

# 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: Belenda Cornelius. Secretary: Al Ziegler. Treasurer: Rex Kramer. Directors: Rick Couch, Jack Cooley, Burl Kreps, Caroline Vulgamore, Harry Vulgamore. District Governor: Hayley Jean Suppes. Division 4 Lt. Governor: Harry Brandon, RMD Executive Administrator: Nancy Wichagen. International President: Jim Rochford.

**March 13, 2018**



**PROGRAM.** Author **Kathleen (“Kay”) Esmiol** told about her Eagleview Middle Schoolers interviewing **Fannie Mae Duncan** in her later years and producing a play 25 years ago about her life. From that experience, Kay spent hundreds of hours taping Fannie Mae and recently published her memoir, *Everybody Welcome*. In 1933, following her father’s death, Fannie Mae moved here with her family at the age of 12. She graduated from Colorado Springs High School in 1938, and after marrying **Ed Duncan**, opened the Cotton Club in 1947, where everybody was welcome, regardless of color, especially troops from Camp Carson. Unique as an African American businesswoman, she brought in jazz greats such as **Lionel Hampton, Duke Ellington** and **Billie Holiday**. **Flip Wilson** got his start here. Loveland sculptor **Lori Kiplinger Pandy** is creating a statue of Fannie Mae, which will be placed in front of the Pikes Peak Center. Kay stressed the need to preserve history, and champion those who might be forgotten.

**NEWS.** Donations were for Silver Key. Welcome to our guests: **Ernie Adams, Tom Henschen** and **Dan Stewart** from Manitou Club, **Benny Nasser, Bonnie Nasser, Jon Carroll, Harry Brandon, Rich Sayer** and **Mark Silvanic** from the Monument Club, and Colorado Springs newcomer **Katrina Rossi**. Lt. Governor Harry Brandon reported the Mid Year Conference was successful with **Dawn Ignatius** elected the next Lt. Governor. Praising his “positive attitude,” Harry presented our own **Al Ziegler** with a District level award, “Outstanding Club Secretary.” Al joined Kiwanis in November of 1974. He recognized **Jack Cooley** who also served many years as club secretary.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 17:** Manitou Club’s annual St. Patrick’s Day dinner.

**March 20:** **Group Discussion.** Belenda leading on service leadership, future activities.

**March 22:** BUG program. Mesa Elementary. Arrive 7:30 a.m. Al in charge.

**March 26:** **Opioid Crisis.** **Dr. Jeff Watson** and Lt. **Mark Comte**. Not One more Child Coalition. Citizens Service Center. Assessors Room. 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**March 27:** **Board Meeting.**

**April 3:** Program: **Paul McNeill**. Olympic Training Center.

**May 1:** Program: **Kate Redding**. “Kiwanis and the U.S. Army.”

**June 28 – July 1:** International Conference. Las Vegas.

## HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Belenda Cornelius:** For Kay, a beautiful person, and all she does.
- **Al Ziegler:** Kay coming, the interclub and for Caroline.
- **Harry Vulgamore:** Enjoyed the book, Kay, and Fannie Mae.
- **Rich Sayer:** Thanks for the presentation, will pass on to his kids, his daughter has a business at Five Points.
- **Caroline Vulgamore:** Thanks to all our guests for coming, for Kay.
- **Jack Cooley:** Thank you, Kay.
- **Rex Kramer:** Welcome Moonlight Savings Time!



*Large group today; thanks Monument Hill & Manitou.*



*Kay and Belenda sharing a laugh.*

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY:** “The past is really almost as much a work of the imagination as the future.”  
...Jessamyn West, American author

**PRAYER: March 20: Burl Kreps.**



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