

Kiwanis

The Manitou Spirit

NEWSLETTER



Club Newsletter for
Meeting of 3/8/2010

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Tonight's Guests: DOUBLE Interclub from Ute Pass/Woodland Park Kiwanis Club, including Lt. Gov. Alan Arbuckle and Governor-Elect Bert West!

Birthdays:

- Herb was President 20 Years ago, his granddaughter, Rebecca, turned 20 and her dad, Steve, turned 41.
- Jay Pretzer's wife, Elaine, is a year older.
- Greg's daughter, Rich's granddaughter and Chuck's 1st cousin 2x removed, Elsa Baker is 4!

Anniversaries: None tonight

From:	Tonight's Happy Dollars for:
Chuck	Happy for fun at Woodland Park & stealing bell and gavel!
Dan	Glad to see Lew Archer back.
Bert West	Shocked Lew said nothing happened on this date in history.
Martin	Happy he started new job and will get paycheck.
Bill Miller	In the book <u>100 Years of Rocky Mtn. News</u> it was noted that Baby Doe Tabor died on this day in 1931.
Lew	1) Happy Lou Who offered him a ride tonight. 2) Got a gold tooth filling replaced 3) Passed a kidney stone 2 days ago 4) will be getting infusion for low bone density 5) got a ride with AMR 1 month ago.
Lou	Happy he didn't actually have to drive Lew here tonight!
Rich	Appreciates Lew despite Woodland Park.
Alan Arbuckle	Happy to get done with recent water outages at home.
Tom	Glad Ute Pass club is here tonight.
John Schaefer	Enjoying his Vancouver Olympics souvenir pin.
Gary	1) Good to see Lew 2) Good to have the Ute Pass guys here. 3) Amazed that Bill stole his own gavel back tonight!

---TONIGHT'S Meeting - Club Business NOTES ---

- We are doing a Young Children Priority One diaper drive this month. Please bring clean *youth only* diapers. No Depends!
- Lt. Gov. will have Division Council meeting on the 23rd March at Panera's near Southgate Shopping Center.
- Bert West said that we will have 3 candidates for Governor this year at District Convention in Laramie. That has not happened before in anyone's recollection.
- Fred asked for committee reports for February activities. Fred has info on Laramie Convention if you are interested. Fred announced that Toni Stewart is having an operation tomorrow.



President 2009/10
Gary Smith

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www.ManitouKiwanis.org



Tonight's Program: Tonya Sllowey from American Medical Response (AMR ambulance) gave us a program on AMR's service in this County.

Member Name

- Ernie Adams
- Lew Archer
- Chuck Armstrong
- Greg Baker
- Mike Baker
- Richard Baker
- Fred Bormann
- Craig Carnick
- Louis Carpenter
- Howard Casey
- Morris Deul
- Steven Ekerholm
- Garry Garrison
- Tom Henschen
- Darold Jones
- Ron Lancaster
- Martin Leopard
- Jay Pretzer
- Barbara Schaefer
- Gary Smith
- Bill Stewart
- Dan Stuart
- Joel Toman
- Dave Valier
- Larry Wellman
- Herb Wilson

- AMR has been around for 30 years. They have done the 911 contract in El Paso County for the past 10 years and have submitted a contract for 5 more years.
- AMR has about 250 employees in this county and runs 24 ambulances, plus other services like providing wheelchair patient transfer. Each ambulance today costs about \$110,000 empty and \$165,000 when full of equipment. Because AMR is national and buys many ambulances, they get them at a good discount, which helps us all.
- The ambulances are all stocked with the same equipment. Beside just medical supplies, they each have a sophisticated computerized road safety package which monitors their braking, acceleration, speed, lights and siren use, etc. to carefully monitor crew performance and ensure safe , economic and legal operation of the ambulances.
- The new ones also have a very advanced exterior lighting package to show up well when they are in service to ensure everyone's safety.
- Some Ambulances are able to transport a person weighing up to 1,000 pounds!
- Ambulances do their work regardless of patient financial condition. As a result, the rate of reimbursement for AMR services is only about 38%, resulting in higher rates for those who do, in fact, pay for the services.
- AMR has a "Life Care" program where individuals and families can inexpensively prepay annually for ambulance rides they may need. Brochures were available.
- A permanent Memorial is being started in Colorado Springs for Emergency Service personnel who die in the line of service, much like the IAFF firefighters memorial in Colorado Springs' Memorial Park.
- AMR also has a volunteer service where they transport patients home for the Holiday visits at no charge to the patient or invalid.
- AMR also has a "Sentimental Journey" program where they take a terminally ill patient on a wished-for trip, like to a Rockies game—much like the Make-a-Wish foundation. AMR started this program here, but it is now spreading nationally after success here.
- AMR handles 175-200 service calls per day in El Paso County.

TONIGHT'S WINNERS!
Dime&1/2 Pot-Bill Miller **Big HELLO**— Gary S. **Big\$\$** - Lew A.

Upcoming Programs—
February 15—To be announced.

Greeters March 15, 2010:
Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse