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This week we welcomed Jean L. Embry- she holds two master's degrees and published "Pieces of the Puzzle" in 2007. She is a professor at Paine College.



The speaker's 1st story concerned a teen who was frustrated by adults who just didn't understand. She worked at the check out line in a grocery store. One day, a child seeing her frustration, gave her a pebble to hold. Holding the pebble and rubbing it gave her a sense of peace, that all was right with the world. After she became a successful adult, working in Washington, she kept the pebble on a stand at her desk, and it continued to sooth her in times of stress. The world is good.

Her second story related a faceoff between a yuppie in a BMW and a cowboy. A yuppie in his new sports car, with silk shirt and Yves St. Laurent tie, drove up to a cowboy in the fields. He asked if he could have one of the cows if he was able to tell the cowboy how many cattle there were in the fields. The cowboy, spitting tobacco, agreed. The yuppie whipped out his smartphone, pulled satellite images of the fields, fed them through analysis software, sent the analysis off and generated a 150 page report, indicating there were 1587 cows. The cowboy agreed that was the number of cows in the fields, so the yuppie selected his cow, and with much effort, muscled it into the car. As the yuppie prepared to leave, the cowboy made a similar challenge. If he could guess the business of the yuppie, he would earn back the cow. The yuppie agreed. The cowboy said, "You must be a congressman." The yuppie, surprised, asked how he knew. The cowboy said "You showed up here unwanted, made every effort to show that you are smarter than me, and you don't know a thing about cows." "Give back my dog!" was the last comment.

The third story presented a girl who speaks with God as she prepares for school. The story, in which she asks if God likes each of the things she is doing or eating, is meant to reflect the habit of children in speaking with God. In the conclusion, her mom meets her at the car and takes her to school.

The fourth story, titled "A Bell for Adonis," is an ancient story with a moral. There once lived a King who had a nice chapel but no bell. He asked his advisors why there wasn't one. The replied that bells were expensive and took a long time to move over the mountains from where they were made. The king insisted it could be done, and it was. A beautiful bell was made, arrived in the town and placed. The king noticed there was no rope for the bell, making it difficult to ring. He declared that until the rope was made and brought, the bell would be used only for emergencies. At last the rope arrived; by that time, everyone was used to the bell being rung only in times of emergencies. After some years, the rope was worn down and breaking. The king, seeing this, asked the local vintners to supply grape vine for the rope, which they did. During the years the bell was used, there also was a soldier who was such a good fighter that he amassed wealth and power. His horse, Adonis, was a valiant steed that carried him through many battles and was a source of pride. After the soldier gained power and wealth, however, he began to focus on that wealth. At first, he bought castles. Later, he changed all his wealth into gold and retreated into a cave near the kings home to focus entirely on counting his gold. After some years, Adonis was sorely neglected and the soldier a recluse. Adonis, starving, with mangy tail and ribs showing, came to the cave of the soldier and kicked on the walls. The soldier, irritated, drove the horse away. Desperate, the horse roamed to the kings home and found there the rope made from tasty grape vines, with leaves still attached. As he pulled and tugged at the rope, the bell began to ring, bringing the villagers and the king. Seeing the condition of the horse, and knowing its history, the king summoned the soldier. As punishment for his neglect of the horse, the king took all the gold to use for the benefit of the horse and the village.

The final story was about Tiny, the St. Bernard owned by a college girl. The girl has long had Tiny by her side, even stretching the rules to have the dog stay with her in her dorm, though he sometimes wakes others with his enormous bark. When she meets a young man, they decide to marry. Her wedding present is to be a rafting trip. She assumes the dog will go with them on the trip, but the husband objects, fearing the dog will be too large for the raft. Over time, she wears him down, and they take the dog. As they and their rafting guide push the raft into the water, storm clouds gather, and soon a heavy rain starts. The weather becomes so bad they can not see the rocks in the water, and the raft overturns. The young woman ends up on one side of the river and her husband and the guide on the other. There is no sign, however, of Tiny. Desperate, the woman calls repeatedly for the dog. The guide leads them to warmth and shelter at a local cabin, but she continues making trips outside to call for the dog until she feels his paws on her shoulder and hears his giant bark. All reunite at the raft, which Tiny saved, and make it back to safety.

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Greeters

1st Tuesday Tom Altizer
2nd Tuesday Wm Jackson
3rd Tuesday Levi Hill
4th Tuesday Roy Krouse
5th Tuesday Phil Hydrick

Door PRIZE ROLLOVER – LETS ALL PLAY ½ POT ½ DRAWING!

COMMITTEE BULLETIN BOARD!

Door Prize ½ and ½- last week the winner was present but unprepared – remember you must be present to win and be eligible to win –wearing your Kiwanis pin and badge!

Membership! Keep on inviting new prospective members! **Fundraising!**



YET?

➤ **Let's all dig through our closets for items to donate to supplement our fund raising activities – It's easy! Bring your items to each meeting.**

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