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Today's speaker was Dave Giddens - Law Office of George "Dave" Giddens



Mr. Giddens grew up in Cimarron, Kansas. Cimarron is the Gray County Seat; a community on the move. Steadily increasing in population - from about 1200 in the early 1990s, to over 2000 at last count. In 2001 they even added a nine hole golf course that is very easy to find. Per the town's published directions "... go to the north city limits and turn immediately north of the City Water Tower". Apparently Dave accurately predicted the potential of Cimarron when he chose to leave to attend the Air Force Academy. He worked hard to receive an appointment to that institution, but "within a few seconds of arriving" he knew that somewhere else was the place for him. After his first A.F.A. semester, Dave moved on to the University of Kansas. He stayed there for more

than a semester, earning a degree in Personnel Administration, a Juris Doctor degree, and his lifetime Jayhawk enthusiast credentials. After passing the bar exam, Dave immediately began practicing law. Something about a slip and fall on an icy Kansas day; a hard landing and a forever associated with Kansas pain in the rear, resulted in Dave's moving to Roswell in 1981; then to Albuquerque in 1987. By October 1997, he determined that he had practiced enough in someone else's business and it was now 'game time' for his own. He purchased a computer, installed a business phone line and reduced his daily home-to-office commute time to about 95 seconds. A year later, his wife, Elizabeth, determined that a longer commute time would be good for Mr. Giddens, so they mutually agreed that the house would be reclaimed as a home/family residence, and Law Office of George "Dave" Giddens would have its own, separate address. Speaking of family, George and Elizabeth were married in 1995. She operates her own business named Green Tag, Inc. There are two sons, and now two daughters-in-law as well. Son Chris has retired from the Hot-Shot Firefighter life and is now upwardly mobile with Geico Insurance in Tucson. His wife is attending Nursing School there as well. They still bicycle around the country when they can—like last year's ride from Oregon to Maine via Yellow Stone and Pueblo. Son John received an architectural degree from UNM in 2010. He and his wife, after a brief freelance-life in the Boston area, are now living happily in Denver. Dave's professional family consists of 4 lawyers and 6 support staff. The Giddens firm specializes in bankruptcy law; all aspects of it. Whether debtor or creditor work; foreclosures; discharges; insolvency; eligibility determination and progress through Chapters 7, 11, 12, 13; commercial collections and creditor's rights. They also do a substantial amount of work in the bankruptcy related areas like real estate, business entity formation and reorganization; loan workouts and farming/agricultural law. Dave and his crew offer individualized representation customized for the specific personal circumstances and situation. Nearly 99% of bankruptcies are the result of a catastrophic event. The firm's professional and concerned attorneys assist the affected individuals through the process and back into a functioning part of the economy, while always maintaining proper respect for all components of the system that was established in 1776 via Article 1 of the Constitution. Here is where we hope that you never have to call Dave at 505-271-1053 for personal bankruptcy issues. You can, however, probably use that phone number if you want to discuss the upcoming Jayhawk basketball season; get first-hand advice on keeping your head from sun burning through the vent holes of your bicycle helmet; or if you want to order a loaf of home made bread or other baked goods from Dave's side interest/hobby.

- ♦ EAGA Open House Event—August 25th at Rader Awning - 4100 S Paseo Del Norte NE. About 15 minutes from breakfast at Tanoan. Take Paseo Del Norte to Jefferson; South on Jefferson; Right on Tiburon St. that changes to El Pueblo Road; then about half mile on the left. Dan plans on starting about 8:30. Come to the event and see how Dan and his group make awnings, covers or whatever the heck else they do. 505-856-2000 for directions, if you get lost.
- ♦ There will not be a meeting on September 8th, because of the Labor Day Holiday.

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None written down today

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- ♦ Shotgun raffle will be September 15th. It is possible that the winning ticket is still in TJ's stash. If you give him \$5, TJ will give you one of the remaining tickets. If you purchase 5 tickets, TJ will give you the EAGA 20% discount, so you only pay \$100.
- ♦ The Jim Fanning Memorial Trap Shoot will be Friday, September 25th at the Albuquerque Trap Club. There was discussion about changing that week's breakfast to coincide with the Friday event, however the final decision is that there will not be a change in the breakfast schedule. Normal Tuesday breakfast meeting at Tanoan on September 22nd. The Trap Shoot event will still involve burritos, donuts, coffee, guns, shells and a very good time.
- ♦ There is still an opportunity for you to celebrate some remaining August holidays. Already gone are National Watermelon Day (Aug 3rd); Wiggle Your Toes Day (Aug 6th); National Light House Day (Aug 7th); Middle Child Day (Aug 12th); Relaxation Day (Aug 15th); and Bad Poetry Day (Aug 18th). Don't let the rest pass you by.

August 21st National Senior Citizens Day. On this day, we are encouraged to recognize and show appreciation for the value and contribution of elderly people to home, family and society.

August 22nd Be an Angel Day encourages us to do acts of kindness, and to help others.

August 23rd Ride the Wind Day is a carefree day to soar above the earth

August 25th The next EAGA breakfast meeting / Rader Awning Open House event

August 26th National Dog Day is to honor dogs, and to rescue dogs from homelessness and abuse

August 30th National Marshmallow Toasting Day Self explanatory

Badge Board Greeters

Aug 25th	Phil Kenny - Trucks Unique
Sept 1st	Jeff Sakamoto - Heritage Hotels & Resorts
Sept 8th	No Meeting - Labor Day Holiday
Sept 15th	Dave Giddens - Law Office of George "Dave" Giddens
Sept 22nd	Robert Biernacki - Waterquest Landscaping
Sept 29th	Kevin Lorenzen - Aflac

Upcoming Speakers

Aug 25th	Troy Otero - Groundhog Excavating
Sept 1st	John Menicucci - Berger Briggs Real Estate
Sept 8th	No Meeting - Labor Day Holiday
Sept 15th	
Sept 22nd	Glen Millican - UNM Head Golf Coach
Sept 29th	