

THE RAMPART REVIEW

The Kiwanis Club of the Rampart Range – Caroline Vulgamore, editor

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.

January 10, 2017



PROGRAM. Journalist-turned-award-winning-author **Sarah Rickman** spoke about Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPS) during World War II. She's authored 7 books on the subject and is working on an 8th. Her book, WASP of the Ferry Command (University of North Texas Press, 2016), tells the story. In 1942, **Nancy Love** recruited and led 28 experienced women pilots who could do the job, along with graduates of the Army's training school for women. They ferried planes across the U.S. from CA to docks in NJ. Mainly pursuit aircraft, they were critical to the air war over Germany. Before the WASPS were shut down in December, 1944, they'd flown more than 9,000,000 miles in 72 different aircraft, 1100 women in all, with fewer than 100 still surviving. Sarah interviewed Nancy and 6 founders of the original WASPS and did extensive research in archives at Texas Woman's University in Denton. "A footnote in history" and "one of the best kept secrets of World War II." Sarah has always been interested in flying, inspired by **Amelia Earhart** as a 9th grader in Denver. Her husband, **Richard Rickman**, also attended and supported Sarah's story.

NEWS. Donations were for Salvation Army. BUG assembly this Friday at Mesa Elementary. **Al Ziegler, Jack Cooley** and **Burl Kreps** will arrive early to sign certificates. **Rick Couch, Al Ziegler** and **Belenda Cornelius** will attend the Interclub on January 19. Rick announced registration has begun for the March 3-5 RMD Mid Winter Conference, Hilton Hotel, Fort Collins. Rex Kramer will drive to the conference on March 4. District 4 Presidents will meet in Monument on January 17. Rick received a letter from **Glenn Scott**, Development Director for the Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby, encouraging clubs to participate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13: BUG assembly. Mesa Elementary. 9:00 a.m. Al, Jack and Burl.

January 14: Educating Children of Color Summit. 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. Colorado College.

January 16: "All People's Breakfast." El Pomar Sports Center. Professor **Idris Goodwin**. \$7.

January 17: **Group Discussion.** "Fake News." Led by **Caroline Vulgamore**.

January 17: District 4 Presidents' meeting. Monument.

January 18: BUG assembly. Eagleside Elementary. 7:45 a.m. Belenda, Harry and Caroline.

January 19: Interclub. Pikes Peak Club. Southside Johnny's. Noon. Program: **John Anderson**. "Indian Prayer Trees."

January 24: Program: "The Choking Game." **Martha Garnett** and **Henry Suarez**.

January 31: **Board Meeting.**

March 3-5: RMD Mid Winter Conference. Hilton Hotel. Fort Collins.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Warren Ehrmann:** Fascinating speaker.
- **Al Ziegler:** Fascinating presentation.
- **Burl Kreps:** Good that Sarah was here.
- **Jack Cooley:** Nice having Sarah here.
- **Harry Vulgamore:** Echoed Jack.
- **Caroline Vulgamore:** Inspiring that Sarah's interest in this subject began when she was a ninth grader.
- **Rex Kramer:** Survived this long, still vertical and healing. Going to get there.
- **Rick Couch:** Fascinating, wants to read Sarah's books. Thursday bus trip through snow had to turn around at Johnson's Village—Monarch closed.



Rick presents fellow flying enthusiast Sarah Rickman with our certificate of appreciation.

PRAYER JANUARY 17: Burl Kreps.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: “The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets.”
... Al McGuire



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