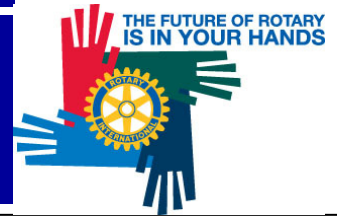


The Spirit of U'Hills

9 October 2009



PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- Oct 16Harvey SteinbergDefense Attorney
- Oct 23Jess Mora Subject: Colorado Golden Gloves
- Oct 30Kim Day, DIA Manager of Aviation, Topic: DIA Master Plan
- Nov 6.....Hold
- Nov 13....Curt Fentress..... DIA Architect
- Nov 20....Zane Robertson. Subject: Active Minds
- Nov 27....Children's Holiday Party
- Dec 6.....Holiday Party Phipps House

GREETER(S)



Jim MacDermott, Eric Budreau, Sean Smiddy, and Sam Hill

Quite a group out here today. **Jim MacDermott** and **Sam Hill**, official greeters for the meeting are lined up with a couple of relatively new members: **Eric Budreau** and **Sean Smiddy**. Come on in...the buffet line is just about to open.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Jim Fleming brought us a couple of inspirational messages today:

- Speak well of your enemies. After all, you made them.
- Who is looking after you? Rotary is an excellent example of the following quote from George Washington.
- "Associate yourself with men and women of good quality if you esteem you own reputation, for it is better to be alone than in bad company."



Jim Fleming

"Please join me in the pledge of allegiance..."

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic...."

INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Past President Mike, standing in for **President David** today, asked **Eric Budreau**, one of our new members from the class of RY 2009, to introduce our guests and visiting Rotarians. Just like the rest of that class, he took the sign-in sheet and handled the intros as though he'd been doing it for several years.



Eric Budreau

The visiting Rotarian was **Hermann Engesser**, from Mannheim-Friedrichsburg, Germany. "I am situated in Heidelberg. There is an international conference in my field at the Hyatt Regency at the Tech Center." He and Mike exchanged home club banners.

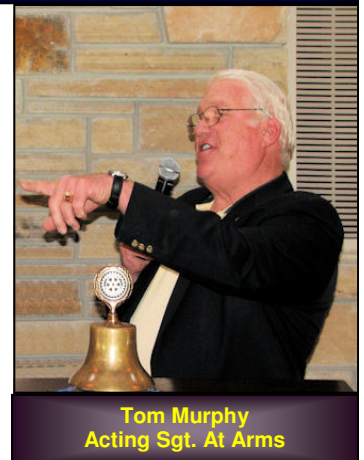
Mike Hitchcock brought a guest again today. Just like last time, it was **H. D. "Rocky" Rauchenstein**, a retired military pilot.

Barry Dawson brought, as his guests, **Pat and Holly Ensign**, wife and daughter, respectively, of former U'Hills Rotary Club member **George Ensign**. More on George later in the program.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

And now it was time for your friend and mine, **Tom Murphy**, to do his Sergeant at Arms thing, in addition to his other duties. [The picture your editor took turned out to be even worse than normal so this one is from the 5/29/09 newsletter files. I think he was pointing at someone who had a birthday or something like that.]

Tom addressed the assembled Rotarians and guests thusly:



Tom Murphy Acting Sgt. At Arms



“**Jeff Duer** (the official SAA) contacted me, asked if I would substitute for him today. I thought back to all those good jokes that **Tom Benson**, and other lawyers had told in the past and decided that since Jeff seems to be taking his jokes and riddles from *Boy's Life*, I should probably do the same. So, I got out my *Boy's Life*, and ...(Wail from a long suffering Rotarian, hand to head: “Ohh, nooooo!”). And here it was:

“Max met Carl and Max said, ‘Carl, why is your nose so big?’ and Carl said to himself, ‘Yes, it is bigger than usual.’ ‘And, what’s the matter with your face.’ And Carl said, ‘Uh, I was smelling of a rose.’ Max replied, ‘There’s no B in rose.’ To which Carl replied, ‘Well, there was in this one.’” [Yep, that’s what he said.]

The origin of the “Ohh, nooooo!” evaluation then said, “Great joke, Tom.” Tom said that “Jeff advised that whatever I told, it shouldn’t be funny. It would ruin his reputation. So, I had to modify the lead-in to the ‘Well, there was in this one.’ line.” [Jeff will probably thank you from the bottom of his heart. You’re great at following instructions.]

Steve Whisenhunt: “I was on a trip with my bride, we spent two weeks over in Maui. The only thing that occurred out of the ordinary was this: I’ve been through three earthquakes in my life. The ’89 one in the Bay area, the ’72 one, and another one. But, this is the first time I’d actually been under a TSUNAMI WARNING. It was supposed to hit at 1:11 in the PM. I’m going up to the eighth floor room, to look out at the ocean. Carol said, ‘I don’t care. I’m going to the spa.’ I handed her the snorkeling outfit, said, ‘Good luck.’ I guess this was the one that began in Samoa, killed a lot of people. But, nope, it didn’t make it to Maui.”

Rich Sattizahn: “Today is the 21st wedding anniversary for Melody and me. It was 21 happy years...18 for me, three for her. Something like what Rush Limbaugh said about Barack Obama winning the Nobel Peace Prize. ‘His head has swollen so much that it’s now in proportion to his ears.’” (Several sounds of uuuuhhhhhhhh, whatever that means)

Tom Murphy offered the observation that those who have been married for over 50 years tell us that after the first 25 years it gets pretty easy.

John Lawton: “Amy and I just enjoyed a 10 day trip to California. Our son is a great basketball player. We watched him play a game in a huge building in Miramar, near San Diego. They had seven games going simultaneously. And, to add to the commotion, there was the Blue Angels and a military show day at Miramar. So, we had jets flying back and forth while the games were being played while the military show was going on.” [Lots of things going on in Miramar, John.]

Cliff Litvak: “...is about three weeks post total knee replacement. She’s doing pretty well. She decided to go to therapy, I decided I’d come to Rotary today. (Good decision Cliff.) Thanks for all your well wishing, calls, and emails. She appreciates it. Thank you.”

Laura Nichols: “I have two birthdays to report. The first one is **Jerry Regan**, who has a birthday next Wednesday, 7 October. The second one is mine, my birthday, on 11 October.

Another \$10.00 for the Service Fund. [And happy birthday to both of you.]

Jerry Regan: “I just wanted to let everyone know I heard from **Staci Giovino**. She and Paul relocated to Monterey and they have joined the Monterey Rotary Club. She talked about her status, etc., and they welcomed her and she is pleased to be there but misses you all.” (Well, as a matter of fact, we miss her also, and since she receives a copy of this newsletter, we also miss her and all the ladies she met at her dancing class—that she brought to our meetings from time to time. Was it West Coast Swing you were dancing?)

Mickey Williams: **Mickey** said something about sabbaticals, and Vermont and “watching the leaves change..” **Tom Murphy** did observe, following Mickey’s report, “That’s what professors do for fun, guys.” [But, it’s one of the best shows in the U. S. and it’s a great place to spend your sabbatical. I don’t remember which USAF Form is used to apply for sabbaticals. They do have a form for Leaves, however. Not maple leaves, but leaves like you accrue with each month of service...something like a sabbatical.]

Tom then gave us an update on the duty at the DU Hockey games. First one is 31 October 2009, Halloween. We also have an interview at West Middle School. There will be four or five of us over there. [Gets busy in October, doesn’t it?]

Past President Mike gave us his observation that this is a great club but we’re just going to have to do something about better jokes. [Perhaps we need a Prime Time Joke Evaluation Committee. You remember, the PTJE Committee. Their imprimatur is in the form of a stylized bust of a laughing clown, dunce hat and all.]

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Alan Coldwell had the floor next. “For those of you who can’t see, I am the original two badge person. One is the red badge and the other, the blue badge. Being the Membership Chair, I have the privilege. It’s something of a reminder that the 16 membership team co-chairs will be asked to wear a red badge. Hopefully, you’ve had the opportunity to gather your team. The idea is just a reminder, we’ll ask you to sit together with the members of you team members and nominate some additional members.

“I was visiting with **Barry Dawson** last week, and that’s very unusual in itself, attending our meeting two weeks in a row. I was talking about membership and he’s one of the mentors in our membership teams...specifically the growing of the Hills, University Hills, and the green of the Hills...reminds him a bit of Julie Andrews in the 1965 musical *Sound of Music*. He said, ‘The hills are alive.’ and I said, ‘Yeah, the hills are alive with the sound of new members.’ Thank you very much for all your cooperation.”

Past President Mike had an update for the Board members from last year. “We gave a gift to the members, the shelter box. Your box number 5938 went to Taiwan, probably connected with Typhoon Morakot that hit the island in early August 2009. That’s where our shelter box went. Congratulations guys.”



"If you have any old cell phones lying around give me a call. Take the SIM card out of it, or delete any personal stuff. It doesn't have to have a charger. They're recycling them and are giving phone cards to our GIs overseas. There is more than \$2 million in donations through this route. It's a good project."

Dave Hill had something of a progress report regarding the new Five Points Rotary Club. "I gave Dave Wood some tickets for their charter night but haven't heard of anyone picking them up. Anyone going tomorrow night? (No hands) OK. That's what I needed to know. I wanted to have a head count. The U'Hills club was actually one of the sponsoring clubs for the Five Points Rotary. We will start with 24 members, and I'm one of them. So, as of tomorrow, I will be going to the Five Points club and retiring from the U'Hills. I'm going to spend a couple of years down there. They had no members with Rotary experience. It's going to be a little tough for them, the first couple of years. We meet on Tuesday night, 6:00 pm, at the Bean Tower and hopefully that will change to a nice restaurant at Five Points that's yet to be built. It looks to me as though the club is going to takeoff and do some good. The group is young and will be an interesting group to keep on track."

Tom Benson was motivated to come to the lectern with the thought that, "Let's say something nice about a member. Y'know, we've benefited from Dave's membership, and I'm sorry to see that we're losing him from the club. But, it's for the good of Rotary. You're going on to somewhere else and helping them out. In case the club members don't know it, Dave's been a District Governor in the state of Texas and a President of this club. So, we want to make sure that you know, Dave, how much we appreciate the great work you've done for Rotary in all of these years and we want to give you a round of applause." (Members gave him 17 seconds of standing applause...a near record.) Mike Hitchcock added to the commendation. "A few other things that Dave has done is he started a Rotaract Club at DU and also the Winter Park club. He is Mr. Rotarian and I want to thank you. They have a really good mentor down there at Five Points."

VOCATIONAL SERVICES GEORGE ENSIGN

Barry Dawson had a special vocational talk for us. And, as he reached the lectern, Barry explained that he had a vocational tribute to our friend, **George Ensign**. "Part of what vocational services does is that we honor members that have passed away. For those of you who are new to the club, maybe you didn't know George but we're going to distribute one of the summaries, for you and also for the bulletin, so that you'll know who George was. We have his wife, **Pat**, and his daughter **Holly**, one of their four children, with us today. They asked not to be seated here in the front. They wanted to be seated in a less conspicuous location.

"Vocation Service is an important part of the club. We want to recognize **George Ensign** who passed away 1½ years ago on 6 March 2008. I first met George 23 years ago in 1986

when he retired from Johns Manville here in Denver at the World Headquarters. George was Vice President and General Marketing Manager for their Industrial Marketing Division.

"George had been a dedicated contributor to Johns Manville for 28 years...from 1958 to 1986 when he fell victim to the company's major downsizing as most of you are aware. George used this opportunity in his life by committing to things he really believed in, such as:

- Swimming, which was his love, in the Master's Division. He won that in 2007.
- He then brought life to the Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center as a volunteer.
- He taught swimming at Inverness in the Denver Tech Center and at the YMCA Denver Schlessman.
- Previously, he also started two complete new YMCA Programs for the YMCA at:
 - > Corona, CA
 - > Defiance, OH

"But his favorite of favorites was Rotary. George had to endure more physical and emotional set backs than most of us have had to endure. He had the emotional and physical strength to come back—a lot of it because of his swimming—each and every time with determination, a positive attitude, and a smile.

- George was born on 1 July 1930 in Defiance, OH.
- He had two older siblings, a brother and sister.
- He graduated from Defiance High School where he knew Pat who was to become his wife.
- He graduated in Bowling Green State, OH, with a BS in Business/Psychology in 1953.
- He and Pat were married on 22 August 1953 and were married for 55 years.
- He joined the Air Force in Olathe, KS, for two years, then
- Was with Travelers Insurance for three years, then was with
- Johns Manville in 1958 for 28 years.
- In 1986, he started his own company, 'Ensign and Associates' where he was a management consultant to executives.
- They have four grown children, George Jr., Becky, Holly, and Linda.
- Nine grandchildren, oldest is 31.
- Five great grandchildren, oldest is eight.

"George also enjoyed his weekly church choir, swimming, skiing, photography, and sailing.

"He joined University Hills Rotary Club on 4 December 1987, 21 years ago. I was his sponsor.

"He enjoyed working with youth through Rotary, especially with West Middle School. Also, he headed up the Meals on Wheels for awhile.

"Both Pat and George are Paul Harris fellows. George considered Rotary as his second family for 21 years leading our U'Hills Club by example of 'Service Above Self' committed to excellence, never giving up, and by being humble...a true leader and role model with that great smile.

"George provided masterful guidance to our U'Hills Rotary Club Foundation Committee. The topic of our focus to-

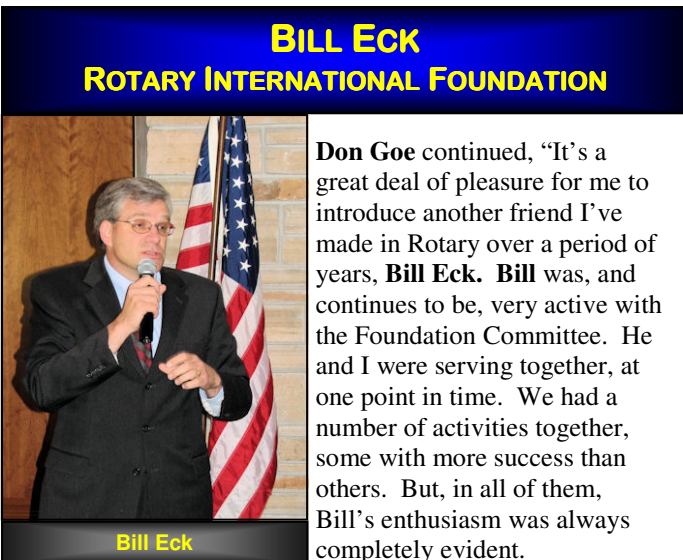


day. His last message to our club regarding the Foundation was, 'As you hear my often repeated thought, there is a wide range of great Rotary programs funded by the Club Foundation. All of them, in the final analysis, enable some kids to live a better life.'

"George was our 'Rotarian of the Year' for RY 2008. George was a real leader, and our friend.

"Thank you Pat, and thank you Holly, for being here today."

Don Goe, up next, shared with us his story of how he first met **George Ensign**. "My first chance to meet George was when he presented himself at my office as Principal of Cherry Creek High School. He said he had a week's time off from Johns Manville, that was moving to Denver. Their executives were told to take that time and find a place to live. He sat himself down and said, 'OK. Tell me what I should know about Cherry Creek schools. I've picked out two houses and want to know more about the two school districts.' I told him 'It depends on your daughter. If she's a self starter, very competent, she'll never find a better program than Cherry Creek. If she's shy and retiring, they'll eat her alive.' And, George bought a house in the other district. I had forgotten the meeting but George reminded me of it when he joined the club. It was good to have George as a friend."



Don Goe continued, "It's a great deal of pleasure for me to introduce another friend I've made in Rotary over a period of years, **Bill Eck**. **Bill** was, and continues to be, very active with the Foundation Committee. He and I were serving together, at one point in time. We had a number of activities together, some with more success than others. But, in all of them, **Bill's** enthusiasm was always completely evident.

"**Bill** is President of the True North Connections, LLC. He says that his main focus is the Heritage Institute, assisting families in preparing for their inheritance, so the heirs control the inheritance, instead of the inheritance controlling them.

"He's a Certified Wealth Consultant and Faculty Member of The Heritage Institute and contributing author of the book, *Beating the Midas Curse*.

"**Bill** says that the first thing on his list of things he's most proud of is the Colorado Ethics and Business Alliance. The things that I remember particularly is that **Bill** was recognized by the national club with the Service Above Self award for his service in the District over the years. **Bill**, it's my pleasure to have you here and have you be a part of our program today."

Bill began with the information that "We are going to start out by recognizing a few people with some Paul Harris Fellow awards. But, before that, just to start us out: You know that **Bill Gates** made one gift to us and we're working on another one. The first one he gave us was \$100 million for our polio effort. Now, how many challenge grants do you know that give you the money up front? Anybody know of any who have done that lately? Isn't that interesting? He had faith in us as Rotary, as a brand identity. I was told at the time that it was the largest gift he'd ever made from his foundation, that \$100 million. And, he has another one for us that we're working on.

"It's interesting, he didn't give it to the United Nations. He didn't give it to World Health. He didn't give it to UNICEF. He gave it to Rotary. If you're looking for some kind of acknowledgement in terms of credibility, that speaks volumes about Rotary reliability. Perhaps you've heard the stories about a third world country trying to make a polio inoculation happen and, trying to get people convinced to come in for the immunization. But, the people weren't cooperating. They made charges that they're trying to sterilize us or give us HIV or something similar. And then the day came and everybody showed up. Observers marveled at their reaction to the inoculation offer and asked 'Why?' And, the people said, 'Because of Rotary. Rotary offered it.' This was in a third world country where we don't have a chance to make known the offer through the media. Our brand identity stayed there and people know what it means.

"We were on a call yesterday with a bunch of the Foundation chairs in the district. One of them said, 'I've been involved in Kiwanis, I've been involved in other aid organizations and they're good. But, Rotary is different. We seem to really go out and make a difference, an impact, much more aggressively than the others. I'm very proud to be associated with our organization. I know that this club is very proud of its heritage and what it's done here. So, we'd like to recognize a few folks as Paul Harris Fellows in honor of our founder, Paul Harris. It's not the pin, or the certificate, or the medallion that we do it for. It's a reminder of what we're about. So, we want to honor you because you've honored others through your gifting."

Recipients of the medallion, the pin, and the certificate were announced by **Fred Cron**:

Doug Dixon, Dan Astle, and Lowell Palmquist.

"Let's thank these gentlemen for their impact, their vision, and their care. (Applause)

"And then we have some folks who continue along the trail, some more mileposts:

Pat Pool (Paul Harris +1), **Red Holland** (Paul Harris +1), and well, well, well, the last one just happens to be me, **Fred Cron**, (Paul Harris +3).

Bill continued with, "Now, continuing, I'd like to have a little interactive discussion at your tables focused on, not your Foundation, but what does Rotary mean to you?"

We then passed around some 8 1/2" X 11" sheets with a four by four grid on them containing incomplete sentences on what Rotary membership events or activities have contributed in your individual lives. Each of the 16 comments



were numbered, randomly, so that no squares were repeated at our eight-seated tables. Some of the unfinished comments were:

- Something I learned in Rotary that I want to pass on is...
- Rotary has helped me to...
- I am proud to be a Rotarian because...
- The most memorable time I have had in Rotary is...
- Describe the special meaning of a project I have done in Rotary
- Describe the influence another Rotarian has had on my life
- Etc., etc.

Bill explained that what we were going to do is called "Bridging. On the grid are a lot of statements asking 'What does Rotary mean to you in a lot of numbered ways. I'm not going to ask anyone their underwear size. It's just some questions, simple questions. You'll notice that the small squares are numbered. I'll tell someone like Alan to start with number three, for example. He will find the square numbered three on his grid, do what's asked by the question then progressing to the right, give another number, picked at random, to the person sitting to his right. That person answers, or completes the statement on his sheet with the number that Alan passed to him. And so on. Go ahead and 'bridge' and then we'll get back together and talk about Rotary in general. If you get confused, I'll circle around and try to answer your questions about the procedure."

And that's what we did. It was an interesting progression and we learned what other members think about their Rotary experience. For example, **Hermann Engesser**, our visiting Rotarian from Mannheim, Germany, in the answer to his question about outreach, told us what his club in Mannheim is doing in Rio de Janeiro...working with children to improve their lives and help in getting more out of their schooling...just about the same thing we would be doing in similar circumstances. It was a well-funded project. The Euro exchange value was a definite help.

After the bridging had made its way around the tables, Bill made his way to his easel and began asking for comments about what we had learned or experienced during the exercise. And this is what his flip chart looked like when we responded to his questions.

Some of his abbreviations were a little too abbreviated, but, matching the tape to the line item had some beneficial results. Here's what was said by participating members:

Balancing the Books
Following Fam. Trad
Ethical Compass
Expands my view of the world
Good peer group,
one per. can make a difference
Opp. to conn with others
" " Do Service
Conn. Larger than self

- Balancing the books
- Following family trend
- Ethical compass
- Expands my view of the world
- Good peer group
- One person can make a difference
- Opportunity to connect with others
- Opportunity to do service
- Connect larger than self.

After reviewing and discussing the findings, Bill next asked us to consider all of the statements together and summarize them to an overall impression. The list was shorter:

Delta Existence to Life
opp. for personal growth
Create a synergy
He Allow's me to be happier

Translated, here were the conclusions reached:

- They change ('delta es') existence into a life
- Opportunity for personal growth
- Create a synergy
- Allows me to be happier.

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

The **bad news** first: The joke Mike told at the end of the meeting was a good one, but it did not make it to the tape. Pool learned from this that it's necessary to turn on the recorder (small red LED must be on), press two buttons, to record something. [Some people are slower learners than others.] Checked with Mike. Maybe he could remember the joke. Must have been out of the house. Phone rang, no one answered. No point in leaving a message. It would be too late to make it to the Thursday night newsletter email. The **good news** is that I have a copy of Mike's agenda and it contains the message he originally meant to use:

**No person was ever honored for what he received.
Honor has been the reward for what he gave.**

—Calvin Coolidge

And, as a substitute joke, your editor went to the Denver Air Force Academy Quarterback Club luncheon, Thursday. It's always a good source for topical humor on the sports scene. AFA plays Wyoming (Wyoming Cowboys), Saturday noon, 10/17/09. This was a riddle from the guest speaker, AFA Athletic Director, Dr. Hans Mueh...a riddle right down **Jeff Duer's** alley:

Do you know how you can tell when a Cowboy has a new girl friend?

No? There are tobacco stains along both sides of his pickup truck.