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March 21, 2023

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

Kiwaniis 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:

[goldenk.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:goldenk.newsletter@gmail.com)

DEADLINE is Friday for next week's issue.

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Tom Trebon  
Lloyd Wilson  
(2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 yr. term)  
Bill Robertson  
Mike Strub

### COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

**GROCERY CARDS**  
Bob Main

**FOOD BANK**  
Bill Robertson

**REPORT**  
**VOLUNTEER HRS: FOR**  
**COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**AND**  
**CHILDREN/YOUTH SERVICES TO:**  
Stu Hirai  
[stuhirai@icloud.com](mailto:stuhirai@icloud.com)

### PROGRAMS

**Today: Andy Weiss** – Launch: Community Through Skateboarding, Empowering young people in Northern Colorado

### Upcoming Programs

**Mar 28: Bill See** – Autobiography

**Apr 4: Don Brown & Kerri Farren** – Transamerica, Social Security, Changes in 2023 You'll Want to Know About

### MEETING INVOCATION

**Today: Don Edminster**  
Probably

### BIRTHDAYS:

Mar 27: Bill Wilson

### ANNIVERSARIES:

None that we know of

### NEWS AND NOTICES

Got any spare change, mister? Or miss? Coming soon to a PGK meeting near you! The **Fundraising Committee** is going to try something out to raise a bit of money to spread around town, as we do. A large-ish jar will be set out at meetings into which you can drop all that spare change weighing down your pockets. Or maybe you've got a change jar at home that you've been meaning to take somewhere to convert into real money at one of those Coin-Star thingies at the store (but then they take a cut of your hard-earned cash, the bastids.) So bring all those coins collecting dust or whatever and let's see how fast we can fill the jar.

Those volunteer hours keep piling up. (That's a Good Thing™) Moving forward, please send an accounting of your volunteer hours each month to **Secretary Stuart Hirai**, regardless of whether they are with organizations or agencies on our "approved" list in the member handbook. **Stu** will sort out the ones he sends to KI and we'll continue to report all of them in the newsletter, because we like to show off to anyone who might happen to read the newsletter on our Facebook page or the PGK web page, which might encourage them to join in the fun with us.

With the assistance of **Allen Green, Burr Bridge, and Connor Tobin**, we have **Allen's** presentation available at [KiwaniisFortCollins.org](http://KiwaniisFortCollins.org) for members and future members to view at their leisure. Please disseminate to people who are interested in the PGK Kiwanis.

### COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

#### HOUSE

Perry Irons  
Don Edminster

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#### SPIRITUAL AIMS &

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Dick Toledano  
Allen Green

#### PROGRAMS

Fred Schreckinger

#### SOCIAL

Ron Smith

#### CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

Jeannie Craft

#### INTERCLUBS

Bill See

#### KEY CLUBS

Bob Viscount

#### CHARITABLE FUNDS

Stephen Andersen

#### NEWSLETTER

Bill Robertson

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Jeannie Craft

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## March 14, 2023 PGK Kiwanis Meeting – Proceedings

26-Members present – including 3 on Zoom, plus 1- speaker

**President Mark Tobin**, rang the bell at 9:03 AM, and opened the PGK's person-to-person meeting with the assistance of **Bill See** on Zoom duty. **Tobin** reminded members to turn off their cell phones and led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Don Edminster** offered the invocation. **Tom Trebon** led the PGK to sing: "Home on the Range."

**Tobin** thanked **Bob Kingsbury** as door monitor and **Fred Schrekinger** volunteered for next week.

**Tobin** asked if any guests were present - No guests.

**Welfare of Members:** No report.

**Secretary's report:** **Stuart Hirai** advised the PGK there is one birthday prior to the next meeting and that is his on March 20 (first day of Spring/vernal equinox). There are no anniversaries as far as we are aware.

**Treasurer's report:** **Bob Main** advised members that all is well financially. Waiting on the February financial investment report.

**Committee reports:** **Bill Woody** reminded members that the monthly luncheon will be at the Inca Mexican Restaurant, 2413 S. College Ave. **Bill See** mentioned that Wilbur Stutheit's Celebration of Life is this Saturday (March 18).

**Special Events/Announcements:** **Brent Reeves** reminded the membership that today is Pi-day (3.1415926...), also known as Archimedes constant (22/7). It is also Pie Day, so enjoy yourselves! **Jeannie Craft** mentioned a future volunteer event at the Family Center in April. **Bill See** mentioned that the Fort Collins "Eyeopener's" event is on March 25 at the Fort Collins Country Club, where seven (7) paid PGK members will be attending.

**Good News/Bad News:** **Henry Bauer** announced that Colorado seniors are eligible for a credit if they are over 65-years old and earn less than \$75,000. If you qualify, you may have a credit of up to \$1,000 on your 2022 Colorado State income tax return. Talk to **Henry** about it, and as always, talk to your tax advisor before taking tax advice from us.

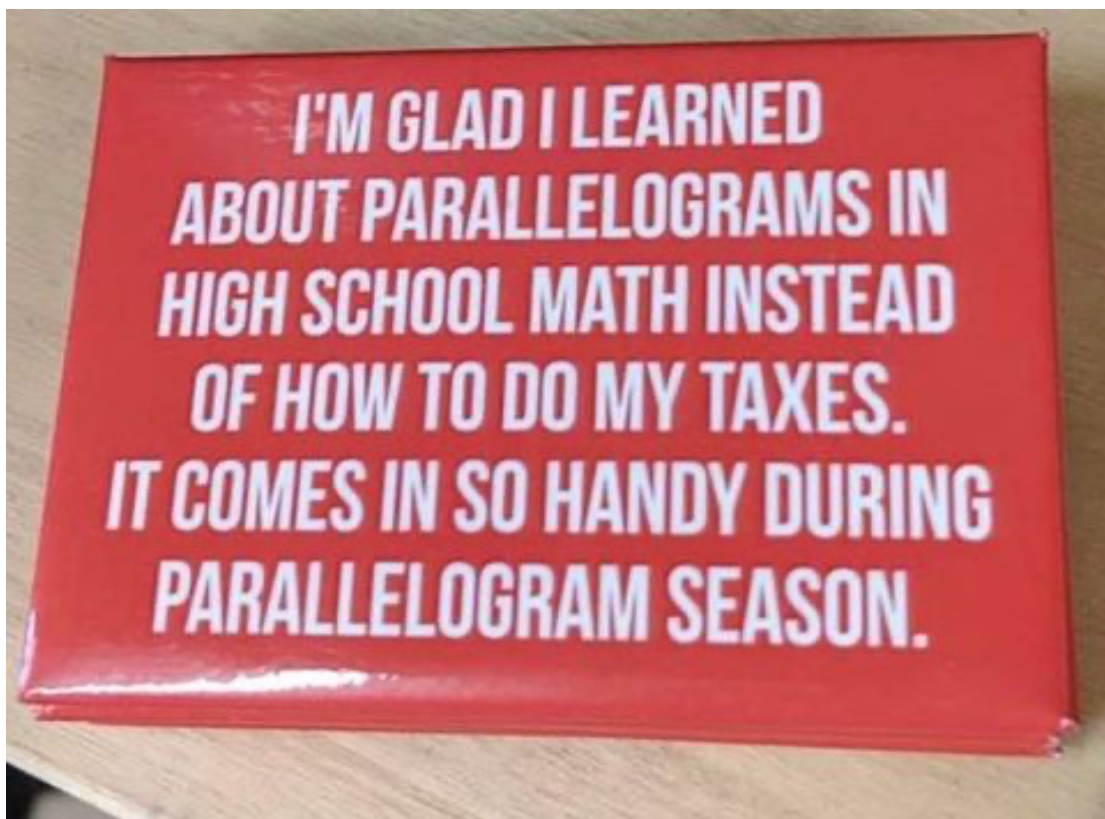
This week's speaker: **Betty Aragon-Mitotes** was born in Trinidad, Colorado and moved to Fort Collins as a child with her family to work in the surrounding sugar beet fields (her father was a miner in the coal mines and developed "black lung"). She "was inducted in the prestigious A.N. Marquis Who's Who Biographical Registry for her work as an advocate of Fort Collins' Hispanic community." The registry has been around since 1899. Betty, as a child experienced the sting of racism directed at her and others, and always believed this was wrong, that something had to be said about the injustice and being disenfranchised from society. Betty is the founder of the local nonprofit **Mujeres de Colores** and co-founder of **Museo de las Tres Colonias**, a museum that highlights working conditions in the area's sugar beet industry and Hispanic life in 20<sup>th</sup> century Fort Collins. Betty thanked the membership for their generous donations and values the partnership she has with PGK. She is very grateful to have this relationship and looks forward to many more years with PGK.

She is working on a few projects/activities to heighten awareness, which included the raising of \$300,000 to have Frank Garza of Greeley, CO create a sculpture (The Hand that Feeds) at Sugar Beet Park using a "short hoe." She also participated in two grass-roots films highlighting Hispanic life in Fort Collins and the other on the hardships faced by undocumented immigrants through the COVID-19 pandemic. In October 2022, during National Hispanic Heritage month, she was one of 48 notable featured women for "Living Her Legacy."

**Jeannie Craft** mentioned that "28 of the 423 graduates of Poudre High School (PHS) last spring didn't necessarily have a home to go after school each day." They were homeless as far as the Poudre School District (PSD) was concerned and so were 114 other students at PHS last spring. Putnam Elementary had 126 students considered "homeless" under the definition of the "McKinney-Vento Act, who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence" (the PGK sponsored two pizza parties last year). PSD identified 1,242 homeless students this year under this definition. Many of the 875 (of the 1,242) were staying with other families or "couch" surfing at other homes. Unfortunately, there may be others who are living in cars or RV's; camping or living in other forms of substandard housing; staying at motels/hotels; or staying at homeless or transitional housing shelters. As a region, northern Colorado had more than 400 "unaccompanied" homeless youths last year, according to Nicole Armstrong, Executive Director, Matthews House. Matthews House, PSD, and Thompson School District are working to identify these students and find consistent housing for them. (Content courtesy of Jeannie Craft)

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

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



From Tom Trebon

Fellow PGK Golfers:

Once again we'll enjoy a good walk and some exercise at one of our local golf courses. SOON!

I'm sending this to those who fairly regularly played with the PGK golf group the last two years. If you wish to be removed from the list, please let me know right away. You'll miss some wonderful fellowship! If you know of someone who is not on the list, please let me know so I can make contact.

This is simply to seek input regarding desired days and times. Once I have a sense of who wants to play when and where, I'll send a note with a tentative schedule for the 2023 season as soon as I get these questionnaires back.

So: Please fill out the following and return via email or at a Kiwanis meeting asap:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_ phone/text \_\_\_\_\_

I'm interested in playing, so:

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to play \_\_\_\_\_ in the mornings  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the early afternoons  
\_\_\_\_\_ either/makes no difference

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to play on \_\_\_\_\_ Monday  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday  
\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday  
\_\_\_\_\_ Friday

NB: Tuesdays aren't listed due to Kiwanis meetings regularly held on this day

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer to play at \_\_\_\_\_ Southridge  
\_\_\_\_\_ Collindale  
\_\_\_\_\_ City Park  
OR: \_\_\_\_\_ I like the rotating schedule with a different course each week

If we continue with something similar to the last two years: I'll set one tee time at one of the three courses and invite the group to let me know who's playing; I'll try to rotate the courses. A quick response to the email "invite" is important in case I have to set another tee time. (If the group interest is large enough, I can set two tee times each play date.)

I'll be back from traveling by April 18 so I don't expect to be scheduling any outings until April 25-ish. And then we'll be off and on a run, or a comfortable walk!

So: please respond with helpful information; prepare those clubs; begin your exercise "routine".

This is a great fellowship opportunity for we Kiwanians!

Fore!

Tom Trebon  
[ttrebon@msn.com](mailto:ttrebon@msn.com)

## February 21, 2023 – Poudre Golden K Kiwanis Board of Directors Meeting

The PGK Golden K Kiwanis Board of Directors met on February 21, 2023. Attending were:

President –	Mark Tobin	Board Members:
President Elect –	<del>Kevin O'Connell</del>	Mike Strub (2021-2023)
Past President -	<del>Bill See</del>	Bill Robertson (2021-2023)
Treasurer –	<del>Bob Main</del>	Lloyd Wilson (2022-2024)
Secretary –	L Stuart Hirai	Tom Trebon (2022-2024)
PGK Club Counselor –	<del>Bob Fromme</del>	Sam Kornfeld (2022-2024)

Charitable Funds: ~~Stephen Andersen~~

Guests: Jeannie Craft

- 1. Call to Order** – President **Mark Tobin** called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 AM and declared a **quorum was present**. **Tobin** asked **Jeannie Craft** to state her proposal regarding RespiteCare, the group that made a presentation on **January 17, 2023**; about their facilities to add to the list of approved projects for the PGK members to volunteer (for liability coverage) and potential funding opportunities. Any PGK member who volunteers must have a Kiwanis International criminal background check. A board member inquired whether RespiteCare requires their own background check. **Jeannie** will check to see if additional background check requirements are needed. **Bill** made the motion to add RespiteCare to the approved list and **Sam** seconded the motion. **Motion Passed**.
- 2. Secretary's Report** – Sec. **Stuart Hirai** presented the previously distributed **January 10, 2023 BOD Minutes** prior to this meeting with an amendment regarding "Empty Bowls" member contributions to the PGK account. **Lloyd Wilson** moved and **Mike Strub** seconded the motion to approve the minutes. **Motion Passed**.
- 3. Treasurer's Report** – **Bob Main** was at a Doctor's appointment but **Mark Tobin** advised the Board that the PGK finances and books were in good shape.
- 4. Old Business** – **Tom** had a question if funding was approved for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program. In the **December 13, 2022 BOD Minutes**, CASA was approved by the BOD to be funded by May 1, 2022. The amount of \$2,750 shows up in the financial report for funding out of the Jack Neilson Fund that was reported by **Bob Main**.
- 5. New Business** – Rocky Mountain District (RMD) Restructuring. **Tobin** informed the BOD about plans by the RMD to "allocating division structure would be centered on balancing representation for Kiwanis members on the district board, recognition of traditional division boundaries when feasible, and recognition of state pride for the states involved (Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming)." The main reason for doing all of this is due to declining district membership, including Key Clubs. This should reduce the supporting costs of Lt Governors by its members. Along this line, "nine (9) new divisions have been defined according to county borders with 1 in Nebraska, 2 in Wyoming, and 6 in Colorado. Membership is more balanced among the divisions, but area included in each is expanded for most. Divisions 2, 11, and 16 (Poudre Golden K) will be combined for a **new Division 3**. That would encompass several counties, west Larimer and Weld Counties including as far south as Boulder, Broomfield, Morgan, east Washington and Yuma, and North Phillips, Logan to Sedgewick." Details regarding Lt Governors that will be consolidated is still being worked out (maps of boundaries to be provided in the near future).

**Tobin** also advised the Board that he is going to reconstitute a "Membership & Public Relations" committee and will assume chair of this committee. **Jeannie Craft, Burr Bridge,** and **Lloyd Wilson** volunteered to serve on the committee. The responsibilities and duties of the reconstituted committee are as follows:

*"Add new members to our club to help ensure its future strength and ability to serve the kids in our community. People join our club because it offers them an opportunity to serve our community, the fellowship of like-minded peers, leadership and participatory activities through serving on our committees and as club leaders, and continuing education through our informative weekly program. The membership committee will use these "reasons for joining" in its recruitment of new members.*

*Recruit using methods that have worked in the past and also use creative new methods (e.g., website, Facebook-Meta). Involve our membership in the recruiting process.*

*Ensure that we are retaining existing members by understanding member satisfaction and dealing with areas that are causing dissatisfaction. The Spiritual Aims/Member Care committee provides a weekly report on members who are not attending our meetings. Work with this committee to identify potentially unhappy members. Also, survey members to understand why they joined and what can be improved.*

*Develop material needed to recruit and ensure these materials are of professional quality. Work with the club president to ensure the budget is available for these materials and other recruitment expenses.*

*Oversee the process of integrating new members into the club by following the New Member Procedure document and ensuring that the sponsor is doing his/her job according to the Responsibilities of Sponsor document.*

*Meet regularly with committee members and be sure each is involved in the success of the committee.*

*Keep club members informed of your progress."*

#### **Volunteer Hours:**

**Tom Trebon** noted that PGK members perform volunteer work/activities outside of the board-approved organizations listed in the Roster Book, and he opined that it is important for new members and the public to understand PGK members volunteer throughout the community in activities not listed in the "Roster Book." The primary reason for an official approved list of organizations that we support is for volunteers to be covered by Kiwanis International (KI) insurance (liability), but also to keep track of organizations that PGK supports either financially or by volunteering. Board members agreed that It is important to include all volunteer hours to show existing PGK members, the public, and prospective members how active the PGK is within the community. Volunteer hours reported for the PGK Newsletter by Committee Chairs and/by others will be reported to and recorded by the Secretary. The Secretary will report volunteer hours to Kiwanis International only for organizations that are on the board-approved list.

**6. Adjourn: Tom Trebon** moved and **Mike Strub** seconded a motion to adjourn.  
**Motion passed** at 10:49 AM.

**Stuart Hirai**, Secretary, PGK Kiwanis

**Next BOD meeting: March 14, 2023**



# Open House Fundraiser for The Family Center/La Familia

**BELONG**  
FUNDRAISING  
EVENT

**Saturday, April 29th**  
**2pm-5pm**



**309 Hickory St #5, Fort Collins**  
**Cost: FREE \*Donations appreciated**

- Food truck + Mobile bar
- Live music from Widespread Hispanic
- Kids & family activities
- Firsthand childcare experience

This family friendly event is our way to feature the important work we do to support families in Northern Colorado.

*Food provided by our generous donors \*until the caterers run out*  
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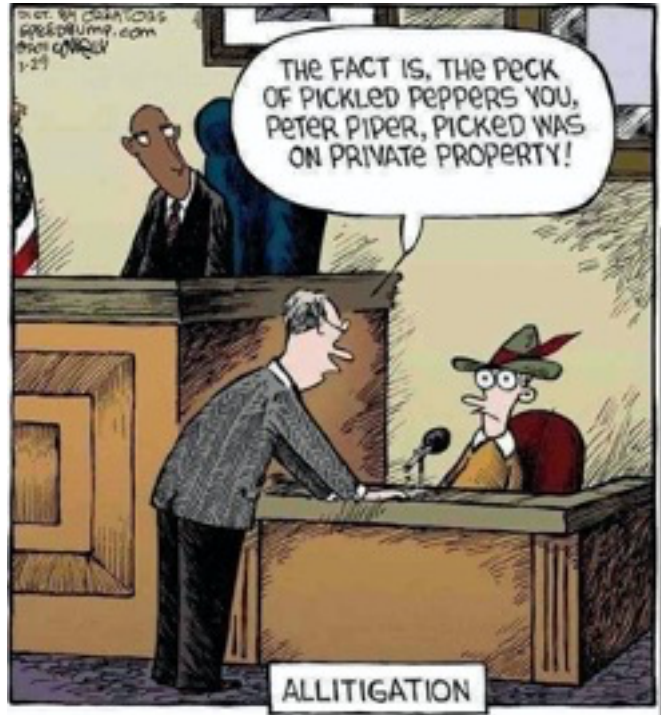


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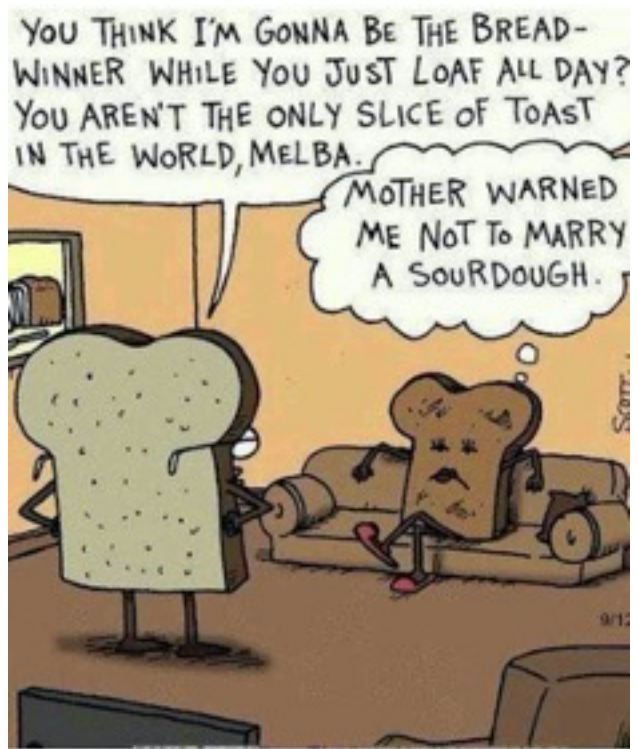


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**Support La Familia with a donation:**

Checks: The Family Center 309 Hickory St #5, Fort Collins 80524  
Donate online: [TheFamilyCenterFC.org](http://TheFamilyCenterFC.org)



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