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This week's meeting was absolutely wonderful. The mixture of Kiwanians and Rotarians in the room gave a real reflection of two great organizations working together for one great cause- the children in our community.

Our greeters this week were Kiwanian President Dennis Durmas and Secretary Lynne Sorlye. Rotarian Dick Sweeney sold raffle tickets and delivered our invocation. Marcia Neal was the winner of this week's raffle. Terry Wakefield and David Durham lead us as we sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth" with Jeannie Thomas at the piano.

Guests of the Rotarians were introduced as club members stood at the microphone and their guests stood at their tables. Rotarian President Dale Beede presided over those introductions. There were co-workers, family members and out of town Rotarians introduced as guests. President Dennis took over with the microphone and walked through the tables as Gordon Harbert introduced his daughter and Bob Colony introduced his grandson as their guests this week. Happy Bucks were paid by Rotarians and then Kiwanians stepped up to the plate and paid their happy bucks. Stephanie Tuin announced the birth of her new grandson. Nina Anderson was happy about the fact that she made money in the first year of her new business- you go girl!!! Omar Campos was happy and thankful for Jeannie Thomas.

Gifts for Rotarian President Dale were presented to him and President Dennis passed on gifts for a later meeting.

Salvation Army Major Parker spoke to all of us about the money that we raise for Mesa County through our Bell Ringing. Major Parker stated that all of the money stays in Mesa County and will benefit those in need. He thanked all of us for the great job that we do each year. The ringing will take place on Saturday, December 6th. I have not heard who is charge of the designation of the Bell Ringing Stations this year and I wonder if it is Larry Beckner. The Jeopardy Game was next on our agenda to determine who rings when on that Saturday.

The Rotarian Team was Captain Terri Smalta (Steve Thompson's twin sister), Robert Bray, Jack Colony and Glen Mills. The Kiwanian Team members were Captain Steve Thompson, Rich Emerson, Lynne Sorlye and Orville Boge. The emcees of the game were Scott Hayduk and David Dunham and they did a great job with the answers of the Jeopardy Game. The answers revolved around Grand Junction and Mesa County and the Kiwanians were the winners or should I say "Champions" of the game. With this Kiwanian's win it has been decided that the Kiwanians will take the early shift for bell ringing that begins at 10 am-noon. Please check with President Dennis about sign up sheets for your location.

For those of you at this joint meeting with the Rotarians I thank you for being there. Like I said in the beginning it was a great meeting. I wish you all a very **Happy Thanksgiving**. I will be leaving this Saturday for vacation and will not be at next week's meeting. Vikki Bell has agreed to help me with notes for next week's meeting and I will deliver a double bulletin when I return to Grand Junction.

Until I return.....Roxie Denning, Bulletin Editor