

Washington D.C. We Have You Surrounded

Greg Walcher, President Natural Resources Group



Fellow Rotarian Greg Walcher has been around politics for 35 years. He is an avid student of history, and a keen observer of government. He calls himself a collector of political folly.

Walcher is President of the Natural Resources Group, a national consulting firm specializing in energy, water, public lands, forestry, and wildlife. He served in the Governor's Cabinet as head of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources and as president of the national organization of natural resources cabinet secretaries. Leveraging a decade of Capitol Hill experience, Walcher also spent ten years as President of Club 20, during which the group's budget and membership tripled through activism on important regional issues.

The Spokesman's Spokesman

By Reed (So Timid) Mitchell

The meeting started in the usual haphazard way; then after Mike McCormick's lovely prayer the King took the stage and did his level best to lead the singing. Things quickly fell apart for our hero so ole Joe stepped in to rescue him from his astringed fans. The cheers were loud and long for Joe's coop but we need to sympathize with King David who works very hard to be the best song leader he can possibly be with little or no recognition; especially from the local media (that's me!). Thanks David for your good work! Choke...

Special thanks were offered to Alpine Bank and Mays Concrete for sponsoring our JUCO team the Nevada Coyotes by Coach Tim Chambers. Barb (BTS) Smith then stood up in her baseball hat and togs and prattled on about the wonder of JUCO, she then introduced her committee. They stood and were summarily recognized for their tireless work, hurrah! Everyone enjoyed meeting the young Nevada team for lunch, they're sure some handsome, talented young men. Several "more seasoned" lady Rotarians were noticed admiring these young fellows with more than the usual level of interest, the Coyote moniker lingered hauntingly in the room. Our Little Rotary Engine #1168 had a full head of steam this day...

Notice: A daunting Club task lies ahead... In keeping with tradition old 1168 needs to find that special term of endearment to call our new fearless leader after July 1st... This reporter remembers the heady days of Dennis, "Stud Muffin" Baker, "Princess" Kim and recently, Joe Cool; the list goes on and on. So in keeping with tradition we've decided to start the selection and tender the following list for the clubs consideration: 1. His Unfuggness 2. Banjo Boy 3. Baldly 4. Cup Cake 5. Chrissy Please tender your own ideas to Mrwizardgj.com and we'll get everyone involved in this most important of club efforts.

Happy Bucks

- Ora Lee had \$20 biggies for her daughter who after a rough start is now at the head of the class.
- Lou Ludington talked about the RYLA leadership competition in two weeks, four locals kids will be there. His Coolness asked for a round of applause for our tireless club member Lou and RYLA and got it.
- Mike McCormick had \$4 bucks for our Nevada team's exceptional skill, (his last \$ Four Bucks!)
- Mark Dwyer had \$10 bucks for selling "The King" a car that was full of gas. Mark siphoned the gas back out to use on the next sap to buy a car at Fucco Motors, good work Mark...
- Tim Sewell had \$10 bucks for winning the Durango / Silverton bicycle race in the old geezer division.
- Dick (Irish) Sweeney praised his daughter with \$10, she's a LA teacher sponsored by the Hard Rock Café?
- Chris (Impending Doom) Unfug had \$15 Bucks for moving here, yeah! He also mentioned committees...
- Mike Meyers Bride offered \$50 bucks for his birthday; Mike says he's 39 today ...Right...
- Jim Rybak reminded us of the Salvation Army open house on Friday for \$2 bucks. Kevin's ready...

New Members

Sharon Dixon and Mike Lowenstein were induced; both with remarks befitting our austere group. Mike's teleprompter mysteriously failed so he was very presidential in his remarks. Ahhh , ahhh ahhh... He said he'd never join a club that would actually have him as a member. He'll be perfect...

Warner's Corner



June, on the official Rotary calendar, is Fellowship Month. A traditional expression of fellowship occurs when the outgoing board prepares to hand off its duties and responsibilities to the new club leadership team.

This "transition" event for our club will occur during the upcoming June 16th meeting of the board, to be held at the Bookcliff Country Club.

I am very impressed with this year's board. They've been dedicated to doing the best job possible. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve with these folks.

My sincere gratitude goes out to board members Teresa Anson, Claudia Crowell, Kevin McChesney, Reed Mitchell, Kathy O'Shea, Tyler Riehl and Chris Unfug. Special kudos as well to Kirk Rider, our past president representative, and to Dennis Pretti, our secretary-treasurer, who is retiring after nine years at the post.

Completing their three-year terms are Teresa, Claudia and Kevin. New board members include Barbara Bowman, Lou Ludington and Michael McCormick. Joining them on the board are Secretary Vicki Canaday and Treasurer David Brown.

I would also like to thank Kathy O'Shea and the staff at Hospice for allowing us to meet there this past year. They have been really great hosts and the facility is absolutely the tops.

We now look forward to Chris Unfug's upcoming term as president and the outstanding leadership he will provide.

Announcements

- Merritt Kinsey bloviated about being in RYLA sometime just after the First World War ended.
- Visiting Rotarian Dennis (Remember me) Baker now has 20 Members in Palisade so a charter is assured.
- Gwen DeCino again reminded us of next week's Pig Roast in Palisade for Latimer house. Remember the Blue Thong Society girls will be there. Hold me back...
- Dennis Baker is also hosting the "Old Fossil Classic Golf Classic" on July 23rd at Adobe to benefit the Museum and Dinosaur Journey. For Sponsorship or Team Info call the Head Fossil himself @ 250-0081

Ask Mr. Wizard: Answers to life's most perplexing questions. A reader asks; "Just what that fleshy projection above a Turkey's beak called?" It's a SNOOT!

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, contact:

mschaack@TheRedstoneGroup.com

New 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 while it's being offered. Thanks, Vicki Canaday

June Birthdays... but only Half by Jan Pomrenke

Christopher West on
June 2nd it seems

A really nice accountant you need for
your dreams

June 3rd, **Michael McCormick**
that Caregiver guy

When you met him, he looks you
right in the eye

Bill Newman when June 7th
rolls around

I looked for him today and he could not
be found

Judy Ritchey also on the 7th
She's a go getter and so very pleasant

June 17th, that tall **Cliff Anson**
When he's happy, I'll bet he's dancin'

Same day as Cliff we have
Scott Holzschuh
Another nice one and he's no old shoe

June 18th, that doll, **Gay Hetland**
She's a blast and never a wet one

Then on the 20th, blonde **Jack Acuff**
Another gentleman, always up to snuff

Now next week we have the other half
Maybe someone will give you a laugh

Upcoming Dates

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

- June 16** **Mesa County Library**
Lois Becker
- June 23** **CEC**
- June 30** **Joe Cool's Farewell Address**
President Joe Warner

Upcoming Meetings

- June 9** **Rotary Exchange Committee**
11:15 a.m., Two Rivers Conv. Ctr.
- June 16** **Rotary Board Meeting**
5:00 p.m. Bookcliff CC

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