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CLUB OF DENVER

August already?

It's been a crazy summer, which is why this monthly newsletter has turned into a seasonal newsletter, at least for this issue. Although we've done less service projects this summer than the rest of the year, the club is still busy getting a lot of things done! I'm excited to share with you updates from attending International Convention, opportunities to become a club officer or Foundation trustee, changes to young professional dues, and more.

We're ramping up for the next year and continuing to make our club better and better. Part of this vision is getting more young professionals in leadership positions in the club, doing more service hours, having regular meetings (some with speakers!), and so much more. I'd love to create a signature project for our club and become THE example of young people joining Kiwanis. Let's finish this service year strong (ends Sept 30) and look forward to the next.

Mark your calendars!

- Aug 9th, 5:30pm - Denver Kiwanis Club Picnic in City Park ([RSVP here!](#))

- Sept 13th, 12pm - Our next club meeting, with presentations from DAFs (read more below!)

Yours in caring & service,

Marisa Hoenig

Denver Kiwanis President

Upcoming events:

- Denver Kiwanis Club Family Picnic - Join us next week for fun, friends, elections, and catered BBQ!
 - When: Weds August 9th @ 5:30pm
 - Where: [City Park Picnic Site #2](#)
 - Cost: \$20 to attend
 - BYOB - No glass bottles or containers.
 - Dogs welcome and must be leashed at all times.
 - If you have any questions, please contact Marisa at marisa.hoenig@gmail.com or 908-329-0298
 - [RSVP](#) by Monday August 7th
- We'll schedule more service projects soon. Have a project in mind?
Please let us know.

**Want to become more involved with the Denver
Kiwanis Club? Become an officer!**

We will do elections for club officer positions at the [Club Picnic](#) — if you're unable to attend but would still like to run, please let Marisa know. If you're interested in a Foundation position, let Marisa know so the club officers can recommend you to the current Foundation board for consideration.

- Club positions:
 - **President Elect** - Spends the year learning the ropes of president. Becomes president the following year.
 - **Service Chair** - Leads the group of service project leads and ensures events are scheduled.
 - **Webmaster** - Creates and maintains a new club website and google suite.
- Foundation positions:
 - **President** - Presides over all meetings of the Foundation board, presents Foundation updates to the club, and serves as chief executive officer of the corporation
 - **Vice President** - Leads meetings in the absence of the President. Performs other duties as assigned by the board
 - **Treasurer** - Handles and accounts for all Foundation funds, including maintaining financial records.
 - **Trustees** - Participate in regular board meetings, responsible for electing new officers, and choosing the nonprofits that we provide grants to each year — this consists of reading through the applications and voting on the nonprofits.

All positions are open, with some people looking for re-election. We would love to get more people, especially younger folks, involved on the Foundation board. **All positions will serve from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.**

Please see more details on Club and Foundation roles and responsibilities [here](#).
Reach out to Marisa if you have any questions!

Review of ICON



President Marisa attending the Kiwanis ICON in Minneapolis



Marisa with CKI Governor Sakthi Asokan, who belongs to our sponsored CKI club at CU Denver



Meeting Bert West, current International President from the Rocky Mountain district, along with other Kiwanians in the district.

In June, Marisa attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Minneapolis representing our club. It was a fun event meeting Kiwanians from all over the world, with over 2,500 in attendance. It was also a shared convention with Circle K International, the collegiate service leadership program in Kiwanis.

We voted on new international officers and updates to the bylaws. The dues amendment did not pass, so there will not be any changes to the dues in the next year. The rest of the convention consisted of workshops and speakers, ranging from leadership topics to how to improve your club. It was a great event, and next year's will be in Denver during July 4th.

This Summer So Far

From May through July, we volunteered at Metro Caring Food Bank, the Food Bank of the Rockies, ¡Viva! Streets Denver, and Soles4Souls, totaling 152 services hours in these months. Since October 2022, we've done **597 service hours!** This past weekend, we also hiked Mt. Bierstadt and raised money for the Griffith Centers.



In May, we had a great turnout at Food Bank of the Rockies!



Denver Kiwanians (and their furry friend) at the top of Mt. Bierstadt

Become a Member

Kiwanis is bigger than just a club — become a part of Kiwanis International to help make a lasting difference in your community. Joining our club means joining an organization of over 600,000 members in 80+ countries around the world. Our club has 30 members and growing!

New Members

Welcome to our new club members!

- Tom Catanzano
- Victoria Lynn Guerrero
- Lindsey Haynes
- Keji Kujjo
- Tyler Lee

Club updates:

- Dues are now pro-rated for young professionals! Depending on when you pay, the price will be slightly discounted and then you will need to pay the full annual dues on October 1 (\$125).
- Become a member today by paying dues on [Givebutter](#).

Foundation Updates:

- Our Denver Kiwanis Foundation has been considering moving to a Donor Advised Fund. At our **September 13** club meeting, 2 DAFs (Denver

Foundation & Colorado Gives) will give a presentation on what that might mean for us as a Foundation.

- Ultimately, the whole club will need to vote on such a change. Please email the foundation or David Hutton with any questions.

Please read the [Foundation proposal](#) and [supporting documents](#) before the meeting.

Are you Interested in Helping with Key Leader?

[Key Leader](#) by Kiwanis International is a weekend leadership program for high school students put on by the Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis organization. Our mission is to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership. Key Leader has served more than 33,000 students at over 660 Key Leader events around the world.

Chris Scurto, who leads the Key Leader committee, is looking for young professionals to help with the program, meeting once every 2 weeks for an hour on Wednesday evenings. Please reach out to Chris at RMDKeyLeader@gmail.com or Marisa for more information.

In Memoriam: Verne Plath



We are extremely saddened by the passing of our long-time member, Verne Plath. Verne was a member of our club for 51 years, starting in 1972. He passed away on May 7, 2023.

At Kiwanis, Verne will be remembered for much more than his Olé and Lina jokes! He was an eager volunteer, often attending Sweet Dream in a Bag events, bell ringing for the Salvation Army, and picking up cups along 17th Avenue during the annual Colfax Marathon. Verne was someone you could count on.

We are so grateful for Verne's contributions to our club and community. We send our support to his loved ones during this time.

Get in touch

New to Kiwanis, have questions, interested in volunteering, or want to organize an event? Reply to this email to reach Marisa at kiwanisdenver@gmail.com.



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