



Richmond Kiwanis



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March 26, 2013 Kiwanis: " Changing the world one child and one community at a time."

J. McCarter, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at the 19th Hole Restaurant by President Marti Cowherd with 19 members present. Our traditional opening agenda went as follows: **John Richardson** led the song; **Nathan Preston** led the Pledge and **Ron Brohammer** the Prayer.

Announcements: JoEllen donated back her winnings from last week's pot to the Back-Pack program. Marti gave a brief summary of the Governor's Conference held Saturday at Finnegan's Restaurant in NKC. The four pictured below attended. JoEllen, Sara, Marti and Jerry.



Other announcement was by President Marti telling about the Raytown Trivia Contest coming up soon.

More information will follow about this event.

Sergeant at Arms, Bob Swfford assessed the following fines:

Missed Meetings: Nathan, Troy, Judge and Sheryl. (Sheryl's was paid for by Vickie.)

Took a trip: Nathan and Emily Hicks.

Anniversary: JoEllen's 61st Wedding Anniversary.

Last one in: Marti Cowherd

Other fines: **Ron Brohammer** for encouraging us to vote Tuesday, April 2nd.

Ron also advised about the Drive for the School sponsored by Ford Motor Company to be held April 20th.

Jerry for laughing at "The Newsy Twins".

Today's 50/50 lotto winner was: Nathan Preston.

The March program Chair, **Vickie McGinnis** introduced our guest speakers, member **Josh McCray**, **Key Club Sponsor at Richmond High School** and the **High School Principal, John Parker**. Mr. Parker talked about several things including the good job Josh was doing as a first year teacher teaching mostly freshman courses and sponsoring the Richmond Key Club. He also thanked the Kiwanis Club for helping with the High School Back Pack Program.

Mr. Parker explained why the back-pack program was so important. First, he pointed out that an unbelievable number of the students were being raised by grand parent or a single parent. He said he knew of five students who did not live with the student's father OR mother. Mr. Parker advised that he is emphasizing the positive and does a newsletter telling of the GOOD things happening at school by the students and staff. The "Good News Friday" paper handed out to the students on each Monday for the student to take home to their parents. This practice sound like a powerful tool to encourage students and staff to be positive.

Mr. Parker, talked about the number of students enrolled at the La-Ray Vocational School in Lexington is presently 64. **Thanks Principal Parker for sharing with us today at Kiwanis.**

