

*August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

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

President Vern opened our meeting by welcoming all and with his famous On This Day in History- August 25, 1944- Paris, France, was liberated by Allied forces ending 4 years of German occupation. In 1993- The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 3,629.09, an all-time high. Jeanie Thomas played America the Beautiful and then Vic Pawley delivered a wonderful prayer. Our greeters were Erick Fields and Toni Heiden-Moran and it looks like John Schmidt sold raffle tickets this week. Deanna Colaizzi told the Joke of the Day and Thought for the Day came from Marilee Langfitt. Thank you all for your contributions to our meeting this week.

Lynne Sorlye introduced Noreen Faber as her guest this week; Eric Yarina was introduced by Brad Krebill; and Mike Kelly brought Dave Moon as his guest.

Fines were paid by Claudia Jackson, Tiffany Kindel, Jeff Gumone, Cathy Staten, Bonnie Petersen, and Ann Hayes. Ron Sherman fined himself \$500.00 and sincerely apologized for offending anyone at last week's meeting. The \$500.00 will go to the Kiwanis Foundation.

Happy Bucks were given by Deanna Colaizzi, Bill Byers, Amy Rogers, Stewart Cruikshank, Rita Crumpton, Noreen Faber, Katie Ames, Orville Petersen, Jeanie Thomas and Brad Krebill. My sincere thanks go to Brad for taking great notes for me so that I am able to send out this week's bulletin. My thanks, also, to our fearless leader, Vern Gray for sending me his agenda. You are both very special to me and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help.

Steve Erkenbrack from Rocky Mountain Health Plans was our guest speaker. He talked about changes in the health care system and mentioned that Grand Junction has the lowest average cost of health care in the United States. The program was a very interesting one.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

\*The Camp Kiwanis Trip that was scheduled for Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

\*Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> – Allocations

\*Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>- Installation of officers for the Grand Junction K Club 6pm at Redlands Community Center. All Kiwanians are invited to attend.

\*Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>- Interclub for the noon meeting of the Montrose Kiwanis Club. Contact LeAnn Zetmeir if you are interested in going.

\*LeAnn is considering running for District Governor!!! This would be great for our region and our club. Please give her your support and encouragement.

\*LeAnn has a week's stay at the Westin Mission Hills Resort near Palm Springs, California that she can't use. The reservations are from September 9, 2011 to September 16, 2011. Contact LeAnn for details if you know someone that can use it.

That's it for now!

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