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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.

Send newsletter info, stories, jokes, etc. to:

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DEADLINE is Friday for next week's issue.

### OFFICERS

**PRESIDENT**  
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Stu Hirai

**TREASURER**  
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**DIRECTORS:**  
(1<sup>st</sup> of 2 yr. term)  
Sam Kornfeld  
Tom Trebon  
Lloyd Wilson  
(2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 yr. term)  
Bill Robertson  
Mike Strub

**COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS**  
**GROCERY CARDS**

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### PROGRAMS

**Today: Steven Fassnacht** – How Has Winter Changed in Colorado

#### Upcoming Programs

**Feb 7: Javier Camacho** – Platte River Power Authority

**Feb 14: Special Valentines Day** program

### MEETING INVOCATION

**Today:** Inspire yourself

#### BIRTHDAYS:

Jan 31: Bob Viscount

Feb 3: Ron Smith

Feb 5: Marjorie Main

#### ANNIVERSARIES:

None that we know of

### COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

#### HOUSE

Perry Irons  
Don Edminster

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mike Martin  
Stu Hirai

#### SPIRITUAL AIMS &

#### WELFARE

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Allen Green

#### MEMBERSHIP

Janet Brubaker  
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#### PROGRAMS

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#### SOCIAL

Ron Smith

#### CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

Jeannie Craft

#### INTERCLUBS

Bill See

#### KEY CLUBS

Bob Viscount

#### CHARITABLE FUNDS

Stephen Andersen

#### NEWSLETTER

Bill Robertson

#### FaceBook Page

Jeannie Craft

#### Web Page

Mark Tobin

### NEWS AND NOTICES

The Food Bank's **Empty Bowls** fundraising event is coming soon. This will be the 26<sup>th</sup> year of the event. **Thursday, February 16, 2023**, is the date. This year it will be at the **Marriott Hotel, 350 E. Horsetooth Rd** in Fort Collins. The VIP Hour will begin at 4:30PM, and general admission will begin at 5:30PM. One of the highlights will be the ceramic keepsake soup bowls given to each guest, all made by Poudre School students and local potters.

PGK is sponsoring the event as we have in the past. You can also buy tickets for family and friends. \$50 for general admission or \$75 for a VIP ticket. <https://foodbanklarimer.org/empty-bowls/>

Please send your pictures of significant others in your life for the Valentines Day slide show to **Bill See:** [wsee252@aol.com](mailto:wsee252@aol.com).

The Kiwanis Club of Fort Collins-Eyeopeners is celebrating their 50th year as a Kiwanis Club. The club was chartered on April 3, 1973. We would like to invite your club to this special celebration, which will be held on **Saturday, March 25, 2023**, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, at the Fort Collins Country Club, 1920 Country Club Road. We would appreciate at least an interclub, but more are welcome.

Please RSVP to Jack Gianola ([jgianola1@comcast.net](mailto:jgianola1@comcast.net)) by Friday, March 10, 2023.

**Jack Gianola**

It's the end of the month already. Time to send your December volunteer hours to Kevin O'Connell and Mike Martin.

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## 1-24-2023 PGK Kiwanis Meeting – Proceedings

30 members present – including 3 on Zoom plus 1 speaker (plus, husband Carl)

**President Mark Tobin**, rang the bell at 9:02 AM, and opened the PGK's person-to-person meeting with the assistance of **Bill See/Burr Bridge/Bill Robertson** on Zoom duty. **Tobin** reminded members to turn off their cell phones. **Tobin** led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Don Edminister** gave the invocation. **Tom Trebon** led the membership in singing "My Bonnie."

**Tobin** thanked **Mike Martin** as door monitor and appointed **Lloyd Wilson** for next week (01/31/23).

**Tobin** asked if any guests were present - From the "Eyeopeners": Jack Gianola, Bill, Dale, Jim, and Carol (maybe one other?). Jack mentioned knowing some of the former charter members (who are no longer here) of PGK when the group first got started.

**Tobin** inquired as to **Welfare of Members**: No report

**Mark Tobin** requested the **Secretary's report**: **Assistant Secretary Stuart Hirai** mentioned three (3) members having birthday's; January 28 (Ken Tharp), January 30 (Allen Green), and Bob Viscount (January 31). No known wedding anniversaries.

**Mark Tobin** asked for the **Treasurer's report**: **Bob Main** indicated PGK finances are fine and waiting on tax statements from the Community Foundation to close the books for December. **Stephen Andersen** mentioned a couple of members making charitable donations.

**Tobin** requested **Committee reports**: **Jeannie Craft** reported on the Pizza party at Putnam went very well. She also mentioned Laurel Elementary School having their Pizza party on the 26<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned McBackPack where 368 backpacks were given away at 44-schools. **Bill Robertson** mentioned the Food Bank on February 6 at 0900 can use a few more volunteers. He also mentioned there are 16-VIP tickets for their annual **Empty Bowls** fundraising event.

**Tobin** requested **Special Events/Announcements**: **Bill See** attended the memorial service for Karen O'Connor this past weekend.

**Don Edminister** is coordinating the Valentine's event on February 14. Old and current pictures of you and your spouse be sent to **Bill See** ([wsee252@aol.com](mailto:wsee252@aol.com)) is requested so he can put together a PowerPoint slide show.

**Jack Gianola** of the Fort Collins Kiwanis "Eyeopener's" invited PGK members to RSVP by March 10 for \$25 to attend their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event at the Fort Collins Country Club on March 25 from 11:00 – 2:00 PM. He also mentioned Key Clubs that the Eyeopener's support and thanked the PGK for their \$1,500 donation last year in support of the Key Leader program training.

On March 7, **Allen Green** will be giving a presentation about the PGK which should enlighten old and new members.

**Tobin** asked for **Good News/Bad News**: **Lloyd Wilson's** prosthetic leg finally caught up with him. It was quite a "leg-a-cy" (pun intended) in that it took 6-months for his leg to finally catch-up to Lloyd.

**President Mark Tobin** then introduced this week's speaker: **Jan Gueswel** is the 5<sup>th</sup> generation of the original family settlers to the Fort Collins area that arrived from Nebraska in 1899. She has been married to **Carl** (a barbed-wire artist) for 62-years, have 3-children and 2 grandchildren. She is an avid researcher and historian and has written many articles for a local newsletter and have been published in a book about Gould, Colorado. An article was also used by the North Park Tourism Board. She is currently serving as President of the Auntie Stone Chapter of Questers International, a group that is involved in history, restoration, and preservation. Jan was an office manager for a construction company for 25-years, lives in the Poudre Canyon for 36-years and has served as President for several years on the Lower Poudre Canyon Board as well as other offices in that organization. She was also an EMT and firefighter for the Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District for 20-years. She has also traveled with a medical team on short term missions to Central and South America.

Her presentation today is about Stout, Colorado currently submerged by Horsetooth Reservoir; some partial dwellings and foundations can still be seen at the south end of Horsetooth Reservoir (population 47½). Jan talked briefly about the history of the area which was named Petra (Jordanian city carved from stone) and a sheepherder by the name of William Bachelder (early 1870's) who set-up a sandstone quarry at the western end of Spring Canyon. The sandstone attracted others to the area including William H.B. Stout of Washington County, Nebraska. In 1882, Stout took over the quarries (leased from Union Pacific Railroad), established a Post Office and renamed the town Stout. Stout, at its peak, boasted a boarding house, school, saloon (3), and stores to serve the miners and their families, including a blacksmith shop, livery stable, feed store, courthouse, and community center; and several hundred people by the 1880's. Sandstone from the quarries was used to build homes in Fort Collins, Denver (including the Tabor Grand Opera House), the Capitol Building, sidewalks in Denver, Omaha, Lincoln; and in other locations in the State and as far away as Chicago (The Chicago World's Fair buildings (1893).

William H.B. Stout was instrumental in securing construction contracts to construct portions of the Nebraska State Penitentiary in the mid-1870's. It was said that he used convict labor to construct facilities, which lowered the construction estimates/costs, which is how he and J.M. Jamison were successful in getting these contracts. Jan mentioned that Stout was a "shady person" and, if politics had anything to do with it (he served several terms in the Nebraska House), which was successful in moving the capitol of Nebraska from Omaha to Lincoln (Stout was the contractor for the new capitol building). Further research showed that he may have used his influence as Warden (could not fully verify that he was) to use convict labor to build a number of homes with sandstone in Lincoln (including his home—a 3-story stone house near Louisville). In the 1900's, his home had to be dynamited in 1928 to build a different kind of home at the same location. The sandstone used to build the walls of the Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln came from the quarries at Saltello about 12-miles south of Lincoln. In 1883, Stout released his lease from the Union Pacific Railroad and shortly afterward, the town of Stout began its steady decline until the construction of Horsetooth Reservoir from 1946-1949 sealed its fate. Even though Stout was in Colorado for a couple of years, he did have an impact in northern Colorado. Additional research revealed that Stout was twice a millionaire but died in 1902 nearly penniless in Washington, D.C. According to another researcher/writer (Jim McKee-Lincoln Journal Star); "...probably no man has done more for Lincoln than W.H.B. Stout."

**Mark Tobin** adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Submitted by: **Stuart Hirai**, Assistant Secretary, PGK Kiwanis



All the more reason to support McBackpack and the Food Bank

Pizza Party at Laurel Elementary School – January 26, 2023



#### GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats..
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always Catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food..
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair..
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) 🤪 You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

#### GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

#### GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food.. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

Courtesy of Mike Strub

Lance is a fairly uncommon name nowadays, but in medieval times, people were called Lance a lot.



# U.S. GOVERNMENT NOTICE:

To help save the economy, the Government will announce next month that the Immigration Department will start deporting seniors (instead of illegals) in order to lower Social Security and Medicare costs.

Older people are easier to catch and will not remember how to get back home.

Be sure to send this notice to your relatives and friends so they'll know what happened to you.

I started to get sad when I thought of you. Then it dawned on me ... I'll see you all on the bus.

**Meanwhile - have a Happy 2023!**

(Notice courtesy of ML Johnson)