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A person just had to love the final remarks that Kristin Winn made as she turned the gavel over to the new president. Think about it. During her tenure as president a member of her club became District Governor. This is only the 4th governor from Grand Junction and only the 3rd from our club. According to rich Emerson our club is the only one which will have a positive growth during this administrative year. I don't know what the history is, but I can't imagine very many clubs have hosted the district Convention in the same year as one of their members was installed as District Governor. This was not only a great day for our outgoing president, but a great day for our Kiwanis Club.

The installation of officers was the made event. New Board members are Chris Gumone, Mike Kelly, Vikki Bell, Rita Crumpton, Joe Breman, Stacy Mascerenas, and Alan Watkins. Lynne Sorlye returns as the real workhorse of the club...appointed and accepted one more time as Club Secretary. Cathy Staten has been re-elected as Treasurer, sometimes an incumbent is a good thing. Vern Gray the Red Sox Redhead is our New Vice President. Maily D'Aponti was installed as our President elect, and Don't steal my bell Dennis Durmas the not so politically correct guy, comes in as our new President.

Wasn't it the absolute best when Bruce Isaacson was presented an award for continuing support of the Kiwanis International Children's Fund? Bruce just continues to be Bruce and that is wonderful. He has to hold a couple of Kiwanis records. Married to the same wife for more years than most of you have lived and belonged to Kiwanis in Glenwood and here for more years than most have lived. In that time he has been living a life of good will and good humor. It takes him a bit more effort to get to club than it does you.

I have often said that Jeanne Thomas is more than a musician, she is an entertainer. She certainly exemplified that with her Trash song yesterday for Dennis D. This weeks meeting will go down as one of the most fun meetings in a long time. Steve Thompson suspending his birthday to help the nation... nice try Steve. Rita Crumpton the superior fine master at work lifting cash from many members pockets, especially the quiet and reserved Rick Nisley.

New beginnings and endings are part of life. All of our thoughts and prayers go out to Sally Ryan and the loss of her father. He has fought the gallant battle and finally gave in to the ultimate. We are thinking and praying for you Sally.

There was a lot more that happened at the meeting. If you were there you know. If you weren't there maybe you should have been. Some final thoughts. One of the 6 objects of Kiwanis... "To provide through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities." And finally, our new governor is on the road again this coming weeks to Battlement Mesa and division 8. He is one busy guy, and traveling a bunch so keep him close when you pray.

Have a great week!