



October 26, 2021

We meet every Tuesday of the month from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Fort Collins, CO Senior Center on Raintree Drive.

Coffee & Donuts at 8:30 a.m

Our mission

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child, one community at a time.

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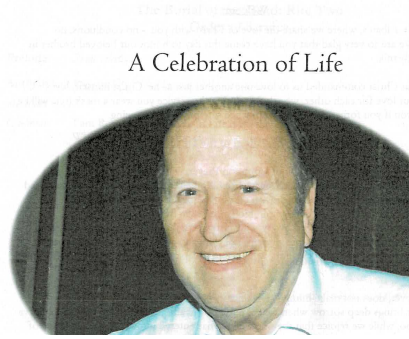
DEADLINE is Wednesday for next week's issue.

| OFFICERS | PROGRAMS | MEETING PRAYER | COMMITTEES |
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| PRESIDENT Bill See | Today: Wil Stutheit , Some Reflections on the 30s and 40s, assisted by Tom Trebon | Today: Ken Tharp Nov 2: Don Edminster | HOUSE Perry Irons Don Edminster |
| PRESIDENT-ELECT Mark Tobin | Future Programs | BIRTHDAYS: | COMMUNITY SERVICE |
| PAST PRESIDENT Bill Tosch | Nov 2: Jenny Strange , Matthews House | Oct 27: John Brubaker | Mike Martin Stu Hirai |
| SECRETARY Brent Reeves | Nov 9: Joe Siple , local author | ANNIVERSARIES: | FUND RAISING Mark Tobin |
| TREASURER Bob Main | | None that we know of | SPIRITUAL AIMS & WELFARE |
| DIRECTORS: (2 nd of 2 yr. term) | NEWS AND NOTICES | | Dick Toledano Bob Fromme |
| Stu Hirai Stephen Andersen Mike Martin (1st of 2 yr. term) Bill Robertson Mike Strub | An obituary for Miles Reznik is on page 2. | | MEMBERSHIP Janet Brubaker John Brubaker |
| COMMITTEES | From Tom Trebon : Fellow Kiwanians: Please consider donating a prize for our Dec 8 Christmas party. These will be available to all at the party—a “door prize” that all have opportunities to WIN! | | PROGRAMS Fred Schreckinger |
| GROCERY CARDS | The party organizers need donations of prizes—new and “almost new” items from club members, friends, and businesses. Please let Tom Trebon know if you have an item/items as prizes to help us all celebrate the holidays. | | SOCIAL Bill Woody |
| Bob Main | In accordance with Larimer County, as of October 20th, 2021, The City of Fort Collins will adopt the mandate that all patrons will be required to wear masks indoors. "The order requires that all persons aged 3 years and older wear face coverings and outlines limited exceptions, including for individuals who cannot medically tolerate a face covering." | | CHILDREN & YOUTH Kevin O'Connell Jeannie Craft |
| FOOD BANK | In case of inclement weather, check the Poudre School District web page for their closing information. The BoD says we will use their guidance on whether to hold or cancel our meetings. | | INTERNATIONAL Charles Locke |
| Bill Robertson | https://www.psdschools.org . There's a note at the top right of their main web page that indicates whether schools are open or closed. | | INTERCLUBS Bob Viscount |
| PROJECT SMILE | It's the end of the month, time to think about sending in your volunteer hours for October to Kevin and Mike. Addresses at the left. ← | | KEY CLUBS Bob Viscount |
| Kevin O'Connell Jeannie Craft | | | CHARITABLE FUNDS Stephen Andersen Dave Marvin |
| REPORTING | | | NEWSLETTER Bill Robertson |
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"Well, it's another beautiful day" In Colorado.



Miles Reznik

And it was precisely that on the morning of October 4th when Miles Reznik completed his life, having embarked on his last year to fill out a century here. He passed on at his home during his daily routine with his son Tom at his side.

A first-generation descendent of Czech immigrants, Miles was born in Pittsburgh to parents Anna and John Reznik into a family with three sisters and two brothers. He had no middle name because — as he would be more than happy to tell you on any occasion really — his family was just too poor to afford one. These were the times of the great depression, times of scarcity, where everything was tight, as were the ties between a close-knit network of family and friends living in Pittsburgh's Czech neighborhood. At times; some lines were crossed into the dubious to make ends meet, but they always did make it through those times exceedingly tough.

Miles graduated from high school in 1941, then went to Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania for two years on a basketball scholarship. And it's amazing who you can meet when bobbing for apples at a Halloween party in Pennsylvania. Her name was Betty Johnson. Something clicked when they both bit into that one apple, signaling the beginning of a journey that would continue over the many years to come.

In 1943, Miles volunteered for military service in the US Army. He first trained in high-speed radio communication, in which he rapidly excelled. Charged with managing beer and cigarettes for the officers club because he didn't drink or smoke, Miles tapped his business savvy by investing only four hundred dollars to turn operations around to profitability. His reward: a thirty-day leave, where he proposed to Betty at Niagara Falls. His only misstep was getting into trouble with the local police for "necking" in public.

After his leave, Miles returned to the military to become a paratrooper. The very first time he was ever on an airplane, he ended up jumping out of it. Financial incentives were in place as well. Paratroopers were paid an extra fifty dollars a month. The only question became: For how long? That was partially answered when he survived counting to three. Upon completing jump school and lined up at attention, they counted off. One, Two. Three. The ones become the 101st Airborne Division; the twos, the 82nd. Both were deployed to Europe, many to Normandy on D-Day. Few returned. Miles was a three, a group that became the 11th Airborne Division. He was sent to battle in the South Pacific. Standing one position to the left or right would have meant his chances of living much longer would have plummeted. Such a close call made Miles view the rest of his life as a special bonus from God. The years ahead were gravy.

When World War II ended, Miles returned in 1946 to complete his bachelor's degree at Westminster College in 1948 and marry his bride Betty on April 3rd of that year.

With a pronounced appreciation of higher education's value — for himself and for others — Miles pursued a graduate program in clinical psychology at the University of Denver in 1949 and was later awarded his master's degree in clinical psychology.

His first son David was born on April 27th, 1957, who sadly lived only briefly. The years 1962 and 1963 saw the births of his second and third sons Tom and Scott.

His career as a psychologist took Miles and his family through various stations: he worked for the State of Colorado, operated a residential vocational workshop for the mentally challenged in Minot, North Dakota, then joined Fort Logan Mental Health Institute back in Colorado — and even the Environmental Protection Agency in Denver after his formal retirement.

Oh yes, and gravy. Hailing from a generation characterized by sacrifice and scarcity, food became a focus. Food was love, a sign of celebration, signaling gratitude when times were more generous. Miles' all-time favorite food group was gravy. Anything with gravy — except chicken breast, since dark meat was his vehement preference. He had a discount coupon for everything, marked his calendar when those really good pork chops went on sale. He had been poor enough and had brushed closely enough to an untimely death to fully appreciate how rich his long life truly was. Miles never complained. His disposition was bright. His patience rivaled Job's. Miles manifested the word content. Just ask him how he was doing. He was always "ornery as ever."

Now sifting through the memories of 99 years — some accurate, some foggy, some embellished, sorted neatly into the more distant, then thrown into the whirlwind of the most recent — these all make up the mosaic that is Miles Reznik.

Seeking solace, we think comfort may always be out of reach, when it actually might be as close as a warm blanket. As Miles was fond of saying: "If they don't have these warm blankets in heaven, I'm not goin'!"

Indeed it is another beautiful day in Colorado, but now missing a focus, an anchor point in Miles Reznik, who earned his special place in heaven wrapped in his warm blanket.

Miles is survived by his son Tom; his son Scott; his granddaughters Christy, Katie, Heather, and Jenny; his great-grandchildren Lucas, Abigail, and Noah; his sisters-in-law Janet, Sharon, and Shirley, his nieces Hille and Mary, Kym and Gayle; his nephews Danny, Randy and Carter, Kenny, and Chris.

Miles was preceded in death by his wife Betty; his son David; his sisters Irene, Helen, and Patty, his brothers John and Lucky; his brother-in-law Johnny.

PGK Officers and Directors for 2021-2022



President-Elect Mark Tobin, President Bill See, Director Mike Strub, Treasurer Bob Main, Director Bill Robertson, Director Stu Hirai, Director Mike Martin, Secretary Brent Reeves, Director Stephen Andersen, District 16 Governor Lathrup Smith

WIL STUTHEIT Program speaker for Octo 26, 2021

Born 1927 in Denver West
Father from Colorado; Mother from Iowa

Spouse Geri; m in 1950; d 2018; m 68yrs
2 boys; 2 girls; 2 grandchildren

Military Service: merchant marine 1944-45; US Army 1946-48; Army reserves 1948-51; Army 1951-1953 (Korea)

Education: UColo Greeley/BA education; MS education admin

Elementary school teacher; elem & high school principal; Littleton district education administration

Joined Kiwanis in Littleton 1956; moved to Ft Collins and Kiwanis in 1991; 20yrs as member in Poudre Golden K

PGK Kiwanis Meeting – October 19, 2021 – Proceedings

32 members present and 1 guest

Pres. Bill See, at 9:00 AM, opened the PGK meeting at the Senior Center and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Don Edminster** led PGK members in a prayer. **See** thanked door monitors **Bill Woody** and **Burr Bridge**. Next week's monitors are: **Burr Bridge** and **Tom Trebon**.

See asked if guests were present; **Ken Tharp's** wife, **Marty**, was noted.

See inquired as to the Welfare of members – **See** noted the recent funeral of **Miles Reznik** and commented on his surprise at various aspects of Reznik's life that one only learns from an obituary. **See** suggested that each PGK member fill out a card with special or funny information one would not expect others to know and allow the information to be related to membership in order to increase our general knowledge of membership and gain a greater appreciation of our PGK family.

Secretary's report – **Brent Reeves** – The short report noted Birthdays or Anniversaries for this week; Birthdays, October 23, Don Edminster, Fergy Ferguson, and Vicky McLane (Bob Viscount), and no Anniversaries.

Treas. Report – **Bob Main** reported that only 4 of the anticipated 49 PGK members have not paid dues yet. Again, he will encourage these potential members to pay.

See asked for Special Announcements and Committee Reports. **Woody** (Social Chair) reported that the Christmas party will cost \$ 50/person, that a signup sheet is now available, that the menu will include either chicken, beef, or vegan, and that a covid vaccination will be required of all participants. **Trebon**, remembering his and his wife's experience at the Summer Picnic, noted that the party will be a great social opportunity for meeting other PGK members and learning about other families. He suggested a drawing for door prizes and requested some suggestions and donations from local businesses. **Dave Marvin** reminded members of Vet Day Breakfast (Thursday, Nov. 11) where about 150 tickets will be available so PGK will need about 34 volunteers for various shifts (beginning at 5:30 for the breakfast cooking shift). **Wil Stutheit** tabulated from 1991 the number of PGK members who are no longer with us – 131 have died. **Jeannie Craft** reported that Coats and Boots is progressing with coats going to Putnam school and expressed thanks to PGK for support of this program.

At about 9:23 **Fred Schrekinger** (Program Chair) recognized **Dennis Chapin** who introduced **Bret Cummock**, Project Engineer for the Research Support Facility (RSF) at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden. Cummock summarized his role in constructing the RSF, which, according to the web site presents "... how the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory used a performance-based design-build contract process to build one of the most energy efficient office buildings in the world". **Cummock** spoke on the history, development and construction and operation of the buildings and parking facilities at NREL as well as several of the specific projects currently underway. **Cummock** presented an overview of the campus with diagrams and fly-overs, noting the current budget of about \$500 million/yr, emphasizing the efficiency of the buildings and how construction methods and efficiency can be ported to general construction of "green buildings" in other locations. Although the presentation ended at 9:58, an informal and protracted Q&A followed the presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Submitted by: **F Brent Reeves**, Secretary, PGK Kiwanis

Witticisms offered by Tom Trebon

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.

Just remember, once you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

When I was a kid, I wanted to be older. This is not what I expected.

So, if a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?

Mark Tobin sent these along for our entertainment

I think the real reason this generation is so angry is because their music sucks.

We think we're so much smarter these days, but 50 years ago the owners manual told you how to adjust the valves.



Today it tells you not to drink the contents of the battery.



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