

January 15, 2009

It was a gorgeous day in Grand Junction on Thursday and as I approached Two Rivers I was welcomed by the sight of St. Mary's Blood Mobile. They were patiently waiting for donors to step up to the plate and roll up their sleeves. Thank you, all, to those who helped with their donation.

Amy Dyer and Ken Willard were our Greeters this week and Joe Breman was at the front table selling those popular raffle tickets. Henry Langstaff blessed our meeting with the invocation and Mailyn D'Aponti was filling in for Dennis Durmas in his absence. Great Job, Mailyn!!! And thank you very much for the outline of the meeting. Jeannie Thomas and Terry Wakefield led us as we sang "This Land Is Your Land".

Henry Langstaff introduced his daughter, Daretha Piper, as his guest. Later in our meeting Daretha was inducted as our newest Kiwanian by Wes D'Aponti. We welcome her with open arms and look forward to her help with our mission as Kiwanians. Has anyone seen her "PIN"???

Darlene Hallmark introduced her guest; unfortunately I missed her name.

Happy Bucks J were paid this week by Mailyn D'Aponti- her daughter is home from Italy; Orville Boge talked about the cures for a happy marriage; Mike Kelly's "ringing computer" was a call from his son who is in Bering, Iraq; Mike Moran- Buffalo beat the Broncos; Steve Thompson's two best friends are celebrating milestone birthdays. Omar Campos his 40th and Vikki Bell her 50th!!! On January 31st at Omar's on First Street an **Emergency SAC (Saturday After Club)** will take place to celebrate their birthdays. I think it is supposed to start around 5pm but stay tuned for more details; Terry Wakefield was happy about the Western Colorado Chorale and the Grand Junction Symphony Concert on January 27th; and Jeannie Thomas was happy about her Ballroom Dance Class starting Monday, January 19th.

Fine Master Mailyn D'Aponti fined Steve Thompson because he did not have his Kiwanian Pin on in the picture in the newspaper and for stealing other club's bells. Steve then stepped up with Mailyn and proceeded to auction off the Kiwanis Parachute Club's Bell. The bids were high and finally closed down with Lt Governor Rich Emerson's bailout!!! Mailyn ended up by fining Rick Nisley for calling Joe Breman last week on their cell phones.

Gary Brown introduced Floyd Keller as our program speaker this week. Mr. Keller is a former pilot of "Marine 1" the President of the United States helicopter. He served during the terms of President Nixon, President Ford and President Carter. He shared some great stories with us and was a dynamic speaker.

Mike Moran announced the next Habitat for Humanity Work day on January 31st. The location is still to be determined but lunch will be provided. Mike will have sign up sheets on the tables next week.

Alan Watkins talked about the Food Drive to benefit The Community Food Bank that will be going on through the month of February. The drive will be a competition between our teams and will benefit a great cause.

Joe Breman delivered the Board Report; Pete Jouflas told the Joke of the Day (it was very funny!!); and Steve Thompson left us with the Thought for the Day.

We had some special guests from the Parachute Kiwanis Club. President Scott Parker, Secretary Fran Storm, Vice President Bill Coelho and member Dana Barker. Scott retrieved his club's Bell from Steve Thompson.

Until next week.....Roxie Denning, Bulletin Editor