



THE PIKES PEAK CLUB
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A fellowship serving in partnership with the regional non-profit community

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The room was almost filled to capacity today when **President Sam Rush-Walton** encouraged us to circulate and shake hands. **Rod Wells** asked us to go to God and remember those lost 13 years ago today and their families on 9-11. He asked for guidance in doing the right thing to bring justice to those responsible, and to help those fighting abroad. Finally, we were asked to remember our most recent loss, **John Whitten**, and his family.

Jim Clark led us in the pledge.

Guests

Joe Poch from *Oktoberfest* was with us today.

Nick Ragain from the “Colorado Springs Switchbacks” soccer organization was also a guest today. We heard more from both of them later on in the meeting.

----- Remembering **John**-----

In keeping with honoring a fallen member of our club, *Angela* passed around shots of Jack Daniels and Tito’s for our toast. **Mark Elliott** led the honors and we all raised a glass to **John Whitten** who was so active in our club and our community and who will be sorely missed.

Announcements

Norm Andersson has established a linkedin connection for our club.

John Poyzer recently spoke to Gay Hatler concerning the service for **John Whitten**. According to Gay, the church hosted the largest crowd for a funeral service, ever. It was also mentioned that there were in attendance many previous Sertomans that have not been with our club for quite some time.

The meeting scheduled for a field trip to the Humane Society will be scheduled possibly in October.

-----Oktoberfest ----- September 26th – 28th-----

Mark Elliott along with *Joe Poch* gave us an update on *Oktoberfest*. **Eric Scott** has volunteered to take over leadership on this project. We need to man 2 beer stations, 1 wine station, 1 station for currency exchange, and help will be needed at the entry gate. Kiwanis has agreed to fill in the Saturday (noon to 6:00 PM) shift. We therefore need to man the following shifts.

1 shift on Friday from 3:45 to 11:00 PM

1 shift on Saturday from 4:45 to 11:00 PM

1 shift on Sunday from 10:45 AM to 5:00 PM

Please sign up at next week’s club meeting or contact **Eric Scott** at eascott55@msn.com. Feel free to bring along significant others, friends and or perspective new members.

Business Notes – none

Our other guest, *Nick Ragain* is affiliated with the Colorado Springs Switchbacks (USO Pro Soccer team). He told us about their newly renovated Sand Creek stadium which is next to Sky Sox stadium. The soccer team is similar to a minor league team in baseball, only not affiliated with only one professional soccer team. They will be hosting an exhibition game on October 18th between the LA Galaxy 2 team and Arizona United. Here's where we come in. They need beer pourers for this game. They expect as many as 4000 thirsty spectators. The game begins at 5:00 PM. We are looking into whether our volunteer liquor license will be able to be utilized for another fund raiser. We will keep you posted.

Program

Rod Wells, president of the *Scholarship Committee*, passed the gavel to **Terry Zebarth** to give us an update on the Scholarship fund and to submit a plea. **John Whitten** was the treasurer for the Scholarship committee. With his passing, a new treasurer is needed. If you are interested in this position or are interested in serving on the board, please contact anyone on the committee!

Terry outlined that presently we have over \$276,000.00 in investments, more than \$20,000.00 in cash, and another \$15,000.00 in funds to mature in November. Matt Parish has done a fine job of managing our investments which tend towards the conservative side. According to how the funds were originally set up, the core of these investments need to increase by at least 6%/year.

The idea of selling the rental house in Pueblo has been circulating. The Scholarship committee and the club each spent \$20,000.00 to buy the house. It is estimated that we may be able to sell the house today at \$80,000.00. This would net about \$40,000.00 per each investor. However, the house makes more money when rented. This item may need to be addressed in the future.

The other consideration of the club and the scholarship committee concerns keep the current scholarship program going, after we are all gone. Do we set it up to go on indefinitely, or do we pass it out in one big scholarship or grant? Currently we are awarding grants to deserving students at UCCS and Pikes Peak Community College. Each institution get \$3000.00/year.

The final action today was to add **Mark Elliott** and **Rod Wells** to the signature card on the accounts. **Terry Zebarth** made the motion and **Mike Cimino** seconded it. ----- It passed.

Drawings

Small money - **Mark Elliott**

Big Bucks – **Frank Dowis** is on cookie duty.

Dates to Remember

September 18th
September 26th – 28th

regular membership meeting Chop House
Oktoberfest Sky Sox Stadium, see times above to volunteer