

December 2021 – January 2021

Kiwanis Club of Dubois



Serving the
children of the world

Organized May 1992

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

Meetings @ St Thomas' Church Community Room
6:45 a.m. on 1st & 3rd Tues, November thru March
Weekly on Tuesdays April - October

Meeting Dates/Program Host

December 7 Kristi Perry
December 21 Mark Hinschberger
Dec Board Meeting on the 21st @ 8 am
January 4 Michele Burdick
January 18 Mike McCullough
Jan Board Meeting on the 18th @ 8 am
February 1 Pat Ballinger

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday ~

Dec 14 Jerry Perry
Dec 28 Troy Sullivan
Jan 21 Kiwanis 107th
Jan 31 Michele Burdick



Happy Anniversary ~

Dec 17 Sue and Jerry Bodar

News & Kudos

~ **Kiwanis ONE Day** found us at the Dubois School garden. Final harvest was completed before the outdoor beds and the greenhouse were readied for winter. Afterwards, we enjoyed soup, bread & dessert.

~ **Halloween at the Museum** was a unique and fun event that brought in 150 people. Many thanks to our 10 members who decorated & manned games in the cabins.

~ **Scholastic Book Fair** returned to the school in November. Club donation of \$650 allowed each child to purchase a book. Members also assisted in the library.

~ **Thank you** to the five members & two relatives who put up Christmas lights around St. Thomas. This is a way to thank the church for use of their Community Room.

~ **\$250 from the Wyoming First Lady's Hunger Initiative** allowed us to add chicken to school Ram Paks, and to assist FCSD#2 Extended Day Program, Linder's Love Bugs & Tiny Tot Adventures Child Care Centers with food needs during Thanksgiving week.

Upcoming Events

Nov 28 – Dec 6 *Hanukkah Sameach!*

Dec 10 **Community Christmas, Headwaters**
Mark's Wreath in Silent Auction

Dec 12 **Club Christmas, 4 p.m.**
Headwaters Sunroom
(details on invite & in weekly emails)

Dec 15 **WHF Monthly Wellness Screening**
Dubois Clinic, 7-10 a.m. (*Tammy*)

Dec 25 ***Merry Christmas!***

Jan 19 **WHF Monthly Wellness Screening**
Dubois Clinic, 7 – 10 a.m.

Feb 14- 20 **Random Acts of Kindness Week**
randomactsofkindness.org

March 4-6 **Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis
Mid-Year Conference**
Fort Collins, CO

Kiwanis Education ~ *Kiwanis Magazine*

An article on page 5 of the December 2021 issue shares the history of the award-winning publication dedicated to articles about individual, club, community and international topics. "Kiwansians are urged to rediscover Kiwanis through its pages and learn how to use the publication to improve their clubs, their communities, and themselves." The magazine can also be valuable as a recruitment and membership education tool.

“ Kindness is choosing
love over hate,
light over darkness,
compassion over
judgment. ”
– RAKtivist

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October & November Meeting Notes

Oct 5: CLAUDIA JANISZEWSKI, OSAAB

Our friend and fellow Kiwanian Claudia updated the club on her work with the Organization for the Support of Albania's Abandoned Babies (OSAAB), a group she founded in 1996. The mission is to provide care to abandoned babies in Albania, as well as educate healthcare providers and expectant mothers in maternal and newborn health. Claudia traveled to Albania in September to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Angel's Cradle. More info available here: <https://it.osaab.org/our-history>

50/50 won by Mike

Oct 10: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Lt Governor Dennis Van Denbos installed the 2021-22 officers & directors of three Division 10 clubs at the Headwaters Conference Center. Members from Riverton and Lander joined us for dinner, catered by Connie Wood. Along with the installation, recognition of outgoing officers, and fellowship, ideas were exchanged between the clubs. Dubois leadership includes Karen Sullivan, president; Kristi Perry, pres-elect; Jenet Ballinger, secretary; Tammy Reed, treasurer; Ron Blevins, immediate past pres, and directors Mark Hinschberger, Kay Jacoby, and Bruce Thompson.

Oct 12: JENNIFER M WEYDEVELD, DIRECTOR AMANDA VERHEUL, BOARD PRESIDENT DUBOIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Important updates about Chamber business and upcoming events were shared. New chamber members and volunteers to serve on the board were solicited and encouraged. The Chamber hosts bi-monthly networking meetings for Dubois non-profits & charitable organizations, with the next one set for Oct 21 at 1:00 pm (in person at the Chamber office or via Zoom).

50/50 won by Ron

Oct 19: BOARD AND BUSINESS (minutes on file)

The 2021-22 Budget received final approval and the *Knock and Ask* Club Strengthening Growth Plan was presented. Committees shared details of Kiwanis ONE Day, Oct 23 at K-12 School Garden; Halloween at the Museum, Oct 30 and a June 1, 2022 date to celebrate the 30th birthday of Dubois Kiwanis.

50/50 won by Ron

Oct 26: BRUCE S THOMPSON: THE ENCHANTMENT OF DUBOIS BADLANDS

Bruce shared views of his 10-year exploration of the area just east of Dubois. His photographs of diverse flora and fauna, along with explanations of the unique geology and terrain (draws, valleys, canyons, volcanic activity, Moqui Marbles aka sand balls, etc) were fascinating. We always learn new things from our Natural Sciences Education Specialist.

50/50 won by Connie

Nov 2: GRETA BECK, COLLECTIONS MGR HAPPENINGS AT THE DUBOIS MUSEUM

A graduate of North Dakota State University with a degree in Museum Studies/Public History and Anthropology, Greta is the new Collections Manager at the Museum. She brings a wealth of knowledge to our local historical center following work with diverse museum collections (most recently at the Draper Natural History Museum in Cody). It has also been discovered that Greta is a former member of Key Club!

50/50 won by Jenet (from Pam Sanders)

Special 50/50 won by Bruce (from Lisa Nolan, former member who surprised us from Montana)

Nov 16: KATIE BECKER WYOMING COMMUNITY BANK, Dubois Branch DUBOIS FRIDAY NIGHT RODEO, Stock Contractor

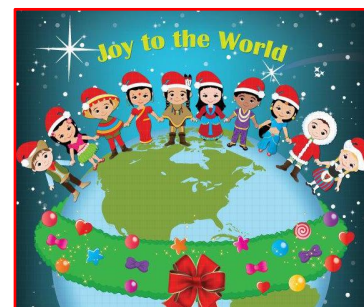
Katie Becker, Bank Manager of the Dubois Branch of Wyoming Community Bank informed us of offerings at the full service bank that opened its doors nearly a year ago. Rooted in Fremont County, the bank offers consumer, agricultural, mortgage and personal loans, along with other personal and business services such as safety deposit boxes and investments.

Katie is also the stock contractor for the Dubois Friday Night Rodeos. New bleachers were added to the grounds last summer to accommodate increasing crowds and she expressed appreciation to Kiwanis for sponsoring a buckle for the pee wee barrel racing.

50/50 won by Katie's daughter, Sami

50/50 treat providers currently include

Mark Hinschberger (Dec); Karen McCullough (Jan);
Kristi Perry (Feb); Michele Burdick (March)



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