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Today's speaker was Raul Rodriguez — Kings of Wrap

You may be thinking this is the Raul Rodriguez that worked in the process packing department of Bowes a few years ago. Or, maybe the Raul Rodriguez who was at Intel since the mid 1990s. Well, actually today's speaker was the Raul Rodriguez that received a degree from the graphic arts institute in Boston; the husband to Sandra for the past 31 short years and the father of Raul and Daniel; the father-in-law to Tina and the grandfather of Abraham...Yes, that Raul Rodriguez. Graphic Designer Raul started his own business a couple of years ago so he could use those talents in a more gratifying manner. He has been covering things up ever since. Kings of Wrap products involve a suction type material that adheres to almost anything. Their process results in a very durable and substantially graffiti -proof surface. They have covered boats, cars (screaming fancy cars, general drive around cars, police cars and race cars), Jeeps, RVs, pick-up trucks, delivery trucks, food trucks, football helmets and lunch wagons. They have installed logos and decorative murals on airplanes, buildings and vehicles. They have even redesigned a garage into an all out man-cave (or in this specific case—a girl cave). Raul displayed pictures of some amazing creations. You can check out a few on their company website www.thekingsofwrap.com The materials actually preserves the underlying surface and when the wraps are removed (apparently a not too complicated task) the vehicle, or whatever, is back to the original condition with little, if any indication that the wrap existed. Raul is now expanding his business to perform their magic on architectural surfaces as well. Using similar materials and processes, they are able to get the same great results when covering cabinets, desks, meeting room walls, lobbies, and pretty much whatever you like. Very interesting and amazing work. Congratulations to Mark Tobiassen, winner of Raul's drawing good for \$1000 toward a wrap from the Kings. If you would like to take advantage of the services of the Kings of Wrap, give Raul a call at 505-892-1983. My wife has already asked how flexible that material is. She is thinking about having me wrapped back to the look of that youngster she married long ago. I might even go along with it if I could be sure that when the warranty ended in 15 or 20 years, she could peel off the material and see the surface in its "original condition" again. Raul has more realistic ideas on what you can do and he designs much better products. Give him a call 505-892-1983.

◆ Second announcement of a prospective member:

DRB Electric — Electrical Contractor category

Representative: D. Randy Baker - Owner

Sponsor: Dale Armstrong

◆ First announcement of a prospective member:

Farmers Insurance — Insurance category

Representative: Patrick Kellerman

Sponsor: Don Clark

If you have any objection to either of these companies becoming a member, or if you have any information that you feel should be considered in the application review process, please contact Membership Committee Chairman, Jack Zipper as soon as possible.

◆ EAGA Board meeting right after our breakfast this coming Tuesday, August 12th.

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EAGA

Business Leads:

CIGAR LOUNGE opening at 10200 Golf Course Road NW

YOGA studio opening at 6100 Coors NW

DYNAMIC TAEKWONDO ACADEMY opening at 5850 Eubank NE

DON DINERO auto loans, etc. has opened at the SW corner of 4th and Menaul

C/R RECOVERY COACHES opening at 2325 San Pedro NE

JEFFERSON DELI is opening at 5659 Jefferson NE (was Sandwich Time)

- Lionel Specter - Zeon Signs

Reciprocity:

None written down today.

- ◆ There will not be a meeting the first Tuesday in September (Sept 2nd) because of the Labor Day holiday.
- ◆ Susan Craig, Executive Director of New Mexico Sports Inc. spoke briefly about KidsFirstNM.org. Susan was UNM Women's Softball coach for many years prior to her retirement in 2002. Today she talked about her current work with an organization devoted to assisting homeless children to become involved in athletic programs; such as those provided at high schools and middle schools in the Albuquerque area. There are 6,000 to 7,000 homeless children in Albuquerque. They are in every part of the city and are in every high school. Their situation presents an incredible set of obstacles in their lives. Susan's organization attempts to bolster the kids' self esteem and offer them an opportunity for a positive growing experience through participation in sports. The organization provides athletic shoes, equipment, clothing and participation fees to those children. If you are interested in assisting the program contact Ms. Craig via telephone 505-259-2837 or via email susan@newmexicosports.org.

◆ Last bulletin's puzzle answer:

1st, Muller, Carmen, cola

2nd, Johnson, Hans, gingerale

3rd, Petit, Andy, soda

4th, La Rue, Marcella, ice

5th, Weiss, Paul, cocktail

Badge Board Greeters

Aug 12th Don Clark — ABQ 1

Aug 19th Mark Tobiassen — Action Coach Business Coaching

Aug 26th

Sept 2nd NO MEETING - Labor Day Holiday

Upcoming Speakers

Aug 12th Soren Thomsen — TEMA

Aug 19th Ken Easley — Empire Builders

Aug 26th

Sept 2nd NO MEETING - Labor Day Holiday

Sept 9th

Sept 16th

Sept 23rd Kevin Lorenzen — Aflac

Sept 30th James Jaramillo — Coba Investments