



THE PIKES PEAK CLUB
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It took less than one month into her presidency for quick study **Sam Rush-Walton** to fall into the usual pattern of saving fines and making the VP run the meeting in her absence. Today, under the seasoned leadership of Vice President **Skip Hale**, a large crowd of club members assembled at the chop house for fellowship, good food or at least to get a break from the rain.

Mike Verble asked us to join together to give thanks for our fellowship and good health, and for His help and guidance in our lives.

Steve Alexander led us in the pledge.

Guests – Yes you read it right, **Steve Alexander** visiting from California, was our guest today. He informed us that he has been away for 40 weeks and is anxious to move back. On a side bar, he has completed his 12th novel.

Announcements

Rod Wells will be organizing a Scholarship Committee meeting in the next few weeks.

Dana Franzen reviewed the “highlights” last night’s board meeting. The first announcement was in regards with Rocky Mountain Sertoma’s request that we join them in their “Rose Sale” fund raiser. The board decided that we will not join in on this project as a club, but if any individuals would like to participate individually, we have the contact information so you may order your flowers.

The board is looking into a specific, significant project that would probably last for a couple of years, with *Ronald McDonald House of Southern Colorado*. This project would involve a monetary as well as a volunteer commitment. More on this one to come in the future.

While still holding the floor, **Dana** announced that the board has decided to give to *Seeds Café*, \$200.00/month for the next year as a sponsorship to help them meet their operating funds. It was also suggested that we may organize an impromptu volunteer day at the café for anyone interested and that we may meet there for a lunch meeting in weeks to come.

Skip Hale also announced that the board had decided to not sponsor the Honor Flight project.

Business Notes – none

Kulture

Rod Wells, on a more “cultural” note, informed us about the discovery of Sabra’s brother’s remains. Her brother’s plane and crew the “Hells Angels”, were shot down without a trace in WWII. There were only five survivors. They have discovered, through extensive research that a Burial Site and Memorial in Poland has been found, honoring this flight and crew. **Rod** and Sabra plan to visit this memorial soon. Finally some closure for the family after all of these years!

Program

Our guest, **Steve Alexander**, gave us an update on what he has been doing in California. He works with *Mission Essential* which replicates foreign leaders and military situations for training purposes. Steve plays a Russian Broadcaster for a fake TV station that takes place during a mock war with Russia.

Most of the role players like Steve last 5 to 6 years. Steve lives in a barracks with 20 other guys. The latrine is across the way. He shares his accommodations with Shiites and Kurds, some of whom have been associated with Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden. There are only 3 Caucasians in the group.

American troops come to train for 2 weeks at a time. When the role playing begins, the Americans lose most of the time at first. They find themselves less well equipped and informed as their adversary. Over time these mock battles begin to turn in the American's favor.

Steve plans to retire from this venue and return back to the Springs so he can get back into broadcasting. He wants to come and play with us again.

Thanks for the update **Steve**. It was great to see you again.

Drawings

Small money - **Terry Zebarth**

Big Bucks – **Willie Horst** is on cookie duty.

A special note of thanks went out to **Skip Hale** for providing the warm Apple Pie with ice cream dessert as our special treat.

Dates to Remember

August 28th

Field Trip away

Meeting at the new 21C library by Chapel Hills Mall