

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.

September 5, 2017



PROGRAM: Based at 28th St. & W. Colorado Ave., Westside Cares CEO **Kristy Milligan** discussed “providing care & compassion for neighbors in need—today, tomorrow & beyond.” They serve Westsiders from Rockrimmon almost down to B Street, offering emergency financial aid, food pantries & health care assistance. Kristy is the sole full-time employee aided by 400 volunteers annually & a \$330,000 yearly budget supported by 21 faith communities. She stressed the importance of partnerships such as Penrose St. Francis, Care & Share, Goodwill, & referrals to other agencies. About 80% of clients are underemployed “working poor,” & 15% are homeless. With the city’s bus service “wholly inadequate,” transportation is a challenge because it links

services such as Springs Rescue Mission & Salvation Army together. A high number of clients live near their office on the west side of town. Westside Cares helps insure their “neighbors” move toward self-sufficiency while listening to one another & developing relationships.

NEWS. Sign-ups for the Kiwanis table at Saturday’s What If . Festival were distributed. We plan a Soapbox Derby car to attract interest as well as a poster of area clubs, Key Clubs, and handouts with membership info. “We need to interact!” A drawing will be held every two hours with prizes/discounts at local businesses. Our Opioid Program is next Tuesday at noon featuring Dr. **Jeff Watson** and Lt. **Mark Comte** of the Colorado Springs Police Department Narcotics Unit. Lots of interest from staff at the Citizens Services Center building and members from other clubs planning to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12: *No Morning Meeting.* “Kids in Crisis: Opioid Epidemic and Our Community.” Citizens Services Center. Room 1210. 12:00-1:00 p.m. Bring lunch. Guests invited.

September 19: *Group Discussion.*

September 26: *Board Meeting.* Harry Brandon here to induct new president.

October 3: Program: **Frances St. Germain.** El Paso County Administration Manager. “County Commissioners and the County’s Citizens Services Center.

October 10: Program: **Burl Kreps.** “Angola – The Birth of a Nation.”

Congratulations Burl Kreps on 32 years of Kiwanis membership this month.

Congratulations Rex Kramer and Cindy Crater on your 13th anniversary September 10.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- Rex Kramer: Enjoyed Labor Day balloon lift-off.
- Jack Cooley: Best wishes to Kristy Milligan.
- Harry Vulgamore: NYC visit, 9/11 Memorial Museum.
- Caroline Vulgamore: Kristy's commitment to neighbors in need.
- Belenda Cornelius: Being with us all; opportunities at What If . . . Festival; for Kristy.
- Al Ziegler: Thank you to our speaker; nice weekend with guests and family.
- Burl Kreps: For Kristy and 32 years of Kiwanis.
- Rick Couch: For Kristy; being better-informed citizens; his church's involvement with Westside Cares.

PRAYER: September 12: Jack Cooley.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "Once you stop learning, you start dying."

... Albert Einstein



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