

**March 24, 2011**

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

This week our meeting room was packed with Kiwanians, Guests and Kiwanis Students of the Month. Thanks go to Mike and Michele Kelly, Orville Petersen, Wes D'Aponti, Bob Colony, Jeanie Thomas and Stacey Mascarenas for their contributions. And as President Vern opened our meeting he stated "On This Day in History- March 24, 1898 the very first automobile was sold".

Raisinettes Bev Troester and Lindsay Byers worked the room as this week's guests were introduced. Wally Walcher brought his friend Bill; Sandy Borman introduced her friend Doug; Marsha Harbert brought her niece Alisha Harbert; Vern Gray and Mike Doring introduced Casey Jensen as their guest; and Rita Crumpton brought her husband Tom to lunch. Marsha Harbert won a bottle of wine from the weekly drawing during our Membership Drive. Casey Jensen is from Mesa State College and is very interested in starting a Circle K Club at MSC. I will keep you posted on that progress!!

Happy Bucks came to us this week from Bev Troester who just found out that her son and daughter-in-law are expecting their first child; Orville Boge is happy about some basketball tickets that he has acquired; Stewart Cruikshank is happy to be home after a trip to Mexico and the good news is that his liver is okay; LeAnn Zetmeir has a new grandson; Mike Doring is happy that Casey Jensen approached us; Sally Ryan paid a "Memorial Buck" for Paula Aller who passed away recently; Rick Nisley announced that the Aktion Club has formed a band and they are in need of instruments; Jeff Freeland has a new granddaughter; Woody Walcher is happy that his building is empty; and Ron Sherman is happy that he is too young to be a grandfather?

On Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> we gathered to say goodbye to our very dear friend, Terry Wakefield. Rev. Blaine Scott delivered his service and the flow of his thought provoking words captured us in our seats. There were moments of tears, of laughter and of remembering. We will all remember Terry and we send our thoughts and prayers to Donna and the entire family. On Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Stacey Mascarenas stood before our membership and offered \$10,000.00 in happy bucks in memory of her father, Terry to the Kiwanis Club of Grand Junction Foundation. Stacey spoke to us in a gentle voice as she told us what Kiwanis meant to her dad and the hope that she, too, could be as great a Kiwanian as he was. Joe Breman stood to embrace Stacey and for several moments we could see the comfort that was shared there.

Deana Colaizzi introduced our Kiwanis Students of the Month. Kaleb Wilkins-Woods from Fruita Monument High School can be described as creative, empathetic and open. Tucker Smith from Central High School told us that if he had to eat one thing for the rest of his life it would be Cinzettis all you can eat Italian buffet. Kendra Barnes from Palisade High School told us that her favorite book is "Where the Red Fern Grows". And Chelsea Shettler from Grand Junction High School likes to draw, listen to music or read comic books when she has an hour of free time.

There are no new announcements this week so please refer to last week's bulletin if you need a reminder.

Fines this week were placed on Jeff Freeland for his "fish" picture in the Daily Sentinel; Bob Hanson was fined for his Rolex that was found in Mexico by Rick Tuma. Bob regifted the watch back to Vern ☺ Eric Fields

was asked what he had on his bucket list as was Stacey Mascarenas. Stacey wants to go to Loma! Tammie Rupe wants to take a trip to New York City; Vikki Bell wants to go to Hotchkiss on a party bus; Mike Stahl wants to head back east to Boston and New York City to see a Yankee game; Blaine Scotty wants to watch KU in the finals and Warren Walcher wants to win another motorcycle trophy.

Randy Kirschbaum went to Idaho for vacation and brought President Vern back some Laughing Dog Pale Ale. Too Funny☺

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