



Richmond Kiwanis



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March 27, 2012 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 Vickie McGinnis with 22 members present. Also present were four Key Club Members, 2012-13 Officers: President, Kelsey Knutter, Vice President, Christina Cravens, Secretary, Jordan Lee, and Brogan Estes, Treasurer.



Levan Thurman led the song; Ed Hughes led the Pledge and Bruce Taylor the Prayer.

- **Announcements:** City Wide Clean-up is scheduled for April 28th. The Kiwanis will be responsible for Spartan Drive from Main Street north to the bridge. More information to follow.
- Justin Persell will be attending Boy's State as our representative this year.
- Redhead Express, which we are all familiar with, will be performing April 7th at the Jones Country Opry with their show starting at 7 pm.
- Tuesday, April 3rd is the date we pass the hat for the "Back-Pack project.
- Bob Bond advised all that we need to keep the Jackson Family in our prayers as Janie has been diagnosed with advanced cancer issues.

Sergeant At Arms Report: Bob Swafford fined the following:

Missed Meeting: Jim Rippy, Bruce Taylor, Judge Miller and Phillip Powers.

Name/Picture in Paper: Jerry McCarter

Badge Violation: Vickie McGinnis

Birthday: Alice Neely (39th) plus or minus.

Bragging Rights: Shannon Wollard, Great Family Reunion

Announcement: Jim Rippy advised that he will be on duty every Thursday at 9 am to assist veterans with filing for disability issues.

Other: JoEllen Dale for giving misleading information in her column about the Mason's fish fry. Bruce Taylor for leaving early.

Program Chair for March, Patty Walker introduced our guest speaker for today. Elizabeth Weng, "Farmgirl" of the Rocky Creek Valley Farm. This is an agricultural and educational center of her creation just north of Rayville MO.



Our guest, we observed, is as a serious gardener who claims not to be an organic farmer but uses many of their principles of organic farming plus many principles of her own creation learned from experience. She has 37 garden spots plus nine raised beds for flowers, herbs and vegetables. She uses no fertilizers. (I don't know what I would do without my triple 13 fertilizer.) Instead she uses worms, manure and compost. She also raises chickens and they assist not just with the egg department but also clean the adult plants of the bugs and creepy, crawly things.

This is what I call a very timely program with most of us chomping at the bits wanting to get out in the garden and get our hands dirty.....

planting our "maters and taters".

Thanks for the wonderful, timely program Patty.

**Today's Lotto Winner was: Key Clubber
Jordan Lee**