

The Spirit of U'Hills

20 February 2009



PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

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GREETERS



Sam Hill and Lowell Palmquist

Well, well, well...what have we here? Why, it's none other than **Sam Hill and Lowell Palmquist**, both with navy blue blazers on, Membership and Greeters badges prominently displayed; bright, sunny smiles, 18 years of U'Hills Rotary Club membership between them. If there are any new members [males] who are not sure about how they should report for Greeter duty, why, here it is — page 1 of the 20 February 2009 Newsletter. Better make a note of

it, mental or otherwise.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE AND PLEDGE

Our President, **Mike Hitchcock**, asked our new member **Andrew Dodgen** to deliver our inspirational message and pledge to the flag today.

Andrew's message was entitled, 'A Yes Face' and went like this:

During Thomas Jefferson's presidency, he and a group of travelers were crossing a river that had over-



Andrew Dodgen

flowed its banks. Each man crossed on horseback, fighting for his life. A lone traveler watched the group traverse the treacherous river and then asked President Jefferson to take him across. The president agreed without hesitation. The man climbed on, and the two made it safely to the other side of the river where somebody asked him: "Why did you select the President to ask this favor?" The man was shocked, admitting he had no idea it was the President of the United States who had carried him safely across. "All I know," he said, "is that on some of the faces was written the answer 'No' and on some of them was the answer 'Yes.' His was a 'Yes' face."

[It might be an interesting exercise to reflect on the number of presidents, say from JFK on, who had a 'Yes' and who had a 'No' face. Just to get us started, in sequence, they were/are Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush 41, Clinton, Bush 43, Obama.]

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mike Hitchcock thanked our greeters today — **Sam Hill and Lowell Palmquist** — for their performance above and beyond the call of duty as the first point of contact between the club and those attending the meeting.

Doug Dixon introduced our visiting Rotarians and guests today. First visitor was **Phil Beaver**. He told us he had spent the last 29 years in uniform. He thought he should get involved with the community and visited two other clubs before coming to U'Hills Rotary. Someone suggested he visit our club since he lives within the Glenmoor metro area. Sounded like a good idea, and here he is. [Pool: That uniform he mentioned was mmm green. Couple of 'alllll riiiiight's and a ripple of applause followed.]

Steve Whisenhunt had the next guest: **Ken Simmons**. **Ken** told us he lives in the Tech Center area and that he thought he'd come over and see what we're up to. Welcome, Ken.

Don Hogue, from the Golden Rotary Club for 15 years or so, is visiting for make-up purposes.

Carl Gardner introduced his best friend, and wife, and "The love of my life, **Linda Gardner**." Welcome Linda.

Wynn Gandera, from the Denver Rotary Club is visiting to perhaps interest us in a project of their Club. The project is what they call "Family Night. It's for Denver Public School children, mostly third grade and under, run by 'Community Service', a non-profit organization. Family Night brings the entire family: grandpa, babies, everybody in for a pizza dinner. Then the next hour and a half they do one of three things:

1. On a 'reading night', they take the children into a section and read to them. The parents, meanwhile, learn how to interact with their kids with reading. At the end of the



evening the kid goes home with a new book which often is the first new book the student has ever had.

2. On the 'math night', the families go into small groups again with a volunteer where they learn math games using dice or cards. It's the kind of thing the family can continue to do at home.
3. The third night is a 'science night.' We go to the Denver Museum of Natural History, and the families rotate from place to place with different volunteers explaining the science exhibits.

"So, although it's only a simple two hour session, it's effective because research shows that the more you can involve a family in a student's education, the higher the academic success of the student and the higher the graduation rate. Many parents don't know what to do to help their child nor how to do it.

"So, if any of you would like to participate in this kind of project, please contact me after the meeting—I have some literature—or contact the club later. We'd be glad to have your help and presence."

Steve Whisenhunt reviewed the Valentine's Day party, shared with the Littleton Club, and a few of the more interesting things that transpired — on the dance floor and elsewhere. Steve also gave us the first heads up about our Golf Tournament. It will be at the same location as last year, Inverness Golf Club, and the date will be on 4 June 2009, a Saturday.

Rich Sattizahn also had a few observations about the Valentine's Day Party. "At the party, we all had a good time and found out that the Littleton Club is the dancing club. Our club, well it's more like the nine o'clock news club.

"Then, Melody, my wife, and I were talking about our lives and how, considering all we'd been through, it was enough to make a good movie. I thought for awhile, about who could play me and [with a lot of interfering guffaws from all points of the compass] came up with the ideal individual, Brad Pitt. So, I asked Melody who would play her part. Melody thought for awhile, said, 'Let me get this straight. It's going to be a movie about our lives and Brad Pitt is going to play your part?' 'Yes, that's right.' 'Well, in that case, I think I'll just play me myself.'" [And that really brought the house down around our ears.]

Alan Caldwell told us he has a presentation to make. He reminded us that there is a day coming up next week, Ash Wednesday. "But there's a very important day right before that for the residents in New Orleans. It's called Mardi Gras. But, there is one person here who normally is adorned, but is unadorned today. And, that's **Jerry Regan**. He normally has a hat on and so I'm giving you a Mardi Gras hat for the occasion" and with that he gave Jerry the hat and Jerry said, "Thank you, sir." Then, he put on the hat and this is what he looked like: →

Doug Dixon had a vacation report. "I have a birthday coming up in a couple of days. I spent the last week in Utah,



Jerry Regan and his new Mardi Gras hat

had a great time, found Moab to be interesting. No four-wheelers, two bicycles, that was it. I've never been there when there were not at least 100 people anywhere you looked. This time it was just blank."

Mel Capehart commented on **Don Hogue** being here today and how, "It reminds me that we have a Zoo Day when we take handicapped children to the zoo. That's where I really got to meet **Don**. There was a little girl with a table in front of her. She was horribly handicapped. She could slowly point to words written on the table and then if she didn't have the word on the table, she could point to the alphabet and gradually spell the word. Can you imagine? A dentist and an engineer...crying, really crying on that day. It will get you if you get out to that Zoo Day."

Dick Rewey had some good news, bad news to report. "Last week about skiing. Bad news was I missed my first ski train trip in ten years. The good news was because of our 22nd annual Hut Trip in the mountains. The other thing we celebrated was Charlie's third birthday. He's our one and only grandchild. He knew what he wanted. They asked him what he wanted and he said, "Kids" So, they had about six kids and 12 adults. A great party."

Dave McKinley stood to thank **Jay Carpender** for a great Ski Train Trip.

Dorotha Cicchinelli brought us up to date on her family. "I missed a meeting or two recently. I had a migraine one Friday that lasted into the next day. Also, I did have a birthday last week. Many of you know that our youngest daughter has had a terrible time [words didn't make it through the sound of some dishes being stacked] I'm happy to say that after a little over three months in a wheel chair she's back at CU, in school, and classes are going pretty good. So, she's doing all right. She's walking again. Some of you knew this and it's been great to be in this organization and to have your sympathy and support. When it first happened, I called our President Mike and was just in shock. It happened last Fall and so I've not been as involved as I will be now that Julia is so much better."

Bud Laber announced that "Last Friday was my wife's birthday. So, we went to Florida for about five days to visit some brothers and sisters-in-law and also to celebrate some birthdays. I was allowed to play golf one day. Don't ask me about what I scored." **Bud** asked that his announcement be put in the bulletin so he'll get proper recognition. [Alice, he made the announcement, there were about 70 witnesses, so he's being his usual reliable self, doing the things that you would want him to do...probably.]

Bob Newton announced he has a couple of birthdays to report. "I'm going to have a birthday Sunday and my mother just celebrated her 99th birthday." [Exclamations of pleasure and amazement]

Jay Carpender, he of the Ski Train arrangements and organization enterprises, brought forward a dark liquid in a glass (slightly nauseating in appearance) for someone who missed the trip. An observer said they have a drink called "The Derailer." Apt description. "The financial report is quite favorable. We covered the deposits we had, the loss we had last year, and made a little bit for next year. Sorry the



ones who paid couldn't make it but there's always next year."

President Mike made a quick announcement about the District 5450 Conference in Colorado Springs, May 1-3, 2009. "It will really be a lot of fun. I signed up for it and I hope we can get a group together to go down there and attend. Go to the District 5450 web site. There's an application there and it tells you all about it."

Mike asked **Jay Carpender** to stand. Now hear this: "I want to formally thank you for everything you've been doing and to designate you as the U'Hills Rotary Club Rotarian of the Month for your work with the Ski Train and the other things you do for the club. You're a valuable asset. Thank you."

Mike had another short report regarding a recent meeting at the District level...a leadership retreat this past Saturday. Its theme was: shared views for the future of Rotary in District 5450, and how to expand the influence of Rotary to achieve more diversity within our clubs. The finding that was discussed at the conference was "our failure to communicate". The thoughts expressed were:

1. The district and clubs need to communicate the values of Rotary in a way that younger people can use and understand, i.e., expanded use of FaceBook, YouTube, and Twitter with Google groups, etc. Maintain our principles, but change our culture to move into the 21st Century.
2. We need to be flexible in our meetings and membership requirements and understand the needs and time and the financial restraints of younger professionals.
3. We need service projects that are meaningful to younger people and get them involved right away.
4. We should have diverse speakers and service projects that reach out to new groups of people and invite them to participate in Rotary.
5. The fellowship and family of Rotary may involve younger members getting together in a social sphere, a sort of club within a club, to address some of their needs.
6. We should look to Interact and Rotaract, RYLA, and youth exchange programs as potential sources for future Rotarians.

"Another thought of mine was to utilize the talents of some of our past presidents as representatives on District committees so that there is a back and forth communication between our club and the District administration. Decisions made at the District do affect our club and we can have an influence on what happens in the greater world of Rotary."

"Also, we will be going to the **Denver Art Museum (DAM)** on 6 March. It will be dark at Glenmoor. Who's handling that?" Then, at that instant, who should walk in but the man who is handling that, **Tom Benson**. There was discussion about the details of the visit, but a post-meeting email from **Tom** dated 24 February, contains all we need to know:

Time and location: 11:45, Friday, March 6, 100 W 14th Avenue, Denver.

General subject: DAM Architecture of Hamilton wing.

Lunch: Gourmet box lunches from the *Palettes* snack bar at DAM. Choices (more details at our next meeting):

- Vegetarian (roasted red pepper, olive tapenade, etc.)
- Roast turkey w. provolone cheese.
- Citrus chicken salad w. red bell peppers, relish, etc.

- Sliced honey baked ham and swiss cheese.
- Pastrami with lettuce, tomato, muenster cheese
- Bottled water

Members: no charge. Spouses and guests: \$15.00.

Entrance to DAM: \$3.50 per person.

We will be divided into groups of 15 per docent.

Tour should last an hour.

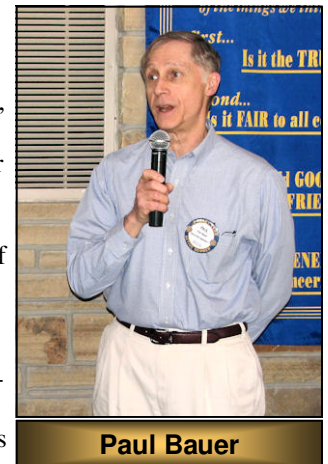
**Make known your desires on signup sheets
at our 27 February meeting**

E. BRENT HOBSON AWARD

Bill Rector came to the lectern, certificate and medallion in hand, and asked **Paul Bauer** to join him. And, join him Paul did. Bill advised us that it was his pleasure and honor to present the 19th E. Brent Hobson Fellow Award. "To remind the members, the **E. Brent Hobson Fellowship** is a charitable foundation within the club that funds the awarding of scholarships to high school students in the district who will major in math or science. To be a fellow, Paul has donated \$1,000 in keeping with the Rotarian spirit of 'Service Above Self.' He did not want an award, but I pressed him a bit and he has decided to tell us why he decided to make the contribution. Paul?"

"I decided it was a good opportunity for two reasons:

1. "Having been involved with the committee this past year, I got to see the applicants for the scholarships last year and it's really a great group of kids. It's the future of our country and the future of humanity to have these kids in leadership positions. I wanted to be part of these kids getting a college education.
2. "The other reason is that this year the scholarship will have **George Ensign's** name on it. And, George was a real mentor for me in the Foundation work. He was a great friend to all of us here. I thought I would take advantage of the opportunity and honor George as well. Thank you, Bill, for the opportunity."



Paul Bauer

JACK SELWAY ROTARY GLOBAL HISTORY FELLOWSHIP

Jay Carpender introduced our guest speaker today. "I first met Jack about four years ago. We were talking about how to get the younger generations to the internet where I basically met Jack. I had noticed in the Rotary blogs that there was a history page for Rotary and they didn't have a history listed for District 5450. So, **Loy Dickinson** and I collaborated on a piece to be put in but it was rejected about



six years ago. I never could figure out what to do with it so I passed it on to **Jack** and somehow it found its way to the Rotary Global History Foundation and is now present on the web site. So, we have a presence on the web right now, but we need to make it a bit younger. There are Facebook pages for all sorts of Rotarians, all over the place, so I look forward to seeing your faces in Facebook.

“Our speaker, in 1976, was inducted into the Rotary Club of Concord, CA, as an honorary member. A decade later he was District 5160 Rotarian of the Year as Charter President of the Lamorinda Sunrise club where he is now an honorary member. Jack received the Perry Award from the Rotary Club of Chicago. He spent most of the ‘90s as song leader and the audio-visual leader of the Rotary Club of San Francisco that I visited in the early ‘80s. I was there for about six months before coming back to Colorado.

“At that time, he moved from San Francisco to Pueblo. One of his hobbies is singing for Rotary functions. He was soloist at the 1990 International Rotary Convention in Portland and the song leader the next year in Mexico City. I’d like to introduce you to **Jack Selway**.



Jack Selway with letter from Cliff Dochterman

Jack began his talk by thanking **Jay** and **President Mike** “Who will revert to eating his lunch in July. I very seldom see a club president eat lunch or breakfast. I’ve never said this before at a Rotary Club and I want this to be understood with sincerity. If Paul Harris were here today, he’d be well pleased. This is what a Rotary Club is supposed to be.

“I’m going to read you a letter from **Cliff (Dochterman)**, and then I’m going to ask you three questions and then I’ll sing a song and then I’m going to open it up

for questions. Cliff’s letter was written on February 7 to Jack Selway, re: Rotary Speech to University Hills Denver.

Greetings, Jack.

*I am sure you will have a good time at University Hills Rotary. I lived in Denver for three years, from 1970 to 1972, just after I had been District Governor in District 5160 where I belonged to the Berkeley Rotary Club. For about 65 years, Denver had only allowed one Rotary Club. But the young president of the Denver Club, **Peter Bowes**, decided he was not going to have the old club members vote on the subject. He just got approval of the Board and went ahead.*

I was attending the huge Denver Club and was asked to speak to this new group that was trying to form a new club. It was in the area of town where I lived, so they asked me to help them. I told the group of about 30 members, only one of whom had been a Rotarian before, that I didn’t want to belong to a rinky-dink Rotary Club. But, I’d be their president if they wanted to become the best Rotary Club in the world. They said, ‘Why not?’

And that is what they became. It was a great group. I have returned three or four times over the years and have been very proud of University Hills Rotary. Give them my warm regards and tell the group how proud I am to have had a small part in their beginning.

Cordially,

Cliff

[Now that, friends, is what you could call a ringing endorsement, suitable for framing!]

“I met Cliff in ‘82. **Governor Don** has known him a lot longer than that. I know that he had trouble joining the Denver Club because of his classification. How many of you know that he was rejected by the Berkeley Club at least twice because the classification was filled? But, he didn’t give up. He’d been a Rotarian before and the classification opened, I think it was in ‘Development’, at the University of California in Berkeley and he became president of the Berkeley Club during their 25th year. Then he became District Governor and then he came up here and started this wonderful club. I hope I have an opportunity to come and speak to you again so I’ll keep my subject very short and not tell you very much so that you’ll be anxious to hear more. [Appreciative laughter]

“But, I’ll never tell any of Cliff’s jokes because he’s the only guy in the world who can tell them like he can. I’m beginning to look a little more like him, but he can tell his jokes better than anyone. So, three questions:

1. “The song *America the Beautiful*. I gracefully didn’t sing anything at the beginning today because I’ve been told that you don’t sing. True? Well, let’s say you’re not a great singing club. But, the *esprit de corps* in this place...it’s an unforgiving club. [Wild laughter] That’s the spirit of Rotary although there is an unconfirmed rumor, I’ve never been able to find it documented, that **Paul Harris’** club played a practical joke on him one day. He was so angry that he left, said ‘I QUIT’, and stomped out of the room. Someone chased after him and said, ‘Paul, Paul, it’s just a joke.’ Paul would have a tough time in this room.

“So, *America the Beautiful*. What does *America the Beautiful* have in common with Paul Harris? First person wins the prize.”

Answer (Carpenter): “Both spent time in Colorado?”

Selway: “Yeah, they both...well, the song was written on Pikes Peak. A lot of you know that. A teacher from Kansas. She went up on the top of Pikes Peak in about 1896 or ‘97. And, from the top of Pikes Peak she looked out and observed ‘Oh, beautiful skies.’ Well, in 1891, Harris was working for what is about to become the former *Rocky Mountain News*. He was working as a reporter. He’d been an actor here and he climbed Pikes Peak. In one of his memoirs he writes that he tried to run all the way down. Anyway, that’s the quiz biz.

2. “The second question is ‘Why do we call it Rotary?’



Answer: “The early club rotated their meeting places.”

Selway: “Right. Great. A lot of people don’t know that. They’ll see the pen and want to know if you belong to a car club. So, right, they held the first meeting either on 23 February 1905, or ‘04. **Harry Ruggles** [the fifth Rotarian] whose granddaughter lives here in the Denver Metro Area, has some literature, some printing material—Harry was a printer—he printed up some material that had the date 1904 on it. There is also some official business, written like official legal stuff, and it says 1904 on it. But, back to Rotary, they moved the meeting from office to office, then from restaurant to restaurant, and then finally in one place.

3. “Now, this is a tougher question and there are two possible answers in my mind. Who were the persons or person who originated the stimulus, the inspiration, to start something where men, at that time, of all lines and professions, all nationalities, of all religious persuasions, could join in fellowship?” [Silence reigned supreme.]

Answer: “The inspiration for the Rotary type of club, in my mind come from two different people. One was an attorney and one was an illiterate, uneducated, but self made millionaire named **Howard Harris**. Howard was Paul Harris’ grandfather. Howard taught this to young **Paul Harris** after Paul was given over to his grandparents by his parents, **George** and **Cornelia Harris**, to raise. They were spendthrifts. Paul never criticizes them in his writing, but he says that a budget was something that would ‘Never have been seen in our home.’ Howard bailed them out, over and over again, until finally their business failed completely in Racine, WI, and they dropped two of the kids off, Cecil and Howard.

“**Howard**, initially illiterate, kept a dictionary out in a shed behind his house. Every day, he’d go learn a new word. He was able to support several families for the rest of their lives, long after his death. Paul’s parents, George and Cornelia, died in Denver in about 1929. Howard gave Paul that root, that seed, of being kind to other people and to care about them. Then in 1900, after Paul had moved to Chicago, he traveled the world for five years, part of that time in Denver. He went to dinner with an attorney and as they were strolling through this community, a summer evening, warm, and people were shouting out ‘Jay (the attorney), how are you?’

“He came away with the thought that this guy was recognized by people. He had a sense of belonging in the community. What would it be like, as I said earlier, a group of like minded — well, here, that’s not quite the right term. This club couldn’t function if you were all like minded — a group that had the common theme of a line of service.

“The San Francisco Club has dwindled from a club of 400-500 members to barely 220 because they always wanted to have the Chairman of the Board of Pacific Bell, and the Chairman of the Pacific Gas and Electric, the Chairman of the Bank of America. Those were their members. Well, the world changed in the ‘80s and those companies moved from San Francisco out to Danville and San Ramon and to Concord. The globalization of everything made it so that the

Chairman of the Board of Wells Fargo or Bank of America couldn’t go to a lunch on Tuesday. It wasn’t feasible. And they didn’t shift with it. When I hear you talk about trying to bring in younger people, that’s vital to being able to survive as a civic organization.

“The founder of Rotary International, **Paul Harris**, was 37 years old when he started Rotary. In 1912, at 44, he had his first major heart attack. In 1928, he had his second major heart attack. Then in 1935 he had a nervous breakdown. But, he lived until 1947 and he wrote three extraordinarily insightful books. Not just about Rotary, but about life.

“Rotary is not an organization in and of itself. Rotary is a concept. It is a way of thinking about serving your community and its name probably does it a disservice because we have nothing to do with rotating. One of my historians wrote me from Latin America, because Rotary Global History down there gets translated as ‘rotating’, like rotating in machinery. So, it doesn’t translate very well.

“In my experience, there has always been a Rotary. Before I was born, my grandfather, in a small town in Idaho, was a Rotarian and had died in 1940. And my grandmother, who took over his business and property and position in the community, just simply showed up for lunch at the Rotary meeting one day. Because a lot of them in that room either owed her favors or money, or both, no one ever complained. So, I grew up knowing that my grandmother was a Rotarian because that’s what she told me. And, I have her little box with playing cards in it, with the Rotary logo on the cover.

“When I was a child, the events we went to were Rotary functions. I didn’t know what it was, but it was the people in town, the dentist, the undertaker, the insurance agent, real estate person, the people of town. So, I grew up with Rotary, became an honorary member in 1976 and I’m again an honorary member after being around Rotary for 65 years.

“In 1991, I had the opportunity to attend the Rotary Convention in Mexico City where I was appointed as song leader. While there, I got to sing every day and I did sing in the closing show with the National Orchestra of Mexico...really an exciting opportunity to perform before 17,000 people. But, what stuck with me was the fellow who had been my accompanist while I was there, **Daniel Perez**. If I ever get invited back, I’ll tell you a little more about my road to Rotary and what this organization has meant to me. But, I’m not much of a meeting guy. I don’t go to meetings, I’m a sole proprietor of a small business, have been most of my life and I’m an introvert almost to the extreme. But, introverts make pretty good performers. Johnny Carson is a good example. But a lot of those people who get up and perform do so because it’s a way to overcome that sense of shyness or introversion.

“So, Daniel Perez was my accompanist and he said, ‘Would you like to come along with us today? We’re going to go sing for a christening.’ So, I went with them and sang, *Ave Maria* with this choir. We all dressed with white shirts and dark slacks. Then afterwards, we went to the reception. It was in a horse barn. It was in a place like this building, with these homes here, but with a riding club in the middle of it

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MIKE'S THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Mike's thought for the day was based on his observation of the male of the species...

WHY MEN ARE JUST HAPPIER PEOPLE:

- What do you expect from such simple creatures? One mood, all the time.
- Wedding plans take care of themselves.
- Your last name stays put.
- Wedding dress costs \$3,000. Tux Rental: \$100
- You can never be pregnant.
- Car mechanics tell you the truth.
- You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is too icky.
- You can write your name in the snow, if you know what I mean.
- Wrinkles add character.
- People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.
- Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.
- A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.
- You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness.
- Your underwear is \$3.95 for a three-pack.
- You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.
- You can play with toys all your life.
- One wallet and one pair of shoes — one color for all seasons.
- You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.
- You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes.

NO WONDER MEN ARE HAPPIER

instead of a golf course. These people were so wealthy, they were able to clean up the stables so the caterers could work out of them and the meals could be served right there in the riding club.

"It was a privilege for me to be there as a peon. I and the rest of the choir members were looked upon by the wealthy Mexicans who were at this christening as definitely lower class people. We were the peons. I really got a kick out of that. I loved singing with them.

"So, a year later, I wrote to Daniel Perez and said 'I would like to come and study with you in Mexico City.' So, in 1992 I went down there. Now, he doesn't speak much English and I didn't speak any Spanish. So, he puts me by his piano and says 'Cantar!' and points at the music. OK. And he starts to play. For two or three days we worked at it until it was good enough to go and perform at something like Vellejejo, as in Vallejo, and I got to sing this thing.

"By a remarkable coincidence, I had written to a friend in central Mexico and said 'Can you put me in touch with Daniel Perez because he taught me how to sing this.' And, at 12:12 today, I got a message from Carlos Garcia and he says (reading from message) 'After four days, fortunately, I have the email address of Senor Perez.' So, I wrote Senor Garcia a note about 30 minutes ago and told him that I'd be singing this song here. This is what he taught me."

Jack then sang for us the song that Senor Perez had taught him...*Granada*. It was as good, or better, than any of us had heard the song sung and we all applauded with vigor. He said that he usually has an accompanist and that he had heard that **Don Goe** could perform that office. But, the piano is clear out in the lobby, so he thought he'd just sing it *a capella*. Came out just fine.

Jack then told us a few good ways to become more familiar with the history of Rotary, all involving Google. We closed his talk with a joint singing of *America the Beautiful*. It was pretty good. At least, most of us got to the end of the song at about the same time.

President Mike gave Jack our certificate for five polio vaccines, purchased from the Rotary PolioPlus Program and thanked him for talking with us today. (Cont. next column)

NEW MEMBERSHIP NOTIFICATIONS

We have a new member to tell you about. He's **Mel Grusing**. He was a guest of **President Mike** a couple of weeks ago. We'll have more information on him next week.

There's also a new member social event coming:

**University Hills Rotary Club
New Member Orientation and Social
Thursday, 5 March 2009
5—7 PM
Hosted by Dennis Eichinger**

All new members are encouraged to attend this important, exciting, and fun orientation meeting. Wine and cheese will be served as you listen to Board Members and Committee Directors explain their areas of Club responsibility and answer your questions.

(Cont. to next column)

Driving directions to Dennis' office:

Mowatt Financial, Inc.
383 Inverness Parkway, Suite 400
Englewood, CO 80112
Dennis' cell phone: 720-470-9779

- I-25 south to County Line Road.
- Turn east on County Line Road.
- Drive east through two signal lights (when green) where County Line swings south and becomes Inverness Parkway.
- Look for a black ground-level sign for Dennis' address:
 - 383 Inverness Parkway.
- Take elevator to the fourth floor. You're there.

When even you have to admit you're lost, drive to closest street sign, call Dennis, tell him you're lost, read off what the street sign says. His cell phone:

720-470-9779