

	<b>KIWANIS BULLETIN</b>	<b>Kiwanis Club of Grand Junction</b> January 8, 2009
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*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.*

Kiwanis Club of Grand Junction –Dennis Durmas-President  
Weekly meeting every Thursday, noon at Two Rivers Convention Center  
Web site: [www.kiwanis-gj.org](http://www.kiwanis-gj.org)

Well the holidays are over and the great group of Kiwanians at this week’s meeting was *FANTASTIC!!!*- Welcome back everyone☺

Our Greeters Greg Schaefer and Amy Dyer welcomed us all with warm handshakes and hugs as we entered the meeting room at Two Rivers. President Dennis opened our meeting by welcoming all members and guests. President Dennis announced that Joe Breman and his team are in charge of the meetings for the month of January. What a great way to start off a new year!! Terry Wakefield led us as we sang “Tie A Yellow Ribbon”. We started the song a couple of times until we got it right with Jeannie’s help and we did a much better job this time. Paul Miller delivered our invocation and Ken Willard was this week’s Raffle Ticket Salesperson.

This week Bev Troester introduced her daughter, Ashley Hammond as her guest; Henry Langstaff returned with his daughter, Doreatha Pfifer and her application to our club (we will look for her induction soon); Paul Miller brought his wife, Lynn with him; Stewart Cruickshank introduced Marcy Sanchez as his guest and probably for the last time (another induction there); Darlene Hallmark introduced Nicole Hallmark; Joe Breman was with his wife, Jill; Tom LaCroix introduced an attorney from his office as his guest ( I couldn’t hear her name because there wasn’t a microphone at the point of the meeting); Bob Colony introduced Ilene Perry and Pat Gormley as his guests; and Vikki Bell was with Susan Capps and Nanette Lencoti.

Happy Bucks ☺ came from Bonnie Pehl-Petersen- a new grandson; Steve Thompson- something about GJHS; Orville Petersen- ?; Rich Emerson for all of the prayers and thoughts during the fire at Johnson’s House of Flowers; Blaine Scott -?; Joe Breman- his great recovery from surgery; Sally Ryan- Bruce Isaacson’s wife is in the hospital (let’s send our thoughts their way) and that Johnson’s fire did not do any more damage that what it did; Katie Ames – celebrating 31 years of marriage with her husband; Bob Colony- Rick Abernathy (former member of our club) sent us all wishes for a Happy New Year; Ron Sherman- a pastor that gets “high”?; Bill Byers- sad happy buck because Lyndsay is moving to California; Stewart Cruickshank – his in-laws have returned to their home just in the nick of time; Dave Kearsley -?; Rick Nisley – Nebraska won the Gator Bowl; Larry Beckner – shame on Rick Nisley!!; Jeannie Thomas – the fire at Johnsons, proud to be a Nebraskan, Blaine’s picture in the newspaper and a dance class that is starting soon; and Guest Susan Capps – her daughter is walking again.

**FINES:** Fine Master Dennis Durmas was at the helm this week. Lynne Sorlye was fined because she has lost her keys to the cabinet that holds our club's bell; Steve Thompson was fined because he owes Ron Sherman \$1.00 for fine that Mike Doring delivered to Dennis last week at the Joint Meeting with Golden K members; Ron Sherman was fined for Liar's Poker (I didn't understand that one); Nina Anderson did not mention Kiwanis is a Chamber Newsletter; Omar Campos was thanked for a great Christmas Dinner; and Orville Petersen was fined because he didn't pay any happy bucks for his new grandson.

Joe Breman introduced Susan Wright from St. Mary's Regional Blood Bank. Susan presented a great PowerPoint. She talked about the blood drive and on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:15 am-1:45 pm the Blood Bank will be at Two Rivers Convention Center. Don't forget to roll up your sleeve and donate. The need is great and your help is appreciated.

Mike Kelly talked about the Second Annual Official "Unofficial" Kiwanis Family Camping Trip in Ridgway State Park. The dates are May 22<sup>nd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>. Checkout reserve America.com to make your reservations now. There will be more details to come. If you have any questions, please see Mike or Michell or call them at 242-3924.

Bob Colony introduced Irene Perry and Pat Gormley to the club again. Pat Gormley presented a check in the amount of \$312.98 to our club. This money was left over from the Grand Junction High School Class of 1948 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion. It was presented in memory of Guy Stephens who was a member of that Class.

There will be Habitat for Humanity Work Day when the weather warms up and Mike Moran will give us more details on that as they develop.

Vern Gray delivered "The Joke of the Day" – it was a great one. Stephanie Tuin won \$68.00 from this week's raffle. And our "Thought for the Day" came from Greg Schaeffer.

Gifts for the Prez were presented from Kristin Winn who visited Wyoming for a skiing trip. She returned with some chocolate covered moose poop for Dennis. Pete Joufflas returned from Hawaii with the key to his room, which will make a great ice scraper for the windshield, a small package of Kona coffee (very expensive) and a ball cap for President Dennis.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE KIWANIS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM IS OUR WEBSITE (GREAT JOB RICK NISLEY). THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY 15, 2009.**

That's it for now.

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