

December 2022 – January 2023

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*

*Please let guests know that coffee is not provided

December 6 Bruce Thompson

December 20 Cyndi Dugan

TBD Board Meeting

January 3 Jennet Ballinger

January 10 Board Meeting, time/place TBA

January 17 Karen McCullough

February 7 Karen Sullivan

News & Kudos

~ **2nd Annual Halloween at the Museum** was a unique and fun event! Many thanks to our 14 members who decorated & manned games in the cabins.

~ **Scholastic Book Fair** donation of \$650 from our club allowed each child in grades K-8 to purchase a book. Members also assisted in the library during peak times.

~ **Thank you** to Mark, Mike, Pat B and Ron for braving the 19 degree temperature to put up Christmas lights around St. Thomas on Nov 29. This is a way to thank the church for use of their Community Room.

~ **WHF screening** on Nov. 16 had every appointment slot filled plus two walk-ins. A makeshift data entry "standing desk" was created due to disarray during the clinic remodel (computer on shelf over a sink!).

~ **\$500 from the Wyoming First Lady's Hunger Initiative** allowed us to add canned chicken to each Ram Pak that went home with students prior to Thanksgiving, and to assist FCSD#2 Extended Day Program, Tiny Tot Adventures Child Care Center and Boys & Girls Club with food needs during Thanksgiving week. Kiddos at the afterschool program shopped at the grocery store for their favorite pie to take to their families in personally decorated bags and those at the Boys and Girls Club prepared a Friendsgiving Feast. Photos will be shared via email.

Upcoming Events

Nov 18 – Dec 26 *Hanukkah Sameach!*

Dec 13 **Club Christmas, 5 p.m. Headwaters**
Details on invite. Remember to bring a white elephant gift and food item from list.

Dec 21 **WHF Monthly Wellness Screening**
Dubois Clinic, 7-10 a.m.

Dec 25 *Merry Christmas!*

Jan 18 **WHF Monthly Wellness Screening**
Dubois Clinic, 7 – 10 a.m.

Feb 12- 18 **Random Acts of Kindness Week**
Kindness is choosing love over hate, light over darkness, compassion over judgement.

Kiwanis Education ~ KI Strategic Plan

Five **Strategic Priorities** and main goal of each . . .

Membership and Engagement: To build, retain and support a growing Kiwanis membership network

Leadership and Education: Develop competent, capable, caring leaders across the Kiwanis family.

Community Impact: Perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority

Branding and Image: Enhance the Kiwanis image and brand worldwide.

Financial Viability: Ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday ~

Dec 14 Jerry Perry

Dec 28 Troy Sullivan

Jan 21 Kiwanis 108th

Jan 31 Michele Burdick



Happy Anniversary ~

Dec 17 Sue and Jerry Bodar

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Volunteers providing 50/50 treats in the coming months:
Kristi Perry (December); Michele Burdick (January);
Karen McCullough (February);
Mark Hinschberger (March); Kyle Neary (April)
Juice provided by Jennet & Pat
Thank you!

October & November 2022 Meeting Notes

Oct 4: BOARD/BUSINESS

September minutes and financial reports were approved, a report was heard from the Halloween committee and the 2022-23 budgets were reviewed. *50/50 won by Bruce*

Oct 11: YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Pat Ballinger provided copies of the Youth Protection Guidelines to members and discussed the importance of following best practices and required actions to keep youth safe and members protected. In light of the possibility of required background checks for volunteers going into the local school, an extended discussion was held regarding KI's requirements. *50/50 won by Kay*

Oct 18: SARA BRIDGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KENDRA YOUNG, EDUCATION MGR National Bighorn Sheep Center

Sara shared the background, organization and strategic plan of the Center, which opened on July 3, 1993 in what is described as a remarkable effort of cooperation and partnership with numerous private and public-sector groups. Dedicated to providing education and outreach for the national conservation of wild sheep, wildlife and wild lands, the Center features a variety of dioramas, hands on activities, educational films and more. Funding for expansion is underway, which will include the Beck Learning Center to better accommodate school groups and other visitors. More information is available at the Center in Dubois or online at bighorn.org *50/50 won by ?*

Oct 25: ANNA MOSCICKI, Board Member Wyoming Community Foundation

"Connecting people who care with causes that matter to build a better Wyoming" is the Mission of the Wyoming Community Foundation. While the headquarters are in Laramie, WYCF has geographic affiliates with six local boards across the state. Anna, a member of the Dubois-Crowheart board, explained how WYCF has served donors and communities for over 30 years. WYCF General Grants are available to non-profit organizations meeting specific criteria. Special program grants are also available. Currently, donors are encouraged to designate their funds to the 8th annual DUBOIS COMMUNITY CHALLENGE from now

through the end of December. When \$10,000 is raised, matches will add \$35,000 more!

Donors may contribute at any time during the year and choose to have contributions go toward the local projects, the WYCF Annual Fund, or one of three priority funds: Wyoming Afterschool Alliance, Wyoming Wildlife Foundation and Wyoming Women's Foundation Another partnership helps to provide an annual comprehensive report describing the well-being of children and families throughout the country. The 2022 WYOMING COUNTS KIDS DATA BOOK, the 2021 WCF ANNUAL REPORT and more information can be found at wycf.org.

50/50 won by Ron

Nov 1: MIKE MARCUS, K-12 COUNSELOR

Fremont County School District #2

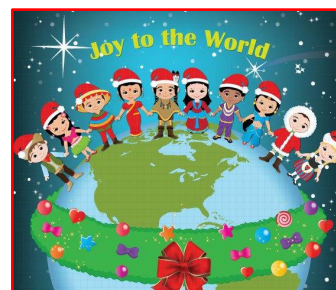
Mr. Marcus, shared updates on Dubois schools' student-centered learning initiatives. Most recently, students, parents and teachers participated in Student-Led Conferences, which allowed each student the opportunity to demonstrate responsibility for their academic performance through a review of their work and sharing of goals. He also explained that students in grades 7 & 8 are completing interest inventories and preparing to build individual websites to house digital portfolios. Increased college-credit classes and internships with hands-on learning are also assisting DHS students plan Academic, Career, Life and Community goals.

50/50 won by our guest via Kristi

Nov 15: PAULA SABATKA, K-12 LIBRARIAN

Paula thanked the club for the Book Fair donation and joyfully shared the award she received when named Outstanding Librarian by the Wyoming Library Association at their Fall conference. Very few school librarians have received the award and Paula admitted she was overwhelmed with the honor. Paula worked at the public library prior to becoming part of the K-12 staff. She provides a multitude of services, helps students with research and teaches weekly lessons for all K-6 classes.

50/50 won by Pat



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