

THE RAMPART REVIEW

The Kiwanis Club of the Rampart Range – Caroline Vulgamore, editor-Harry Vulgamore, Photographer
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: Jo Carroll, RMD Executive Administrator: Nancy Wiehagen. International President: Jane Erickson.

December 6, 2016



PROGRAM. Community Relations Director **Stu Davis** of Springs Rescue Mission discussed providing food, shelter, clothing and services to those experiencing homelessness, poverty and addiction. There are 300 Rescue Missions across the U.S.; the local group was founded 20 years ago. In Colorado Springs 26% of people live on \$26,000 a year or less, slightly above the official poverty level, or about 150,000 persons. Most are local, but out-of-staters have increased with the availability of marijuana. There are over 1,300 homeless here, about 350 “chronically homeless,” leaving 1,000 as “temporary.” While the Salvation Army provides shelter for families, the Rescue Mission steps in to include those with no I.D., a criminal history, mental illness, addiction, etc. They also serve working poor and operate a 12- month addiction recovery program.

Men living on their campus work for the organization, and are on a spiritual recovery track and a career path. Three weeks ago they opened a year-round shelter. Most of their revenue comes from donors; they need donations of food, clothing, and hygiene items. **Rick Couch** emphasized collaborations, and as a Salvation Army Board member, he sees non-profits “struggling to get to the same dollar.”

NEWS. Today’s donations were for the Springs Rescue Mission. Rick is in possession of “the bell,” after taking it last Saturday at the interclub; it will await its fate as future clubs visit us. Al Ziegler announced we’ll officially vote at the December 20 meeting on approving the budget and reducing the number of board members.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 7: Key Club. Rampart High School. 2:50 p.m. Room 116.

December 10 and 17: Salvation Army bell-ringing. North Nevada K-Mart.

December 13: Program: State Representative **Pete Lee**. “Restorative Justice.” Note **Caitlyn Beans** of Griffith Center returns to collect gifts/checks for kids.

December 13: Rampart Key Club bell-ringing, Union & Academy Safeway. **Belenda Cornelius** assists.

December 20: **Board Meeting.**

December 27: **No Meeting.**

January 3: Program: **Thomas Wilson**. Colorado Springs Philharmonic.

January 10: Program: **Sarah Rickman**. WASPS of the Ferry Command. World War II Women Ferry Pilots.

January 13: BUG assembly. Mesa Elementary. 9:00 a.m.

HAPPY DOLLARS

- **Belenda Cornelius:** Having Stu here today; being with us all—a lot of joy.
- **Warren Ehrmann:** Hoping for a warmer Saturday (for bell-ringing).
- **Al Ziegler:** Saturday’s interclub; wildlife in his yard—turkeys, deer and bobcat.
- **Burl Kreps:** Stu; good Thanksgiving with family.
- **Jack Cooley:** Another session with Warren in bell-ringing.
- **Harry Vulgamore:** Interclub and Rick’s driving us.
- **Caroline Vulgamore:** This a.m.’s “alpenglow” on front range.
- **Rex Kramer:** Christmas shopping done with red Lexus for CC; fabulous interclub.
- **Rick Couch:** His bride’s birthday tomorrow—kids coming; today’s speaker, and for all our support.



We enjoyed last Saturday’s amazing interclub in Monument.

PRAYER: December 6, Burl Kreps.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: “You can observe a lot by watching.” ...Yogi Berra



The Prez

