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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 –Vern Gray-President
Weekly meeting every Thursday, noon at Two Rivers Convention Center
Web site: www.kiwanis-gj.org

My thanks go to Lynne Sorlye for sending notes on this week's meeting so that I can send out our bulletin. My recovery is going well and before you know it I will be back at our Thursday Meetings. I am shooting for our joint meeting with Rotary on Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

Our greeters this week were Bob Hanson and Dave Kearsley; Rich Emerson led you all in a rousing rendition of God Bless America while Jeanie Thomas played the piano. Gary Brown sold the winning Raffle Ticket to Rick Nisley and now he has \$34.00 more bucks in his pocket!! Dave Kearsley delivered our invocation and Gary Brown provided a hilarious Joke of the Day and a wonderful Thought for the Day.

Fine Session was eliminated this week in the interest of time. Doesn't everyone feel good about that?

Happy Buck providers were Marsha Harbert for her family's performance at ANB's Downtown Farmer's Market and that Judy Harbert is home from the hospital and doing well. John Hildebrand is happy about his impending grandpa status. Gene Garl gave a buck that the NFL season is really starting and Blaine Scott is happy that he got to babysit his granddaughter while his daughter studied to graduate☺ Richard Specht of the Golden K invited everyone to their induction dinner on Wednesday, September 14th. Please contact a member if you would like to attend.

Vikki Bell reminded everyone to sign up for Fruita Fall Festival. Those dates are September 23rd through September 25th and remember that this event is replacing our fund raising Oktoberfest event that we are not participating in this year.

Kristin Winn announced that the Children's Resource Directory is complete. It will be in this Sunday's Daily Sentinel and distributed throughout the community. It looks absolutely wonderful and was a huge task for Kristin and her committee.

Our main event this week was "Allocations"!!! We gave out \$38,000.00 to 29 agencies that serve kids in the community. Each agency was represented and had a minute to talk about their mission and how they will use the money received. All were very grateful and had great need for funding. Stacey Mascarenas was the Allocation's Chair and presided over the distribution of the funds. Stacey talked very eloquently about our club's tradition of allocations and how the process works. She noted that her dad, Terry Wakefield, was long time Allocation's Chair and how much it meant to him to be able to give out these funds every year. It was a moving presentation and Stacey did a wonderful job.

That's it for now.

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