

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Young Girls of the Month, a day all Kiwanians need to be present and accounted for. It is so refreshing to see and hear from the young women and their teachers. We entertain 36 of these young ladies every school year and we have been doing this for many, many years. Makes me feel good about the future of our country.

Today there were three. Misske Tjandra from FMHS, Elise Beckstead from CHS, and Anna McEndree from GJHS. Each of them something very special.

Wouldn't it be nice if all of our people running for election would live by the 6 objects of Kiwanis? For example "To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship" Civility seems to be something missing from this political season.

Worker Bees today were Rich Emerson the governor himself, David Kearsley, Kristin Pollard, Marilyn Woods, Lynne Sorlye as usual doing something extra, Steve Thompson at his best as always. By the way visit with or listen to Steve on KAFM Radio September 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-6. Visit him with money and he will let you talk on the Radio. It is a fund experience. The almost joke of the day was from a Miracle woman. Let's see, Chicken coops have only two doors. If they had four it would be a chicken sedan! A new face and voice with the introduction of the Young Women of the Month. HMMM wonder why I am so proud? Thank you Deanna Lynn Colaizzi.

Guests of Kiwanians today were Nicole Hall PR Assistant for Mesa County. She talked about a five week program where you can learn about all aspects of County Government. Shawna Bonner guest of Roxie Denning, other guests were Larry Kempton and Joe Haney. With Paula Voytilla was Trevor Johnson who left a survey at each setting. He is going to Banking School and this is one of his assignments.

Two of the three birthday boys were present today, Kevin Price and Stewart Cruickshank, Mr. Elvis himself.

In the fine time Steve Thompson hit up Sally Ryan for stealing place settings. She put on the show of the day giving purses to macho men, Chris Gumone, and Vern Gray for two of them, along with Omar Campos.

We added a new member today. Shawna Bonner. She was hosted by Roxie Denning and was inducted by Rich Emerson and Kristin Winn. Rich made a most significant announcement today. Our club is the only club in the WORLD who has enjoyed positive growth during this administrative year. Kudos all around for those who sponsored a new member. In orientation we always ask new members to reproduce themselves by bringing in a new member every year. Welcome Shawna we look forward to getting to know you and having your help with our many projects.

Last week I said there would be a Safety Walk on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Wrong!! Vern tells me next spring. It was cancelled because of transportation problems.

Coming up Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> is our annual Oktoberfest. A reminder of the history and importance of this activity. Our club inherited this project from the Bookcliff Club which folded into our club in 1987. The first year we conducted this event we turned a total of \$1,600.00. These days when the weather is good we are likely to turn about 10-12 thousand dollars. Three organizations conduct this and have for all these many years. Our Kiwanis Club, the Elks club and the downtown Association. Lloyd Unfred is the man this year taking over from Rick Nisley. A few reminders. 1. This Saturday at 9am Lloyd will be needing your help in setting up, fixing up and painting the Oktoberfest stand. Again Mike and Michelle Kelly step up to the plate allowing this to be done at their business location 2478 Industrial Blvd. 2., If you cannot attend next weeks meeting and need to sign up to work you can call Lloyd at home and he'll get you set up .. 314-7202. 3. Last year we lost money on the project due to inclemency's of weather. This year to avoid a loss Mike Moran has set up a raffle. Tickets are on sale for a buck apiece or six for five dollars. So, if run into bad weather again we will at least have some money to pay the bills. Call Mike at the Biz Times to pick up some tickets and then sell them to your friends, neighbors etc.

It was neat to have our district governor here today. He is one of 50 governors from around the world representing 98 countries where Kiwanis works and supports the communities of the world. Each year the district governor makes an official visit to all 18 Divisions. Governor Rich will make his official visit to Division 7 on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Redlands Community Center. This is a Charter night celebration for the golden K Kiwanis, and Gov Riches official visit. I sure hope many of you can make this dinner event. The cost is \$27.50 per person, great menu, and bring your own bottle. To register, do it today email Lt. Governor Mike Doring at [amdoring@bresnan.net](mailto:amdoring@bresnan.net).

Have a great week; remember we install offices next week.