of next week's pig roast at Palisade for Latimer house. Remember the thong girls will be there.
- **Nate Wallace** announced Tyler's Cancun wedding is now official- poor guy

Sorry No Mr. Wizard this week -- he's on a short vacation

A New Regime & A New Directory - Update Your Information!!

Members: please be sure you've edited the information you would like to make available in our on-line directory. If you'd like help in uploading a photograph or haven't yet received an email with your user name and password, please contact: mschaack@TheRedstoneGroup.com

New Member Photos & High School Photo Updates

A Professional Photographer- Robin Mauch will be available on Wednesday June 23rd at Two Rivers from 11:00 to 11:45 to take new member photos for the Rotary Directory. Also for the Rotarians that want to update their High School photos. Please take this opportunity that is being offered to you. Thanks, Vicki Canaday

Upcoming Dates

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

- June 9** **Washington D.C., We have You
Surrounded** - *Greg Walcher*
- June 16** **Mesa County Library**
Lois Becker
- June 23** **CEC**
- June 30** **Joe Cool's Farewell Address**
President Joe Warner

Upcoming Meetings

- June 4** **Past President's Meeting**
Noon, Bookcliff CC
- June 9** **Rotary Exchange Committee**
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.
- June 16** **Rotary Board Meeting**
5:00 p.m, Hospice Ctr, Room 101

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