

February-March 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

- February 7 Karen Sullivan
- February 21 Kay Jacoby (Membership Comm)
- March 7 Kristi Perry
- March 14 Kyle Neary
- April 4 Mark Hinschberger
- April 11 Board/Business
- April 18 Michele Burdick
- April 25 TBA

News & Kudos

~ **2021-2022 KI Annual Report** shows Dubois
Kiwanians logged 810 service hours while completing
36 projects. We also donated over \$11,000 in support of
kids and community.

~ **Thanks to the talents & generosity** of Mark and
Karen M, \$160 was added to our service account from
their sales at the Community Christmas event.

~ **Our donation** of toys and treats went into 120
Santa Bags that were delivered to Dubois students.

Celebrate~

Happy Birthday ~


- Feb 1 Butch Burdick
- Feb 2 Steve Splichal
- Feb 11 Sue Bodar
- Feb 22 Judy Johnson
- March 5 Todd Wright
- March 18 Pat Ballinger
- March 18 Ron Johnson
- March 21 Bruce S Thompson
- March 24 Kyle Neary



Happy Anniversary ~

- Feb 11 Pat & Kyle Neary

Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

- Feb 12-18 Random Acts of Kindness Week
- Feb 14 WHF Wellness Screen @ FCSD#2
(Mark, Mike, Jennet, Kristi, Karen M)
- Feb 15 WHF Wellness Screen/Blood Draw
Dubois Medical Clinic, 7 – 10 (Karen S)
- Feb 17 Host Warm Valley Lodge Happy Hour
4:00 – 5:00 pm; limited guests allowed
- March 12 Daylight Saving Time begins
Move clocks ahead 1 hour 
- March 15 WHF Wellness Screen/Blood Draw
Dubois Medical Clinic, 7 – 10 am
- March 27 Mail April Fool's *Non Dinner* invite
- March 27 DHS Scholarship applications due
- April 1 Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis
Mid-Year Training conference – *Virtual Spring Rally*
- April ?? K-12 Pancake breakfast
- May 25 Safety Roundup & Bike Rodeo

*To make a difference is not a matter of
accident, a matter of casual occurrence, of the
tides. People choose to make a difference.*

Maya Angelou

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

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December & January Notes ~

Minutes of board meetings are emailed to members

Dec 6: THE LIFE OF BEAVERS

Our resident scientist, Bruce S Thompson, provided interesting information along with beautiful photos of the large semiaquatic rodents. As we know from observing them in our area, the herbivores frequent rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. They're master architects, slap their tails in the presence of danger, and their teeth are orange. Because the bulletin editor missed this program, you'll need to reach out to Bruce for more program details.

50/50 won by Mark, Steve & Michele

Dec 13: CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Good food, fun conversation, a NEW BIRD among the gifts, and a new party game brought lots of laughs at our annual holiday gathering. *Watch Your Mouth* required party-goers to repeat phrases while wearing a mouthguard.

Dec 20: A FAMILY LEGACIES

Families are like branches on a tree. We grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one.

One of eight children, Cyndi Dugan grew up in Kansas, where she was baptized by Father Callistus Rectenwald at a small church in the rural community of Vincent, KS. St. Boniface Church, dubbed the Pearl of the Prairie, was established in 1907 by a group of Volga Germans. The congregation is comprised of families from farms in the area, with Father Callistus serving them from 1927 – 1980.

A program on the RFD television channel, *A Prairie Christmas From a Small Church With a Family Legacy*, highlighted the church's history, congregation, Father Callistus and his famous Christmas Nativity that features items from around the world. Cyndi shared interesting stories of her time in Kansas, along with photos of her siblings, children and grandchildren.

50/50 won by Ron, Michele, Mark & Bruce

Jan 3: UPPER WIND RIVER VALLEY

AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION (UWRVAA)

Margaret Wells and Harold Albright shared information from the UWRVAA, an organization that was established under the direction of Margaret, Harold and Twila Blakeman about 8 years ago following a lack of county funding for emergency services in Dubois. Currently, anyone with a physical address within the Dubois & Crowheart zip code areas of 82512 or 82513 (from Diversion Dam to Teton County Line) is covered under a contract with AirMed Network (Guardian Flight) for air medical response. UWRVAA has also funds training and has purchased equipment & supplies for volunteer Emergency Medical Responders.

Financial support is needed to continue the vital service. Donations may be mailed to UWRVAA, Box 2018, Dubois OR dropped off at the Dubois Branch, Bank of Jackson Hole.

Harold also explained MASA Medical Transport. He encouraged people to consider becoming a member, as it is a gap program that covers ground and air outside our area. Note: UWRVAA only contracts with air transport, not ground ambulance, which is currently provided by Frontier Ambulance out of Riverton. *50/50 won by Pat N*

Jan 17: WYOMING SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Danna Carter proudly spoke of her grandson's participation in Wyoming Special Olympics. Since 2009, he has competed in winter and spring sports, and now claims bowling as his favorite. A graduate of Dubois High School, Michael enjoys the Special Olympics dinners, dances, medals and friends. He is currently employed in Gillette.

[According to sowyo.org](http://www.sowyo.org) Special Olympics Wyoming is celebrating 50 years of sports training and athletic competition, year-round, for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. In Wyoming, more than 1600 athletes take part, with the help of more than 1,000 volunteers and coaches. The first Wyoming Special Olympics Summer Games were held at NCHS in Casper in 1972 and SOWY was incorporated in 1973. The first winter games were held in Jackson in 1978. Funds are needed to continue to provide opportunities to develop physical fitness skills, express courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of talents, skills and friendships with their families, friends, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community at no cost to the athlete. <https://app.giveeffect.com/campaigns/22690-50th-anniversary> *50/50 won by Cyndi*

Jan 31: RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

A special lunch meeting was well attended at the Dew Boyz Diner. Discussion was held regarding our focus for Random Acts of Kindness week.



Kiwanis Education

The first two Objects of Kiwanis International are

- 1: To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life
- 2: To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships

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