

## **Minutes from the Year 1944**

The month of April, 1944; four Kiwanians from Grand Junction Colorado, came to Glenwood Springs to investigate the possibilities of forming a Kiwanis Club in this city. Everett Oetken had just recently moved from Grand Junction to Glenwood Springs so he and John Schutte, Jack Mitchell and several other fellows were contacted to see if they were interested in having a Kiwanis Club in this City. These men were to follow up and contact others and would again be visited by the Grand Junction group two weeks hence.

At the termination of the two week period, the afore mentioned men reported to the Grand Junction Group that they had contacted about twelve or fifteen prospective members who had expressed a desire to organize such a club in Glenwood Springs.

In about a week a field man from Kiwanis International came into Glenwood and signed a total of twenty-six members.

The next stage was an organizational meeting held at the Hotel Denver. Mr. Roger Greenman was elected the first President of this group for the balance of the year. Mr. Greenman was a former Kiwanian from Los Animas, Colo.

The program for the balance of this year was helping the U.S.O., helping sell War Bonds, and build a financial reserve for the club. In order to do the latter, the club members helped Everett Oetken clean the floor of his garage, move equipment and so arrange the establishment that a dance could be held as there was no other place available in town. There were two dances held here with a profit of nearly three-hundred dollars.

Potential programs discussed by the new Kiwanians during this year included "Seeding the local Football Field", "Organizing a paper drive," and "Building and installing street signs in the city".

### **November 14, 1944**

The Charter night Banquet was held in the basement of St. Stephens Catholic Church, with an attendance of around seventy people, including a delegation from Grand Junction.

Other meeting places for this first year was the Sample room of the Hotel Denver (A small room in the basement of the Hotel reserved for Salesmen to display their wares,) where Dutch Lunches were served, the Owl Cafe and Coryell's Restaurant.