

THE RAMPART REVIEW

*The Kiwanis Club of the Rampart Range – Caroline Vulgamore, editor-Harry Vulgamore, Photographer
Meetings every Tuesday, 7:30 am, Aspen Pointe Café, 1675 Garden of the Gods Rd. 80904*

President: Rick Couch. Secretary: Al Ziegler. Treasurer: Rex Kramer. Directors: Belenda Cornelius, Burl Kreps, Caroline Vulgamore, Harry Vulgamore. District Governor: Kathy Lee. Division 4 Lt. Governor: Jo Carroll, RMD Executive Administrator: Nancy Wiehagen. International President: Jane Erickson.

March 14, 2017



PROGRAM. With technical support before the meeting from **Wendy Patterson**, Director **Craig Blewitt** of Mountain Metropolitan Transit outlined their services. They've been governed by Colorado Springs since 1972, and provide 11,000 one-way trips within the city and into Manitou Springs, north to Chapel Hills Mall and south into Widefield. They offer special services to the disabled and elderly. With a \$22 million budget—like bus services across the country—they're not profitable. Sales taxes contribute 40% of funding. Riders pay \$1.75, with half off for seniors, disabled and youth. Their 48 buses operate 362 days a year with 950 bus stops, yet are able to serve only half of metro area with fixed bus routes. They're working on partnerships with northern hospitals, PPCC, UCCS, and Colorado College to fund additional routes and more frequent availability. A new bus costs \$450,000, lasts 12-15 years

and operates for 500,000 miles. They also have 48 mobility vans and 40 vanpools which are leased for \$100-\$250 monthly.

NEWS. Donations were for Salvation Army. Welcome to guest **Robert Price**. **Rick Couch** will look into an interclub with the new Academy Kiwanis club, which meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in evenings. Rick and **Belenda Cornelius** discussed the continuing need for area Key Clubs to communicate and get engaged. **Jack Cooley** received correspondence from Key Club President **Jessica Jeong** indicating she's applying for our scholarship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17: BUG program. Mesa Elementary. 8:00 a.m. Caroline, Harry and Rick.

March 18: Manitou Club St. Pat's Dinner. 6:30 p.m. City Hall. 606 Manitou Ave. \$35 couple. \$20 adult.

March 21: **Group Discussion:** "CIA Hacking." Led by Al.

March 24: BUG program. Centennial Elementary School. Time TBA.

March 28: **Board Meeting.**

April 4: Program: **Ann Lantz**. Ecumenical Social Ministries.

April 11: Program: **Patrice Ravenscroft**. Reach Pikes Peak.

***Congratulations for March anniversaries: Rex Kramer entered Kiwanis in 1981;
Rick Couch in 2013, and Tammy Larson in 2016.***

HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Warren Ehrmann:** Still vertical.
- **Belenda Cornelius:** Attending conference; Jane Erickson and photos; pancake fundraiser; glad to have Robert here.
- **Al Ziegler:** Today's speaker; Robert, come back.
- **Burl Kreps:** Daughter turned 50; for Robert; the moon over Pikes Peak.
- **Harry Vulgamore:** Great program; for Robert.
- **Caroline Vulgamore:** Welcome, Robert.
- **Jack Cooley:** Ann's birthday on Pi Day; hi, Robert.
- **Rick Couch:** For Robert; getting together with 3 kids including pregnant daughter.



We hope to see Robert Price again.



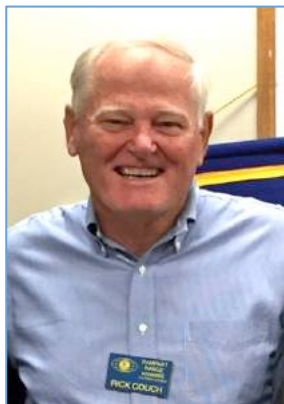
Al represented the Soap Box Derby in the St. Patty's Day Parade.



Jeanne Ziegler, Belenda and Al pose with a mother whose son Aden benefited from the IHOP/Kiwanis pancake fundraiser.

PRAYER: March 21: Belenda Cornelius.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "The idea is to die young as late as possible." ...Ashley Montagu



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