

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: Harry Brandon, RMD Executive Administrator: Nancy Wichagen. International President: Jane Erickson.

May 16, 2017

PROGRAM. Monument Club member **Benny Nasser** presented, “Young Boys in the Civil War,” a story of thousands who participated in battle. They may have been runaways who lied about their age, or parents signed them up to be fed, cared for and receive a stipend. Some joined with fathers. They served as drummers, fifers, buglers and “powder monkeys”—scurrying to the bottom of ships to bring powder on deck. Benny read touching comments boys wrote afterwards about Gettysburg and the Battle of Shiloh. He showed old photos of troops such as **Edwin Jennnisen** who

enlisted in LA at 16, but ended up in VA and was killed at 17; **Gilbert Van Zandt**, a drummer from Ohio who joined at 10, but survived and died at the age of 92; and **Charles Edwin King**, who died at 13, “the youngest soldier killed.” Without birth certificates (only family Bibles), ages are impossible to verify. The photos of young faces peering at cameras in ill-fitting uniforms moved us all. One drummer boy became a major general and 48 boys under 18 received the Medal of Honor. Union soldiers were paid \$13 a month, and Confederate, \$11.



NEWS. **Al Ziegler** officiated. He will send email instructions about registering online for Soap Box Derby events in June. Our final BUG assembly for this school year is May 25 at Mesa Elementary. **Belenda Cornelius** announced Rampart Key Club officers for next year: President: **Rupa Duggirala**, Vice President: **Esther Chung**, Secretary: **Julia Garcia**, Treasurer: **Celia Lai**, Event Coordinators: **Sowmya Duggirala & Jasmine Szczar**, Public Relations: **Rebekah Acosta**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23: **Group Discussion.** “North Korea.”

May 25: BUG. Mesa Elementary. 9:00 a.m. Belenda, Caroline and Harry.

May 30: **Board Meeting.**

June 4: Soap Box Derby practice. **June 10:** Inspection. **June 11:** Soap Box Derby race.

July 11: El Paso County Fair Queen **Kayla Marie Summers** and sponsor, **Pam Dawson**.

Aug. 3-7: RMD Convention, Cheyenne.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Belenda Cornelius:** Happy being with us; our presenter.
- **Warren Ehrmann:** Interesting presentation.
- **Al Ziegler:** A great presentation.
- **Benny Nasser:** Officiating at state track meets in Denver.
- **Rex Kramer:** Attended three operas last weekend.
- **Harry Vulgamore:** Interesting presentation.
- **Caroline Vulgamore:** Benny's research and passion; a great Mother's Day.



Thanks again Benny. We appreciate your passion and hard work.

PRAYER: May 23-Jack Cooley.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: “Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.”

...Tom Stoppard



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