

February 19, 2009

Our Charter Luncheon was a wonderful time for reflection, recognizing accomplishments and roasting our Kiwanis Citizen of the Year. On February 19, 1937 our International Charter for the Kiwanis Club of Grand Junction Colorado was born. Rick Nisley and Larry Beckner greeted us at the front door on this special day and Rev. Blaine Scott delivered a beautiful invocation. Scott Hayduk was at the helm selling raffle tickets.

President Dennis spoke about the Habitat for Humanity Workday that was scheduled for Saturday, February 21st at Camelot Village from 8:30am-4pm. Our guests this week were Carla Durmas, Spencer Sorlye, Starr and Benny Nisley, Tim Fields, Claudia Jackson's husband, Lloyd Mabry, Rita Sherman, and Lee Carlson.

Even though we did not have a full blown "Fine Master" session, Dennis did fine Mike Moran for his inability to spell "public", Fred Nichols for the logo on his shirt and Mike Doring for his casual attire.

Charter Luncheon Emcee Steve Thompson stepped up to the microphone and spoke about our organization and then introduced Rick Nisley who went in depth with power point and many great stories about our club. Mailyn D'Aponti presented service awards for perfect attendance to the following Kiwanians: Michell Kelly (1 year), Jessica Miracle, Jeff Gumone, Cathy Staten & Alan Watkins (2 years), Vikki Bell, Joe Breman, Mike Kelly & Paul Miller (3 years), Sally Ryan and Ken Willard (4 years), Mailyn D'Aponti, Wes D'Aponti, Roxie Denning, Dennis Durmas, Amy Dyer & Terry Wakefield (5 years), Jeff Freeland, Randy Kirschbaum & Mike Moran (6 years), Lynne Sorlye (7 years), Kristin Winn (9 years), Bill Byers & LeAnn Zetmeir (10 years), Rick Nisley (11 years), Bruce Isaacson (14 years), Orville Boge (18 years), Don Teets (21 years) and Bob Colony (45 years)!!! Thank you all for your contributions and commitment to our mission.

Steve Thompson introduced Larry Beckner who spoke about his involvement in Kiwanis and then he introduced our Kiwanis Citizen of the Year Rick Nisley!!! The look on Rick's face as the introduction was happening was priceless and this humble man was very surprised. The luncheon then continued as fellow Kiwanians and family members "roasted" Rick. Those in line were Starr Nisley, Benny Nisley, Steve Thompson, Rich Emerson, LeAnn Zetmeir, Rita Crumpton, Bob Stratton, Jeff Gumone, Orville Boge, Vikki Bell, Sally Ryan, Marilee Langfitt, Brook Blaney, Amy Dyer and Gary Brown. Citizen of the Year Rick Nisley wrapped up with a great acceptance speech.

President Dennis wrapped up our meeting with LeAnn Zetmeir delivering our Thought of the Day and the Joke of the Day came from??? Please remember that the Community Food Bank Food Drive is still going on!!!

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