

December 4 & 11, 2008

I begin this week with a great big Thank You to Vikki Bell for taking notes in my absence during our meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>. You are truly appreciated, VikkiJ

The Greeters this week were Mike Moran and Bob Stratton. And our invocation was delivered by Mike Moran. It looks like the guests this week were a group from Battlement Mesa and Heather Smith introduced Ken Richards as her guest. Why hasn't Ken joined our club by now???

Don Teets was the sole member of this week's Birthday Club. I hope that it was a good for you, DonJ

Happy Bucks this week were paid by Rick Nisley for a game win; Sally Ryan for the Aktion Club Toy Run; Joe Breman for Rick Nisley's gay apparel; Maily D'Aponti for the Grand Junction High School Extravaganza; Bill Byers spent Thanksgiving with his granddaughter; Doug Carpenter celebrated his son's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday with him; Bob Colony was happy about the \$2,000 raised by Golden K for the Salvation Army; Kristin Winn spent Thanksgiving with her son and got some skiing in; Orville Boge was happy about Steve Thompson's big win at Rotary; Claudia Jackson celebrated the Salvation Army Bell Ringing; Bob Stratton was happy about the traffic?; Mike Kelly's daughter has been accepted in a gifted and talented program; and LeAnn Zetmeir's son and his wife are expecting a baby (congrats LeAnn).

Fines this week went to Steve Thompson, Orville Boge, Lynn Sorlye and Rich Emerson for their win at the Jeopardy game at the joint meeting with the Rotary Club. Orville Petersen was fined because Bonnie wasn't with him at club; Rick Nisley was fined for the Ugly Shirt that he had on; Ken Richards was fined for coming to too many meetings without joining the club and Jeff Freeland was fined because he hasn't given Ken an application for membership.

This week we were visited by World War II Veterans who spoke about a World War II Memorial. Their website is [www.Honorflight.org](http://www.Honorflight.org) and toll free phone number is 1-877-flyvets for more information.

A reminder went out about our bell ringing for The Salvation Army on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

The Joke of the Day was delivered by Jeff Freeland and the Thought for the Day was given to us by Stephanie Tuin.

Thank you all for your contributions to our meeting and thanks again to Vikki for her help with notes.

Now on to this week's meeting December 11<sup>th\*\*\*\*\*</sup>

Our Greeters this week were Jessica Miracle and Nina Anderson; Orville Petersen delivered our invocation and Milyn sold our tickets for this week's raffle. As Jeannie Thomas played for us we sang Jingle Bells.

There was quite an opening with this week's meeting as President Dennis and Steve Thompson spoke about the location of Dennis' bell. Again, it was missing!! And somehow it turned up in Battlement Mesa (I hope I got this story right) Rich Emerson stated that the fine for the "taker" of the bell was \$8.00 for the first five miles and \$10.00 for every mile thereafter. Quite the steep fine when you look at the big picture!! I believe that Mike Doring had something to do with the missing bell but I am not sure how that fits in; Steve Thompson presented President Dennis' bell to him and all is well in Kiwanis Land again.

President Dennis spoke about the Christmas Party this Saturday in Palisade. The attire is casual and there are 77 people that have purchased tickets for the event. It should be a lot of fun. The Golden K Party was on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and that was a great event. The auction was a huge success!! The Aktion Club and the Toy Run was again a huge success according to Amy Dyer's comments. President Dennis invited all of us to attend the Aktion Club's meetings.

Guests this week were Major Parker introduced by Claudia Jackson; Steve Thompson introduced Mike Doring; Stewart brought Marcy Sanchez from United Title as his guest; Steve Attarean was with Raquel Miller and Marilee Langfitt introduced Mike McHale as her guest.

Birthday Club members this week were Orville Petersen, Michelle Kelly and Randy Kirschbaum.

Happy Bucks J

Jessica Miracle was happy about a trip she took to Salt Lake City; Sally Ryan was happy about the Golden K Christmas Party and the Christmas Extravaganza with Milyn D'Aponti; Sandy Barger thanked Rich Emerson for space at Johnson's House of Flowers for an event; Amy Dyer was thankful and happy about the success of the Toy Run; Rick Nisley was happy about the Nebraska Basketball game win; Orville Petersen's happiness came from snow mobiling on the Grand Mesa; Claudia Jackson was about the 23% increase of dollars raised by Kiwanis Club of Grand Junction during the Salvation Army Bell Ringing this year; Tom LaCroix was happy about Ron Sherman; Jeff Gumone had a great time ringing bells this year with his kids; Ron Sherman was happy about the fact that he was without Tom LaCroix and Jeff Gumone during the two months that he was in California. Welcome back, RonJ Mike Moran was happy about all of the advertisements in the Daily Sentinel and Free Press for Kiwanis Club and the Aktion Club; Marilee Langfitt was happy about the article in the newspapers about the Aktion Club and the fact that her son has been accepted into the Honor Band at Mesa State College.

President Dennis delivered fines this week to Mike Doring for stealing his bell; to Jeff Freeland for the bad joke last week; Rick Nisley was thanked for something(?); Ron Sherman and Bruce Hill fined for non attendance at our meetings; Gordon Harbert fined for

nice hats at Golden K party; Steve Attarean fined for advertisement on clothing and then President Dennis fined himself for losing his bell.

Alan Watkins introduced Leah from Canyonview Church as our program speaker. Leah spoke about a children's program that they have ongoing at the church. After our meeting several members of our club approached Leah and asked what their greatest need was. She answered by saying that they have plenty of food but what they really need are backpacks. Orville Petersen and Sandy Barger would like to have a "Backpack Drive over the Christmas Holidays. The packs can be good used ones or new ones. Please take some time and look through your kid's closets and find those old backs that are taking up space and bring them to club. The drive will take place over the next three weeks and Orville will deliver them to Leah. Thank you all for your donations and contributions.

Vern Gray delivered our Board Report this week. Young Women of the Month will now be changed to Young Student of the Month. Larry Beckner spoke to all of us about this program and how it has changed over the years since his father first started it. Beginning February 2009 we will start the new program. Vern spoke about the fact that we have more money in our bank account than we have bills to pay. The Board spoke about having two food drives each year to benefit the local food banks. The Board also approached the programs that we have each week and asked the question are they "fund raisers" or are they delivering information?

Todd Brock delivered our Joke of the Day; Jeff Freeland delivered our Thought for the Day. Pete Joufflas spoke about our Charter Luncheon in February where we will recognize our Kiwanis Citizen of the Year. Stay tuned for details and please submit your nomination to Pete Joufflas for your "Citizen of the Year".

Maily D'Aponti presented \$60.00 to Paula Aller from the raffle drawing. And I presented gifts to President Dennis from our cruise and vacation to Mexico.

Well, I don't know about you but I am tired of typing so I am sure you are tired of reading (that's assuming you got this far in the news bulletin).

Happy Holidays and until next week.....Roxie Denning, Bulletin Editor