

THE RAMPART REVIEW

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

Meetings every Tuesday, 7:45 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.

August 8, 2017



PROGRAM. Academy School District bus driver and “Wheels of a Dream” founder **Jim King** presented his story, making a difference for kids dealing with trauma. Jim has turned his hobby into a 501©(3) organization that creates unique wooden toys on “wheels” for distribution throughout hospitals for children in long-term care, as well as those transitioning into foster care. He has donation relationships with the Colorado Springs Police Department, TESSA and the Colorado Springs Fire Department. Volunteers for Wheels of a Dream are employees of the district’s transportation department and their spouses. They’re now distributing up to 1,000 toys a year and committed to more community partnerships in helping children. Made from poplar, the toys are not only trucks, trains, cars and other vehicles, but adorable animals as well, such as puppies, birds and circus animals—all on wheels. Jim was featured in a front-page

story in the December, 2016 issue of *Life after 50*. More info on www.wheelsofadream.org.

NEWS. *New starting time of 7:45 a.m. began today.* Donations were for Salvation Army. **Rick Couch** reported the RMD Convention in Cheyenne went well; 2017-2018 Governor will be **Haley Suppes** of Delta, CO. Flyers were distributed for our club’s “Kids in Crisis: Opioid Epidemic and Our Community” program on September 12. **Belenda Cornelius** reminded us the deadline for registration at the September 9 “What If . . .” festival in downtown Colorado Springs is August 15. She will have a PPCC table at the Hillside Community Center’s “Hillside Community Day” on August 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 15: *Group Discussion.*

August 22: Program: **Terri Carver**, Representative House District 20. “Transportation Issues.” (Particularly, I-25 north of Monument).

August 29: *Board Meeting.*

September 9: “What if . . . Festival.” Downtown Colorado Springs.

September 12: *No Morning Meeting.* “Kids in Crisis: Opioid Epidemic & Our Community.” Citizen Services Center. Room 1020. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Bring lunch. Other clubs, building staff and guests invited.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Harry Vulgamore:** Caroline’s successful surgery, and Jim’s great program.
- **Belenda Cornelius:** For Jim King.
- **Jack Cooley:** Enthusiasm for Jim’s program.
- **Rick Couch:** For Jim.
- **Al Ziegler:** For Jim.
- **Warren Ehrmann:** Ditto

Thanks to Caroline for interpreting Harry's scratches into something readable.



Jim King and a few of his toys.

PRAYER: August 15: Belenda Cornelius

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."
...Winston Churchill



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