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On Thursday Jeff Gumone and Mike Moran talked about long time Kiwanian Lou Shirlen and the fact that Lou was under the care of Hospice in the last few days of his life. On Friday, Jeff informed me that Lou passed away early that morning. Now Lou is in the arms of the Lord. There will be a service on Wednesday, January 28th at 11am at Canyon View Church and all are invited to attend.

Our meeting on Thursday was nice and cozy and as Mike Stahl and Pete Jouflas greeted us at the front door we were welcomed with open arms. President Dennis was back and it was good to see him. He thanked Maily D'Aponti for the great job that she did in his absence. We sang God Bless America while Rich Emerson led us with the great piano of Jeannie Thomas. Orville Petersen delivered our invocation. President Dennis announced that next Thursday, January 29th will be our K Family Luncheon.

The guest list was short and sweet this week. Gary Brown introduced Jeff Franklin; Jeff Freeland introduced Minnie? and Vern Gray brought Kim and Sheryl from KKCO. The first Happy J Buck came from Steve Thompson who announced the birthday celebration on January 31st for Vikki Bell and Omar Campos at Omar's Catering; Mike Moran was happy about the Arts, Hearts & Tarts celebration at Heiden Homes on February 10th and the Habitat for Humanity Work Day on January 31st;

Fine Master Dennis Durmas pardoned Steve Thompson on fines because of the returned bell and then Steve Thompson took over as Fine Master. He asked Maily D'Aponti to stand and by that time Rita Crumpton was with Steve and Rita fined Maily \$2.00 and Steve \$5.00. At that point I was so caught up in all of the musical chairs of fine master that I don't know what Maily and Steve were fined; the "what" probably doesn't matter, right? Blaine Scott was fined because he can dance; Larry Beckner was fined because he didn't say "Hello" to Rita; Vern Gray was fined for the blue shirt that he had on; Vikki Bell was fined for returning Dennis' bell (I don't get that one); and then Dennis was fined for putting the bell under Rita's chair. It was a crazy-fun Fine Master time this week!

Deanna Colaizzi introduced our Young Women of the Month. Remember that January is the last month that we will focus on the young women and in February we will begin Young Student of the Month. From Fruita Monument High School Kate Doonesbury was recognized. She was with her teacher, Ms Bowen and her dad; Rachel Boney from Central High School was also recognized for her contributions and she was with her art teacher, Mr. Gonzales and her mom and dad; Jenna Hanson from Grand Junction High School was with her teacher, Ms Thompson and her parents; Emily Sticklely from Palisade High School was recognized and she was with her advisor Kelly and her mom, step dad and brother. In the end, Dennis fined Mr. Gonzales!!!

In February the Kiwanis Club of Grand Junction will have a Food Drive to benefit the Community Food Bank. This will be a competition in our club with all of the teams involved. We will bring in food each week to be counted. Each item will be counted as one point and tallies will be taken each week. The prizes to the winning team will be pride in the love you display for your neighbor, bragging rights about how much you care for the community and

others, satisfaction in knowing what you did for those in need and that you weren't in last place. Good ones, right?

President Dennis talked a bit about our next Christmas Party. Two Rivers Winery is being considered and the cost per person could be \$40.00-\$50.00. With a show of hands, Dennis got a feel of how many people would be interested in attending. Other places will be considered and as time passes more announcements will be made. Dennis applauded Heather Smith and Vern Gray for all of their work on last year's party. Dennis recognized his Board of Directors and thanked them for their support.

Sandy Barger told the Joke of the Day. Lynn Thompson sold raffle tickets and Heather Smith won \$47.00 this week. Vern Gray delivered our Thought for the Day and we were adjourned.

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