

September 11, 2008

What an absolute fabulous day at Kiwanis. The day we give money to the organizations our allocation committee elected to support. A great reason to be a Kiwanian. It certainly ties in with the first object of Kiwanis, "To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life. Today Terry Wakefield emceed the big giveaway of \$40,000.00 to 23 different agencies. Center for Independence, Crime Stoppers, who's Golf Tournament will be dedicated to Guy Stephens this year, to Strong Families Safe Kids, Reach out and read, Colorado special Olympics and the Western Colorado Math and Science Center just to name a few of the 23 who received money today.

A special thanks to Mike and Michelle Kelly for the over sized checks which were handed out today to each of the recipients. If these organizations hang them on the wall of their offices, then they have a continuous reminder of just how wonderful and organization Kiwanis really is and how we serve our community.

Linda Taylor from the Center for Independence is receiving 60 Quickie Wheel Chairs in the near future. These are to be given away to individual members of the community. These are chairs of the highest quality. They are light weight, fully collapsible with full arm and foot rests. They will be given away on a first come, first serve basis. If you know someone who can and will use one of these chairs, be sure to call Linda Taylor at 241-0315 extension 11.

Three very important activities are coming in the very near future to your favorite Kiwanis club. September 24th is the annual Safety Walk. Vern Gray is looking for your help. On October 4th is the annual Oktoberfest downtown. Lloyd Unfred is asking for help on September 20th to set up the shelter and do some painting and fine tuning. This event will take place at 2478 Industrial Blvd. Sounds like the address of Your sign Company the Kelly's place of business. On the first of October District Governor rich Emerson will be making an official visit to our area as he will be attending the charter night dinner of the Kiwanis golden K of Grand Junction. We all should make arrangements to attend that dinner meeting. The cost is \$27.50 per person. Sign up sheets for Safety Walk, and Oktoberfest will be on the tables at next weeks meeting.

People who brought guests today were Bruce Isaacson, Henry Langstaff, Marilyn Woods, Nina Anderson, and Roxie Denning. Wouldn't it be fun if you brought a guest next week who just might join this worthy organization?

_people at work today Bill Byers invocation, Wes D'Aponti and Vern Gray greeters, Katie Ames selling a bunch of losing tickets and one winner, Dave Kearsley thought of the Day, Terry Wakefield music man, and Steve Thompson joker.

The third object of Kiwanis is: To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards". Live it as a Kiwanian is more than a suggestion.

It was seven years ago today that 19 radical Islamists attacked our country killing in excess of 3,000 people. They were radical Islamists first and Arabs second. May we all remember this massacre.

Have a great week and enjoy your life!!!!