Greg Mortenson, author of “Three Cups of Tea”

Courtesy of Mike Oldham, we were treated to the keynote address at the Montreal Rotary International Convention last Thursday. Mike presented the video of the speech after an inspiring introduction. Greg Mortenson is a mountain climber, who lost his sister, Christa, to epilepsy when she was a teenager. In her honor, he vowed to climb the world’s second highest mountain, “K-2” in Pakistan. He was unable to complete the climb and was injured, but was rescued and nursed back to health by the people of a small village in Pakistan. The book takes it title from an Eastern proverb—“The first time you share tea, you are a stranger. The second time you take tea, you are an honored guest. The third time you share a cup of tea, you become family...” While he was recovering, he noticed that the children had no school and attended what classes were available outside in the open. He vowed to build a school for this village and thus began his extraordinary feat which resulted in hundreds of schools in rural Pakistan, focusing particularly on educating girls. The key is three cups of tea. An elder in the village became his mentor and told him that he needed to just sit back and patiently have three cups of tea and let the villagers build the schools. Mortenson and his organization now provide teacher training, but all of the schools are built by the villagers. This indigenous investment protects the schools from being destroyed by the Taliban. By focusing on the education of girls, Mortenson discovered that girls will educate their mothers and their families, while educating a boy only educates an individual. Mortenson believes that educated boys are less likely to become terrorists. Mortenson praised Rotary’s push to end polio in the world as well as the push of Rotary to educate and empower all people. He lives by the motto: “even if the world ends tomorrow, I will plant my seed today!” Mortenson has recently published a new book about the school building called, “Stones Into Schools.”
2010-2011 CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Larry Brutlag ……………………President
Jane Johnson …………………President-Elect
Kam Breitenbach ………………..Secretary
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Kevin Roth ………………………Public Relations

PARKER ROTARIANS WITH DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITIES

PDG Mike Oldham - Executive Committee, Strategic Planning, Nominating Committee Chair, PDG Advisory Group, Extension Committee, Health & Hunger Concerns, Annual Giving Polio Eradication, World Peace Fellowship, Group Study Exchange; Bill Fernow - Executive Committee, Public Relations and Rotary Awareness Chair, Interact Chair; Al Johnson - Assistant Governor Area 12; Jim Boyd - Membership Development; Doug Young - 4-Way Test Chair; Dave Gurule - Rotaract; Irv Buck - Water Management; Larry Brutlag - Grants Area 4&5; Bob Forbes - Ambassadorial Scholarships

Finding Sponsors
Past President Bob Forbes made a presentation on fund-raising, encouraging members to learn from the past experiences of those who have success, particularly President Larry Brutlag. He emphasized the crucial need for sponsors that are vital to the success of our State of the Town Event and the Golf Tournament. Bob distributed several handouts that contained suggestions on how to approach and get sponsorship obligations from local businesses. We have had early successes with Parker Adventist Hospital becoming the principal sponsor of the State of the Town and with the recent generous contribution by IREA.

FLOWER POWER
On February 20 Rotarians will gather up the flowers from the Colorado Garden and Home Show that would otherwise be thrown out and distribute them to various nursing homes, etc. Make plans now to help out!

LAST MEETING - GUESTS AND VISITORS

Susan Klassen - guest of Michele Duncan
Tess Julian - guest of Tom Duncan
Raj Haddhi - guest of Jane Johnson

Happy Birthday

January 18 Sid Raines
January 22 Mike Cotsworth
February 3 Ken Claiborne
February 10 Liz Volz
February 15 Mike Meyerle
February 23 Ben Martin
February 23 Rotary International
February 24 Jim Pettett
February 24 Wayne Wagener

Happy Anniversary

Feb 5 Mike and Marjorie Meyerle
Feb 8 Mike and Vicki Cotsworth
Feb 10 Bill and Nancy Gripman
Feb 19 John and Bette Seburg
Feb 23 Bob and Marsha Haefflein
Jane Johnson congratulates John Gile on becoming a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation.

You may become a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation by making the Permanent Fund a beneficiary in your estate plans or by donating $1,000 or more to the fund outright. Simply notify the Foundation of your bequest in writing. For more information, go to the RI website and search on “benefactor”.

Rotary Minute

Just how intimidating can Harold be?

Irv knows!

Candid Shots from the Rotary Community Corps 1st Anniversary Celebration

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday—Castle Rock Rotary
7:15 am
Village Inn
207 Wolfensberger Road
Castle Rock

Wednesday-Parker Cherry Creek Valley
11:30 am
The Warhorse Inn
19420 E Main St
Parker

Don’t forget that you can make-up meetings online through eClub One - the Rotary eClub maintained by District 5450 (www.rotaryeclubone.org).

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Definition

ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

ROTARY INFO ON THE WEB

Rotary International
www.rotary.org

District 5450
www.rotary5450.org

District Polio
www.endpolio.com

CLUB WEBSITE -
www.parkerrotary.org

CLUB LINKED-IN SITE
http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=1813524

Eclub One Meeting on the web
www.rotaryeclubone.org

Rotary on YouTube
http://www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational

Rotary on Twitter
http://twitter.com/rotary

Rotary on Facebook
http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rotary-International/7268844551

Rotary on LinkedIn
http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=858557&trk=hb_side_g
WHAT PAUL HARRIS SAID

In the meanwhile, those to whom Rotary’s great opportunity seemed to be in vocational service, that is, in providing high standards and ideals in the business and professional world, were not idle. Through their influence, scores of national trade associations were organized on vocational lines in the United States, and codes of ethics were adopted. Even conceding it to be true that the adoption of codes of ethics by national associations is no guarantee that the members of such associations will live up to the standards established, it cannot be denied that the fixing of such standards is a splendid impulse in the right direction.

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CLUB NEWS

SERVICE AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Now that the holidays are behind us, things are really picking up and there are many needs and opportunities for club members. If I don’t get them all in this week, I would appreciate those with responsibility for any activity to let me know and get the correct info to me.

❖ The next Work Day at Project C.U.R.E. will be February 16.
❖ The Praying Hands Ranch Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner, Dance, and Auction will be held on February 19th. We typically setup and takedown the flooring, etc. See Jim Muir for details.
❖ Flower Power, the annual distribution of flowers from the Colorado Garden and Home Show to various assisted living locations, etc. will occur on February 20. Workers are needed.
❖ The State of the Town event will be held on March 24th. Steve Trevino and Cathy Groves are once again heading up this promising event. A lot of support from the club members will be required again. Parker Adventist Hospital will be the title sponsor.
❖ Bonfils Blood Drive will be held on April 2. Kam Breitenbach will have the details.
❖ Talk about support! Our annual fundraising Golf Tournament is coming fast. A tremendous amount of support and effort by all club members is essential to the success of this vital fundraiser! Steve Small will have details.
❖ Fundraising for Polio Plus continues unabated. See Lew Million and/or Mike Oldham about details for matching funds, etc. We can and will beat this devastating disease!
❖ Paul Harris Fellowships. See Tony Barnard for information related to obtaining your Paul Harris Fellowship through the use of the credit “points” that the club has built up. Matching funds with points will make it a great deal easier to qualify. Also, you can become a Paul Harris Sustaining Member through the routine payment of $25 per quarter, billed along with your quarterly dues.
❖ The Crutches4Africa drive continues. Just about everyone of us has a pair of crutches or a cane that was necessary for a short time in the past and are now laying around in the garage, attic, or basement. There is a critical need for them in Africa, and this project will get them to where they are needed.
❖ Bob Forbes is gathering information and determining interest in having a Parker Rotary Ski Day.
Annual Rotary Themes

In 1955, RI President A.Z. Baker announced a theme, *Develop Our Resources*; to serve as Rotary's program of emphasis. Since that time, each president has issued a theme for his Rotary year. The shortest theme was in 1961-62 when Joseph Abey selected *Act*. Other one-word themes were chosen in 1957-58 by Charles Tennent (*Serve*) and 1968-69 by Kiyoshi Togasaki (*Participate*).

Carl Miller, in 1963-64, proposed a theme for the times, *Guidelines for Rotary in the Space Age*. Other “timely” themes were in 1980-81 when Rolf Klarich created *Take Time to Serve* and William Carter in 1973-74 used *Time for Action*. Two themes have a similarity to commercial advertising: *A Better World Through Rotary* (Richard Evans, 1966-67) and *Reach Out* (Clem Renouf, 1978-79). Bridges have been a striking metaphor. Harold Thomas, 1959-60, urged Rotarians to *Build Bridges of Friendship*; William Walk, 1970-71, created *Bridge the Gap*; and Hiroji Mukasa, 1982-83, declared *Mankind is One — Build Bridges of Friendship Throughout the World*.

2011-2012 RI Theme and Logo

**Definitions**

**BEAUTY PARLOR:** A place where women curl up and dye.

**CANNIBAL:** Someone who is fed up with people.

**CHICKENS:** An animal you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

**COMMITTEE:** A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

**HANDBKERCHIEF:** Cold storage.

**MOSQUITO:** An insect that makes you like flies better.

**RAISIN:** Grape with a sunburn.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

RI Will Have a New Recognition

RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee will introduce a new recognition, the Changemaker Award, to accompany the Presidential Citation during the 2011-12 Rotary year. Banerjee, who said he will encourage Rotarians to focus on change, explained that the Changemaker Award will recognize Rotary clubs that make an extraordinary impact through their work in the *Avenues of Service*.

“In 2011-12, we shall recognize leaders and clubs and districts who carry the service of Rotary forward through all stages of the Presidential Citation and Changemaker awards,” said Banerjee.

To qualify for a Changemaker Award, clubs will choose from a menu of activities and complete a minimum number for each avenue. All activities must be undertaken and completed between 1 July 2011 and 1 March 2012. District governors will select three clubs in the district -- the top-performing small, medium, and large clubs -- to be entered into a zone and international competition, culminating in the opportunity to be recognized onstage at the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

Activities include demonstrating a net gain in membership over three straight years (2009-12) for Club Service and conducting a career counseling or vocational training program in the community for Vocational Service.

The 2011-12 Presidential Citation will recognize achievements related to membership development and contributing to The Rotary Foundation, and will feature club and district recognition categories. The top 15 districts and 15 clubs certified by governors and validated by RI will be recognized onstage at the 2012 convention.

Clubs will select from criteria such as increasing the number of younger professionals in the club by 2 percent and inducting RI or Rotary Foundation program alumni. Districts will choose from a variety of goals, including 100 percent participation in the *Annual Programs Fund*.

A GARY MERAZ TRUE STORY

A snake slithers into a bar and the bartender says, “Sorry, buddy. I can’t serve you.”

“Why not?” the snake asks.

“Because you can’t hold your liquor.”