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The Manitou Spirit

NEWSLETTER



Club Newsletter for
Meeting of 6/14/2010

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Tonight's Guests: None Tonight, except Esther Redmount, our program!

Birthdays: Lou Carpenter's wife, Barbara.

Larry Wellman's granddaughter, Dacey, and his daughter, Lindsay.

Darold Jones's granddaughter, Allyson (6 months) and his daughter Tracy (not Grace as I said last week).

Craig's Birthday is June 20 and Anniversary on June 19!

Anniversaries: None tonight.

<u>From:</u>	<u>Tonight's Happy Dollars for:</u>
Chuck A.	Happy he scored a Hole-in-one Thursday at Valley Hi #14 hole! Also, happy to commemorate Ernie's hole-in-one he witnessed 26 years ago—Ernie was Chuck's witness also. Ernie did his with Chuck's Dad's golf club!
Lou C.	Happy grandson, Christopher, getting married. Good Huck Finn Day fishing derby this year.
Darold J.	Good Huck Finn Day fishing derby this year and good help.
Lew A.	Thrilled to have a \$300,000 car, Lexus LFA, named after him! Also, he told us more than we needed about our <i>Saurian Tail</i> , or coccyx!
Morris D.	Happy for recent rain.
Ernie A.	1) Good Huck Finn Day fishing derby this year. 2) Glad for Chuck's hole-in-one and his own, 26 years and 91 days ago witnessed by Chuck.
Rich B.	1) Reported that Huck Finn, financially, was about breakeven. 2) Happy to also witness cousin Chuck's hole-in-one.
Jay P.	Happy that wife, Sherry, came through 7-1/2 hrs of surgery well!
Bill S.	Glad that wife, Tony, also, had a good result from round of tests.
Greg B.	Good Huck Finn Day fishing derby this year. Also, thanks for all of Larry's help, especially.

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

- Darold gave us a report on Huck Finn Day. Good fish biting, good food, plenty of help and fair attendance, kept down a bit by the iffy, cold and damp weather. Financially was about break even per Rich—that's OK as it is not really a fundraiser.
- We will be a food vendor to help out MS Historical Society event from 9-3 on August 14th. It will be in Old Colorado City's Bancroft Park in conjunction with Farmer's Market, which will necessitate our setting up very early that day.
- We will have our annual cookout/ guest night on July 19, with a program by Craig Carnick on his current dive trip to Fiji!



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Tonight's Program: We heard from Professor Dr. Esther Redmount, from Colorado College's Economics Department. She has been there since 1987 and now studies labor markets, wage reform, health and other work issues. She talked to us on the subject of Farms and US Agricultural Trends.

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

- Prof. Esther Redmount gave us handouts showing the major changes in family farms and larger farms that show a trend of *increasing* number of farms for that past 5 years in the US.
- There are a huge number of farms that produce less than \$10,000 of product per year, showing a lot of small specialty product farms doing organic and other types of limited production crops. These farms always have at least one off-farm wage earner as an owner/spouse/partner.
- Huge farms over \$1 million in sales have accounted for 59% of all farm production in 2007, versus 47% in 2002, showing the continuing trend of the big farms getting bigger that has been going on for a couple of generations. The "medium" family farms are still very significant.
- The 2007 Census showed that we have actually had an increase of 75,810 farms since 2002, a 4% increase. This shows a trend reversal of declining numbers since World War II.
- The USDA classifies a "farm" as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were, or normally would be, produced and sold during the Census year. However, the professor told me that the recent massive trend in legal medical marijuana production will not "count" as the plant is not legal on the federal level so they will ignore it for statistical purposes.
- She then conducted a significant question and answer session about farm issues, which disclosed a high level of interest from all the Kiwanians attending. Thank you, Professor Redmount for the interesting talk.

TONIGHT'S WINNERS!
Dime&1/2 Pot-Fred B. **Big HELLO**- Bill S. **Big\$\$\$** - Ernie A.

Upcoming Programs—
June 21— Professor Kristina Lybecker from CC on International Trade

Greeters June 21, 2010:
Lou Carpenter and Jay Pretzer

