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Today's presentation was by David Giddens — Giddens, Gatton and Jacobus, PC



Our speaker today used to be the representative for the Law Firm George “Dave” Giddens, P.C. However, since January of this year, Dave no longer belongs to a firm with that name. (No. The old firm didn't go bankrupt. That would be sort of weird). The law firm just changed its name to better recognize the current ownership. They are now known as Giddens, Gatton & Jacobus, P.C. Or as the young rappers might say, “Double G J comma P C”. Dave is a Kansas native. He grew up in Cimarron; a small community of about 1,300 folks just 15 miles west of Dodge City. Throughout his growing up years, Dave wanted to be an Air Force Guy. He worked hard to earn an appointment to the Air Force Academy - which he did receive. After graduating from high school, Mr. Giddens headed to the Academy to begin an Air Force relationship that lasted nearly 180 days. It was after those many long hours of not so deep thought when he determined that possibly an AF career was not the best thing for him. Dave instead moved to the University of Kansas, where he earned an undergraduate degree; and where he stayed to work toward a Law Degree. A couple of years into that process, the tail of Mr. Giddens was sorely introduced to the ice of Kansas and he was no longer keen on living in God's Country. Probably standing more than sitting through the remaining courses, Dave received his Law Degree in 1983 and immediately headed west to reside in another ex-Air Force location, Roswell NM. He did some lawyer things in that community for about 6 years before moving to Albuquerque. After a few years working for another firm, Mr. Giddens started his own in 1997, and now nearly 19 years later, he has brought in additional talented attorneys (Christopher Gatton and Jesse Jacobus) to share ownership of Double G J comma PC. The Law Firm currently consists of 5 lawyers and 7 support staff. They constantly strive to be a positive influence in every situation; providing their legal services with integrity, compassion and respect. Their primary services include bankruptcy law (representing either side); Creditor/Debtor litigation; and Employment Law (representing the Plaintiff). Dave and his staff are quite involved in the community as well. In that regard, they are currently working on an event where the proceeds will be contributed to the YWCA Henderson House - a place that provides much needed shelter, food and career training for female veterans who have returned from serving our country. The event, titled *A Night At The Ritz*, will be from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM on Saturday, September 10th, at Tanoan Country Club. In addition to the dinner and glamorous atmosphere, the evening will include a silent auction. The goal is to raise \$5,000 for the organization, and contributions can be made via purchasing tickets to the event, or a general donation. Either can be accomplished by calling 505-271-1053. That is the phone number for the office of Giddens, Gatton and Jacobus, P.C., and it is where to call if you would like to speak to Dave about any of the legal services that they offer. When you speak to Dave, you will be speaking to a lawyer that has been recognized as Best of The Bar, and as a Southwest Super Lawyer. He apparently knows his stuff, and practices law in a knowledgeable, professional and reputable manner. Mr. Giddens is a good source of information on bankruptcy law, whether someone you know is looking for assistance, or you would just like to know more about the subject. It has also been more than 35 years since the banged rear incident, so Dave may now be ready to discuss the many happier recollections of growing up in the great state of Kansas.

- ◆ Today we presented Past President, Nick Minetos with a plaque representing our appreciation for his service to our organization. The recognition is well deserved — as is the Milton Berle joke book that Nick received from Phil Kenny. The award was timely and sincere...the book was just about six months too late to save us.

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Business Leads:

None written down today

Reciprocity:

If you have a membership at Pro Source please call Dan Mowery 505-480-8526.

Thank you to Jerry Becker - Steamatic for the great service—Jack Zipper

Thank you to: Damian and his son for the northeast heights roofing job referral.

To Brock Carter for the re-roof of brother & sister-in-law's house and possibly another job

To Terry Roberts for two roofing jobs, including his Dad's house.

Bill Elliott—AAA Roofing

- ◆ President Mark reiterated his goals for this term: 1) Run an above the line presidency...see last week's bulletin for an explanation. 2) Add 10 new quality members. 3) Create more abundance among members.

His thoughts for today: Harvard school of business has conducted a 25 year long study with the conclusion that 70% of us have no expressed goals; 27% have verbal goals; and 3% have written goals; That latter 3% account for 98% of our wealth. The act of putting the goals on paper actually aids in the accomplishment of those goals. The process of writing the thoughts, and constantly revisiting them, fires the Reticular Activating System of your brain (RAS), which causes your sub-consciousness to become more involved in encouraging the activities that the RAS has determined to be important. Those encouragements then contribute to accomplishing the goals.

- ◆ Our Board of Directors, for the next six months:

Nick Minetos— Chairman

Mark Tobiassen—President

Phil Houser—Vice President

Jerry Becker—Treasurer

Robert Biernacki—Member

David Rodriguez—Member

Kyle Tidmore—Member

Soren Thomsen—Member

If you have any concerns, or thoughts for ways to improve our organization, please discuss them with any of these gentlemen.

- ◆ Please note that there are available slots for Greeter. A lot of available slots. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated, and you will have an opportunity to shake the hand of 60 to 80 of the greatest gentlemen in our community. No monetary contribution required.

Badge Board Greeters

July 26th

Aug 2nd

Aug 9th

Aug 16th

Aug 23rd

Upcoming Speakers

July 26th Jeff Sakamoto—Heritage Hotels

Aug 2nd Rob Thomas—New Mexico Dream Center

Aug 9th Adam Halpern—Dental Cooperative

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