

McMinnville Noon Kiwanis  
Thursday January 5, 2012

- President Elect Stan Sherman welcomed us to the first meeting of the New Year
- Mike Rice danced over the ivories as we sang our two traditional songs
- Jim Ragsdale led us in a moment of silence for our lost Kiwanian Francis Charbonnier and read the official Kiwanis Memorial Resolution in his honor. A copy of the Resolution will be given to his family

Only one guest today, Tommy Patterson, with member application in hand and the nephew of Sandy Colvin

Happy Dollars:

- Eric – The Greatest Rose Bowl ever
- Linda F – thankful for the work of the Community Service Committee in all the work they did to make 9 families very happy this past holiday season
- Eric – working the best Cheese Lady anywhere
- AnneDear – Go Ducks
- Alice – The McMinnville Library Centennial celebration coming up – great article in the News Register
- Delores – will be attending the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Walnut City Kiwanis
- Natalie – proud of 1<sup>st</sup> grader that knew that  $7 + 7 = 14$  because it's a football score
- Marlena – happy and said – many times over for many reason, but in the end – HAPPY

Cheese Wagon Report:

- Jacob reported this was the best cheese wagon year ever with over \$24K in revenue and \$17K from the wagon alone. They made 5 trips to Tillamook for more product and hope next year that they can fine tune the traveling piece. Crowned appropriately with her very own Cheese Crown was our own Heidi who alone sold over \$2K in cheese – a round of applause for our Heidi

Adopt a Highway Update

- The sign up sheet was passed around and as of right now we have 16 members willing to find the wind, rain, and whatever other weather we may encounter on Saturday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM – we are meeting at the parking lot of Rice Furniture. Thank you everyone who signed up – your help and teamwork is much appreciated.

The monthly gift for the raffle will be at club next week – all proceeds from this raffle go to our General fund – the same place our Happy Dollars go – these two items are about the only income the General fund has to help pay for conferences, and conventions,. The spending of this fund is at the discretion of the Board.

OK – now for our presentation by our own Landis Reed. His topic was Cracking the Code – Medical Coding in the World of Healthcare.

Landis has been in “coding” for 9 years and is still learning every day. He works at Salem Memorial in a growing field of medicine which uses two US standardized code systems.

Pre 1982 there was not much going on in this area, it was fairly simple but Post 1982 it is very fast paced and changes frequently. I think it best that I just list the highlights of my notes as it is a most complicated subject matter and our speaker presented it extremely well, but my brain does not think like his ☺

- US adopted the ICD version 01 in 1898
- 1948 ICD version 06 was adopted
- US adopted ICD 09 in 1977 and again been tweaked with more changes expected
- There are over 17,000 codes – oh my ☺
- 7800 CPT codes using the current procedures and terminology – the higher the code the more time and skill that is needed to use the correctly
- These codes are essential for the reimbursement process thru insurance companies and the policy holder
- These codes are also used for statistical analysis – benchmarking – population health and research
- The codes tell the story of the health of the patient today from admittance to discharge.
- The average clinic visit will have 2 – 5 codes
- ER will have 2 – 10 codes
- Outpatient surgery – 5 – 15 codes
- Inpatient stay or surgery could have unlimited codes
- Government agencies monitor the codes and updates are made in October of each year with implementation by the AMA on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of each year
- Coders work for: acute care hospitals – skilled nursing and rehab centers – law firms – physicians offices – medical clinics – surgery centers – this is a growing and many more coders are going to be made now and in the future
- Coders number one job is for reimbursement, nothing more, nothing less. Reviews all documentation and be able to communicate with all the medical personnel – IT – billing office for any clarifications.
- It does take human interaction to decipher human actions

Raffle was won by Rick McVoy - \$19.00 big bucks today