

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

**June 13, 2017**



**PROGRAM.** Colorado State Representative Pete Lee outlined the Restorative Justice program with the admonition, “it works.” The U.S. is an incarceration nation; we lead the world with 25% of our population in prison. In Colorado, 50% of those in prison return. Something is wrong with our system including factors like mandatory sentences and the “war” on drugs. Our crime rate has been going down for the last 15 years. Elected in 2010, Pete advocates for Restorative Justice, an approach to crime which focuses on victims’ needs, encourages offenders to take responsibility for their crimes and supports sentences that pay back victims. He introduced a bill in 2011 to define and promote RJ in Colorado state law. Offenders must demonstrate contrition and a willingness to repair harm. The program brings

them together with victims, and with the help of a facilitator, they listen to the impact of their crimes, creating community and a sense of belonging between the parties. “We don’t hurt people we know.” The parties have to buy into it, and it becomes a dynamic tool, another option to incarceration.

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**NEWS.** Prez **Rick Couch** reported last Sunday’s Soapbox Derby was successful with 2 kids going on to Akron. Rick will talk with **Ray Wallander** about changes in September’s Balloon Festival re parking and fundraising. We brainstormed about targeting a date in September, possibly the 12<sup>th</sup>, for a lunch program focusing on the opioids epidemic, inviting other clubs and county employees from Citizens Service Center.



*Belenda Cornelius, Rex Kramer, Harry Vulgamore, Rick Couch & Al Ziegler worked the Soapbox Derby.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 20:** Program: Girl of the West **Jamie Tyler** & sponsor, **Corliss Palmer**, for Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

**June 20:** Div. 4 Council Meeting. Wesley Owens Café, Monument 4:45 – 6:00 p.m.

**June 21:** Junior Achievement free Community Update lunch. 11:30-12:30. 2320 W. Colorado Ave. RSVP [CherylPotman@JA.org](mailto:CherylPotman@JA.org).

**June 27:** *Board Meeting.*

**July 4:** *No Meeting.*

**July 11:** Program: County Fair Queen **Kayla Marie Summers** & sponsor, **Pam Dawson**.

**July 13-16:** KI Convention. Paris.

**Aug. 3-7:** RMD Convention. "Rendezvous in Cheyenne."

**Sept. 9:** "What If. . .Festival." 6 blocks of downtown Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak Center, Pioneers Museum, and Plaza of the Rockies. Over 25,000 participants with breakthroughs of local businesses, artists, scientists, inventors, performers, students.

*Happy Anniversary to Rick and Ann Couch on June 16  
Happy Birthday to Rex Kramer on June 22*

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## HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Belenda Cornelius:** Participating in Soap Box Derby; our presenter.
- **Rick Couch:** Turnout from our club for Derby; today's speaker.
- **Al Ziegler:** Our speaker and the Derby.
- **Burl Kreps:** Our speaker; his birthday (can't catch up to Warren); glad basketball season is over.
- **Jack Cooley:** For Soap Box Derbies.
- **Harry Vulgamore:** Great lecture last night on Chico Basin Ranch.
- **Caroline Vulgamore:** Pete's Lee's caring and commitment.
- **Rex Kramer:** His dear spouse had birthday, kids presented her with portrait painted from photo when she was 20.

**PRAYER: June 20-Burl Kreps**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY:** "If you obey all the rules, you'll miss all the fun." ...Katharine Hepburn



**The Prez**

