

The Spirit of U'Hills

1 May 2009



PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- May 8.....Lowell Palmquist and Mike Hitchcock.
Subject: Trends in Health
- May 15....Zoo Day
- May 22....Jim Benemann...Channel 4 Anchor Sub-
ject: The Business of TV News
- May 29....Tracy Ringolsby.Subject: Major League
Baseball and the Rockies
- June 4U'Hills Golf Tournament..... Inverness
- June 12 ..Arjun SenSubject: Raising a Father

GREETERS



And there they were, two friends of long standing, shaking hands: **Bill Collier**, the greeter, whose membership dates from April 1983 and **Larry Bell**, from November 1973. Those balloons behind them are for the Kentucky Derby party Glenmoor is preparing for.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE AND PLEDGE

Phil Beaver, one of our newest members, part of the Class of RY 09, had the job of inspiring us today. And, he did a good job of it...started with:

“**May Day!**” —with the approximate volume of an International Distress Call, followed by: “No, I’m not trying to get all the former Navy personnel to dive under their tables, but instead I want to recognize the month that is perhaps celebrated in rhyme and verse more than any other. Indeed, May is a rare month in that it has its own day, and it is unique in having its own pole.



Phil Beaver

“Lerner and Lowe sang of the lusty month of May [at

Camelot], and Heinrich Heine called it the marvelous month of May, while Richard Barnfield wrote of the merry month of May.

“James Thompson called May the sweetest of months, William Wordsworth wrote of Sweet May, and Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote of Modest May.

“Thomas Moore wrote of the young May Moon, Sir William Watson wrote of a Prosperous Morn in May, William Cullen Bryant wrote of the Airs of May, and James Joyce wrote of the Winds of May.

“John Milton called it Flowery May and Bounteous May. Lord Edward Thurlow referred to May as the Queen of Blossoms, while Herman Melville called May a Red Cheeked Dancing Girl and Robert Fuller Murry called her an elfish maiden.

“Shakespeare, the Bard himself, claimed May was ‘Full of Spirit,’ and wrote of the Darling Buds of May.

“Jethro Tull refers to May Day as the Great Day. However, I have to acknowledge that many of us in here see May as the end of the ‘09 ski season, so I think it appropriate that for today’s inspiration, we turn to Dorothy Parker, who had the following to say regarding the present situation:

‘Every year, back comes Spring, with nasty little birds yapping their heads off and the ground all mucked up with plants.’

“Now, please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance:

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States...”

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Benson, stand-in for **Mike Hitchcock**, who is at the opening day of the District 5450 Annual Convention today, thanked our greeters: **Bill Collier** and **Rich Sattizahn**.

Tom called our attention to the programs and speakers set up for the next few weeks. That’s when the tape went blank.

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARD



Tom Murphy and Quinn Kinnaird

Backup tape began with **Tom Murphy** who was next up with our West Middle School Outstanding Student this month. “Her name is Quinn Kinnaird and she’s in the sixth grade, probably the best sixth grader they have there...at least according to the judging routine we go through. Quinn told us that she is representing the other sixth graders as just one of the great people at West Middle School. One of the things that impressed us about Quinn is she is a very



active dancer. She practices about 20 hours per week. She is going to be involved in the show *Peter Pan*. It will be at DU. Mickey? Seats? She's also writing a book. She won't tell us what she's writing about but she is a very active young lady who really loves liberal arts.

"What we want to do is present her with two awards. The first one is a plaque with her name, and the other winners for 2009, on it. It's posted at her school on the wall outside the principal's office. Then, we have this framed commendation she can hang on her wall at home. It explains what the award is all about, that one person can make a difference, and that we hope to hear more great things about her in the future.

"I wore this CU vest because her sister, Cassidy, also here today, is a CU student. Sharon, her mother, is also present. 'Sharon, you're not lucky, you just do a very good job.' Quinn said she wouldn't feel good unless she said a few words before we sit back down. And that's exactly what Quinn did. She said 'Thank you' and sat down...to thunderous applause and cheers from the assembled Rotarians."

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Tom Benson introduced our stand-in Sergeant at Arms, **Jeff Duer**. **Jeff D.** admitted that "**Jeff Stotler** did send me a joke. It started with 'A Catholic priest, a Baptist preacher, and a Rabbi...' and that's when I stopped reading and said, 'I think I can do better. [Cheers]. So I pulled out my old, trusty *Boy's Life* and got a couple of great jokes here. First: A book never written: *Be Patient* by Igor Lee.'" (tentative laughter) "What travels the world but stays in a corner? A stamp. DingDing-Ding, we have a winner. (Someone [Rich?] came back with the answer before he finished the question.) Did you hear about the scientist who tried to breed a cow that would give twice as much milk? A background voice, sounded like **Rich Sattizahn**, said, "I read my *Boy's Life* also. Udder disaster."

Dave McKinley rose, announced, "My wife, Carol, ran in the Cherry Creek Sneak, came in first in her age group. Then on Monday, we celebrated 41 years of being married.

A happy father (sounded like **Rich Sattizahn**) reported that his son has had a drivers license for nine days now without an accident.

Michael Haviland had a report on his recent email hacker experience. "This may set a record for the largest number of people at the same table who had something to say, but (appreciative laughter) this is to anyone who didn't get an email from Laura or me or anyone else. My five bucks is for people being kind when my email was hacked. My website, that had 325 or so addresses in it, not all of which were up to date, a person hacked it and sent an email soliciting money on my behalf, \$750 at a crack, to everyone on the list. The address for sending the money to is in the medical district of London. A friend of mine got one of these and who had spent quite a bit of time in London, lived there for awhile, contacted me and said the London police had been apprised. We don't have a report back yet. Anyway, that happened to me, it was a little distressing, but I would also like to report that I reestablished contact with a whole lot of people I hadn't seen in years." (Much laughter)

Stan Love had the briefest of reports: "47 years of mar-

riage and we went to dinner at The Broker and celebrated. Thanks."

John French: "My wife, Joan, and I, 42 years ago, were married and we celebrated at...(sounded like the Royal Oak Grill.)

Doug Dixon had another anniversary to report. "Today is May Day which makes it the 26th anniversary with Pattie."

Jim MacDermott reported that the Masonic Lodges in Ft. Collins have a program with the Poudre Valley School District where they honor outstanding students much like we do here. "I spent Wednesday night at a very long presentation ceremony in which my grand daughter was named sixth grader of the year."

Staci Giovino: My step father has finally made a decision that he is going through the Trinity College in San Antonio.

Dick Rewey, who was seated at the table at which all but Dick had made a report, revealed that he had succumbed to the pressure from his table-mates and reported his birthday, which is on 14 May. "It's early but I felt pressured to report on *something*." He also admitted that he and Dave went roller-blading on Wednesday.

Mel Capeheart: "This is in celebration of my grandson's birthday. He was 12 years old Friday but what I'm really happy about is that he had invited a classmate who had Down Syndrome to his birthday party and the mother was just in tears she was so happy. He had never been invited to anything before in his life because of his condition. I was glad that he did that."

Tom Benson had an item: "I'm running in the Colorado Marathon at Ft. Collins this coming Sunday." [n.b. And that's what he did. Finished 3rd or 4th in his age group in 5:40:25. That's in hours/minutes/seconds format. There were those, your editor included, in the room with Tom, whose finishing time would be in the days/hours/minutes format.]

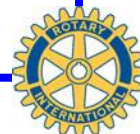
KEIR MATHUR MAGICIAN EXTRAORDINAIRE



Keir (Royale) Mathur

Tom, without missing a beat, turned, found Keir in the audience and launched into his introduction. "Keir was born in Kansas, in Wichita. Then, after high school, he decided he was going to follow one of his loves and went into flight school and for four years was a charter pilot. Then, he followed another one of his great loves: magic. So, for the last nine years he has been involved as a motivational speaker, a hypnotist, a magician, and as master of ceremonies. Then in 2003, in the Midwest Magic Jubilee, he received the runner up award, best stage magician. Ladies and gentlemen, **Keir Mathur** (a.k.a. **Keir "Royale" Mathur**, **Keir Royale** for short.)

The presentation that followed is one of the few pro-



grams we've had that qualifies for the *You Had To Be There* classification. From the entirely 4 dimensional experience to the wholly *.pub format of words and pictures...it doesn't quite compute. Let's see how it works out:

As a means of warming up the audience, Keir pulled that Rubik's Cube out of his black leather briefcase, spun it between thumb and middle finger so we could see the layers were jumbled (which they weren't...really), tossed it into the air so we were even more visually challenged, then caught it, held it up so we could see all layers were aligned. Well, I'll be darned...

Then, out came the colored panels, approx. 8" square, red, blue, yellow...audience participation required. Pool was so overly zealous in volunteering **Doug Dixon** that he wound up being volunteered himself, by Keir. Keir holds the three panels, fanned like a hand of cards, asked the volunteer to select a card. He did, then Keir went through a series of hokus-pokus events, did some impossible things with the panels and some even more impossibler things with pre-labeled textual panels. Pool admitted to a, "well, whatever" mental state, sat down for the next event.

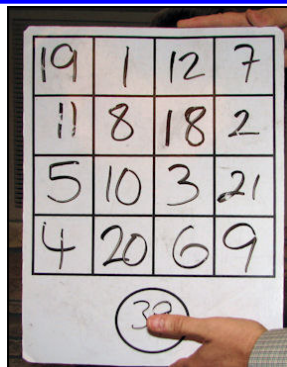
That brought out the lengths of rope from the briefcase...3/8" in diameter, soft white, very pliable, first ropes were ca. 5' long. Keir cut the rope in half, tied **John French** and **Ruth Wilson** together, at the wrists, with the bights of the ropes looped through each other. The task: unloop the ropes from each other, w/o moving the feet. John and Ruth went through several contortion demos, to no avail. They're still looped, if you'll pardon the expression. Finally, Keir showed them how: Pull one loop through the other loop at the point it is tied around a wrist. Elementary, my dear Watson.



Then, **Jerry Regan** became the audience volunteer after several aborted attempts to rope (sorry) someone else into the singular task of being made to feel inadequate in front of 60+ people. Following instructions, he cut ropes in half, in thirds, in folded fourths and in general far out configurations. He came out about two up and four down...a lot better than the average volunteer.



And, with just a few minutes until the 13:30 deadline, the grand finale...the old numbers game. The "Royale" went over to the notorious activist table (lots of Sgt. At Arms event reporting), pulled out **Michael Haviland**, (he of the hacked email account) to participate. Keir had a number of blank sheets of paper on a clipboard, asked Michael to "Write down a two digit number greater than 21 and less than 100, write it on the clipboard (I'll turn around so I can't see it), in large characters so all can see it. Then hold it up so everyone can see what the number is." Michael, highly proficient at following instructions, quickly wrote the number 39 repeat 39 on the paper and held it up for all to see...except Keir. Meanwhile, back at the lectern, Keir, still facing away from Michael, pulled out this 16 square, one circle, grid, starts writing numbers on it, calling out



the numbers as he writes them down. When finished, he turns around, holds up the panel, reveals that the number Michael had written down was 39 repeat 39. He had written 39 in the circle below the square grid. That thumb over the descender of the 9 belongs to an innocent bystander holding a prop for picture taking purposes. It did read 39. Honest. As a bonus, the 16 cell grid is filled with

random numbers with a singular characteristic. They total Michael's 39 in any combination of four symmetrical cells.

- Take the top row: 19, 1, 12, 7. It totals 39. Big deal.
- Take the left hand vertical column: 19, 11, 5, 4. Why, that totals 39 also. Hmmm.
- Take the diagonal from top right to bottom left: 7, 18, 10, 4. Totals 39 again. How did this guy do that?
- Take the four cell square at bottom right of the grid: 3, 21, 6, 9. Well, I'll be darned. 39 again.
- How about the vertical column, second column from far left: 1, 8, 10, 20. How *could* that be another 39?

OK. Time's up. It's 13:30. Assembled Rotarians and guests were unanimous about one matter. This guy is pretty darned good and we, collectively, have no idea how he did that last event and we're a little fuzzy on how he did the others. We'd better give this guy 10 polio vaccinations rather than five.

THE MYSTERY OF THE BLANK TAPE

This has been quite a day. First, the microphone went dead while someone of singular importance was speaking. Pool took the mike, had a look at the status readout. It read "batt" That must be Chinese for battery. And it also must mean that the battery is *dead*. As in D E A D, dead. Quick, where's a Glenmoor tech? Several eternities later, the tech comes back, says "It's OK now." Pool checks the readout again. It doesn't say "batt" anymore. Blow in it. Great sound out of the speakers. Here, speaker, "It works."

Now, where were we? Oh, yes, Announcements. **Lowell Palmquist** is telling us about the Four Way Test at West Middle School. Better go over and record what he's saying from the paparazzi recording distance. "Four Way Test schedule..." OK. Better see if the recorder's recording. Oh, oh. The wheels aren't turning. Open the tape door. What's this in here? It's tape. About a yard of 1/8" mag tape. And that means it may not have recorded...anything. Out with the backup recorder. Turn it on, red light's glowing. Catch up with what's going on. When transcribing what's left of the collective tape, both recorders, Recorder #1 jammed just after the pledge of allegiance. Nothing on it but hissssss after that. Conclusion: the part of the meeting between the pledge and **Tom Murphy** and his awards are gone.

So now, Pool feels like the investigators of Watergate when they found the tape from Nixon's secretary's recorder had 18.5 minutes of blank tape in it. So, let's see what Pool's notes say. OK. Well, they say he'd (Cont. p. 4)



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(Cont. from p. 3) better go to Plan B.

They say that he'd better write something about the U'Hills Golf Tournament. And this is what he remembered, as he remembered it.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

See, the U'Hills Rotary Club is having a golf tournament on 4 June 2009 at the Inverness Golf Club. Right, they all know that. There are lots of opportunities remaining to contribute to the fund raising success of the event in the form of event sponsors. They know that also. It's going to be the last fund raiser for this Rotary year, RY 2009. But, they already know that. But, what? Ah so. **Steve Whisenhunt** mentioned something about every member bringing a bottle of wine or two for something called the Wall of Wine. Not sure what that is, but it didn't jolt very many members into significant activity...only got one bottle of wine today. So, Members, your support instructions are to consider sponsoring more tournament events and bring a bottle of wine with you when you show up for the 8 May 2009 meeting. And, it doesn't have to be the bottle of wine you bought to celebrate your next anniversary. Any old Chateau Mouton Rothschild you have out in the garage will do. And, plan to stay a bit after the next meeting. **Whizzy** may need some help with transporting all those bottles of wine out to his car.

TOM'S CLOSING THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Tom, our fearless meeting MC, did have one more closing thought to leave with us, to ponder all the way home or back to work:

**Give a person a fish and you feed the person for a day.
 Teach a person to use the internet and they won't bother you for weeks.**

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