

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.

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PROGRAM. After directing libraries in Illinois and Salt Lake City, **John Spears**, CEO of the Pikes Peak Library District, now serves “one of the most exceptional libraries in the country.” With 14 locations plus mobile services in outlying areas, it is extremely busy covering 2030 square miles and 650,000 people. “We don’t want to be just a warehouse for books . . . we create content and supply tools.” Library 21-C even offers full audio and video studios. PPLD operates with a \$32 million budget, 87% from property taxes, one of the least funded in Colorado. That’s \$40 per capita per year, where Denver, Pueblo and Arapahoe County are \$50-\$100. Besides services to children, young adults and adults, they offer creative services and adult education through experiential education. They sponsor ESL classes to people speaking 40 different languages, and citizenship classes including a naturalization ceremony. They collaborate with PPCC in offering a free high

school diploma program, and with Urban Peak, so that teens can come to any facility to get help for abusive situations. A cultural fair will be held in October at the Sand Creek Library, serving large numbers of immigrants. They no longer charge fines, but bill clients for items not returned. John’s enthusiasm, commitment to the community and innovative ideas impressed us all.

NEWS. Good having **Al Ziegler** back, and seeing **Rex Kramer** pop in before his training class for becoming an election official. **Belenda Cornelius** shared “No. 1” medals from the Warrior Games will all of us. Because of our three week hiatus, board decisions will be made by email. We need to certify delegates for the Rocky Mt. District, look at activities for next year including officer installation with the Lt. Governor and resume discussing the tabled Key Club issues.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18-30: Belenda Cornelius on leave.

June 19, 26 and July 3: **No Meetings.**

June 25-29: Rocky Mt. Youth Leadership Conference. UCCS.

June 28-July 1: International Conference. Las Vegas.

July 4: Division 4 Interclub. Participation in Monument Hill parade. Check online.

July 10: Program: **Pam Dawson** and El Paso County Fair queen.

August 8-12: District Conference. Greeley. Registration opens June 19.

September 8: What If Festival. Downtown Colorado Springs.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- Harry Vulgamore: For PPLD, the greatest. Having John here.
- Caroline Vulgamore: For all the services libraries offer this community.
- Burl Kreps: An outstanding presentation and for John.
- Belenda Cornelius: For John, having Al back, and the Warrior games.
- Al Ziegler: For John; great to see everyone again; and hopefully he will make progress.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 10.



PPLD-What a valuable resource in our Community. Thanks John.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: “The future has a way of arriving unannounced.”

...George Will

PRAYER: July 10: Burl Kreps

