

December 31, 2009

As we came together as Kiwanians for the last time in the year 2009 we were warmly greeted by Jeanie Thomas and Marilyn Woods. Darlene Hallmark and her adorable granddaughter, Brina were at the Raffle Ticket Sales table and the winner of the raffle this week was Marilyn Woods. It was definitely a family affair this week and I loved it. Bill Kistler delivered a wonderful invocation that touched my heart and really gave me another chance to reflect on many things. Vikki Bell stepped up with Jonathan Durmas and Jonathan delivered our Joke of the Day!! Marci Sanchez spoke great words of wisdom as she gave our club the Thought for the Day.

This was the final week for Team 3 and I publically thank each and every one of our team members who stepped up this month to help us deliver an awesome weekly meeting!!!

President Milyn walked around the room as Kiwanians introduced their guests. Bob Stratton brought his grandchildren, Owen and Laura; Deanna Colaizzi was with her husband Tony and daughter Kianna; Don Teets introduced his wife, Bonnie; we had the pleasure of the company of Past President Dennis with his wife, Carla and their son, Jonathan; Darlene Hallmark, if you remember, brought her oldest (five years old) granddaughter, Brina; Lt. Governor LeAnne Zetmeir introduced her son, Justin, granddaughter Tessa, husband Les, daughter Jill and grandsons Quinton and Colton as her guests this week; and last but not least Mike Kelly introduced Gabe DeGabriel as his guest.

In case you haven't figured it out yet (and I am sure that you have) this was Kiwanis Club Family Week and Magician Dave Blehm (or should I say Illusionist) was with us to perform some great illusions. The children that assisted Dave were Jonathan, Kianna, Laura, Owen, Brina and Colton. It was a wonderful time for all and it brought out the "Child" in all of us. Thanks to Dave Blehm for donating his time and expertise during this meeting.

This week turned out a bunch of happy Kiwanians and the Happy Bucks came from Marilee Langfitt who announced that new group homes were opening soon in Grand Junction, Vikki Bell has a new grandson, had a great Christmas and is glad that hers was not as bad as Bill Byers; Steve Thompson is happy about the new golf club and t-shirt that he got for Christmas; LeAnne Zetmeir announced that she and her husband, Les are retiring after 27 years with Waddell and Reed; Dennis Durmas is happy about his trip up on the Mesa and that his In-Laws are headed back home; Bill Byers is happy about a great Christmas and a sad buck went to the fact that he didn't feel good; Rick Nisley is happy about the Nebraska Bowl Game win; Don Teets is on his way to Jeanie Thomas' hometown with Mesa State College and he is very happy and blessed for his great family; Kianna Colaizzi is happy that she holds a record with her swim team and Mike Kelly is happy that he didn't follow Jeff Freeland's fashion statement.

Birthday Club Members this week are Bonnie Pehl-Petersen (December 28th) Heather Smith (December 29th), Dave Harris (December 30th), and Paula Aller (December 31st). Happy Birthday to all of you.

President Milyn Announcements:

January 7th - Community Food Bank Food Drive starts

February 19th -22nd - Mid Winter Convention in Longmont Colorado

Meals Cost will increase. Due to the food cost increases, lunch costs have continued to increase the last three years. Those costs have not been passed on to club members for those three years and the Club's reserves have been used to keep the meal cost down. Now the reserves are depleted and the increase of food costs will be passed on to the membership. Our club remains financially stable and this increase will ensure our stability.

Alternative meeting places were considered but were found to be inadequate for our needs. On December 17th our club officers met with the City Mayor Bruce Hill, City Manager Laurie Kadrach and Debbie Kovalik of the VCB to discuss these costs of our weekly meals and the cost of Pancake Day.

The cost of our meals will be \$12.00/week effective January 7, 2010. If you have any questions or would like to comment about this increase please feel free to contact President Maily D'Aponti at msdaponti@gmail.com

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