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Each week for the past several years (3+) I sit down at my computer and have delivered our Kiwanis Bulletin. I tend to outline what happened on Thursday from greeters to the closing remarks of the individual giving us a thought of the day. I sometimes think that what happens at our meetings and the true opportunity of the experience is lost in my translations of these moments.

So I will take this opportunity to change up the weekly bulletin and break it down into two categories. The first will be announcements that were presented at our Thursday meeting because I truly believe that these are very important. The second category will focus on the program that was delivered to us that week.

I would love to hear your thoughts on this "New Bulletin Look". Please remember that I am open to honest and constructive criticism.

Announcements from the week of August 27, 2009-

President Dennis' gavel has been returned and we would all love to know where it has been for the past three months. Anyone with a clue could drop Dennis an email at ddurmass@gmail.com

Rick Nisley has a sign-up sheet for the Food Handling Class on September 3rd. Each member of our club that participates in Pancake Day and Oktoberfest is required to attend this class. Please get your name on the sheet!!

LeAnne Zetmeir has Kiwanis stickers for our vehicles. Mike Kelly has made these and every one of the stickers was passed out last week. There should be more at club next week.

Jeff Gumone is still looking for teams and sponsors for the Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament. Please see Jeff if you are interested.

Habitat Work Day is Saturday, October 10th. Please see Mike Moran for details.

Maily D'Aponti gave her report on the District Convention in Nebraska. It looks like there will be a dues increase in the very near future. She also announced that on Thursday, September 24th new Kiwanis Officers and Board Members will be inducted.

A new service project possibility of "Kids against Hunger"? I believe that Mike Kelly is working on this.

Kids Aid -Feeding Friends Backpack Program presented by Mike Berry, Board Member

Kids Aid is a nonprofit corporation that was founded by Mike Berry in 2007 with a primary purpose of providing services to children that allows kids to be kids. The Feeding Friends Backpack Program was created to meet the needs of children by providing food to these kids on the weekends. According to Mike, there are kids that go home from school on

Friday and do not get another decent meal until they are back in school on Monday. This program fills that void. At this point there are over 700 backpacks that are being delivered to kids in 11 different elementary and middle schools. The funding of this program comes from donations by individuals and businesses with some public funds. Kids Aid is always in need of volunteers to help put the backpacks together and deliver them. Donations are a great help and since Kids Aid is a nonprofit corporation, your donations are tax deductible. Those donations can be sent to Kids Aid, 3530 Applewood Street, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

Well, there you have it, my fellow Kiwanians. Let me know what you think.

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