

September 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
Weekly on Tuesdays through October, 6:45 a.m.
First & Third Tuesdays November through March

Meeting Dates/Program Planning

Sept 5 Cyndi Dugan
Sept 12 Business/Budget & Committee Review
Sept 19 Jennet Ballinger
Sept 26 Karen McCullough

Oct 3 Karen Sullivan
Oct 10 Business
Oct 17 Kay Jacoby
Oct 24 Kristi Perry
Oct 31 NO meeting

It's all about the kids!

A Bit of News...

~ Our Flying Flapjack Pancake Breakfast was a big hit! Fluffy pancakes, melted butter and warm syrup received rave reviews at the fourth annual Dubois Aviation Day & Fly In. A change in sausage had mixed reviews, but all seemed to enjoy the food and visiting. The loan of Lander's Kiwanis' cook trailer, tables & chairs, the expertise of Don Weeks from Lander, the use of Bob Finley's hangar and the donation from Dubois Super Foods & C Riley's are all appreciated. Thank you to all who helped prep food & supplies ahead of time, set up on Friday, manned the stations, cleaned up and put away tables & chairs on Saturday. It truly was a team effort with 17 Dubois Kiwanians and some family members assisting. Profit realized will help more kids!

~ The Never Sweat Needlers Quilt Guild designated Kiwanis as the charitable organization to receive funds from their annual raffle. Club members sold a significant number of tickets to aid the project.

~ **Congratulations** to our fellow Kiwanian and FCSD#2 Superintendent Steve Splichal, who was honored as the Administrator of the Year by the Wyoming School Resource Officers Association.

Upcoming Events/Projects

September 17 Fremont County Kiwanis dinner & installation for ALL members/guest
Reach Foundation Clubhouse @ Riverton
4:30 pm. Social Hour; 5:30 pm Dinner/program
RSVP via Jennet no later than Sept 11

September 20 WHF Monthly Blood Draw
Dubois Medical Clinic; 7:30-10 a.m.

September 23 9:00 am Kiwanis parks paint & stain
Meet at Taylor Creek (next to Sinclair)

October 1 Start of 2023-24 Kiwanis year

October 9-13 Kiwanis Youth Protection Week
<https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/youth-protection-background-checks-public/>

October 28 Halloween at the Dubois Museum
Set up Fri 27th TBD; Event Sat 3-5 pm
Planning committee Karen M, Kyle & Pat N

TBD Fall Highway Cleanup

Welcome September

New month, new chapter, new page and new wishes.

*May the month give you courage, strength,
confidence, patience, self-love and inner peace.*

*May every day in September fill your days with
hope, love, sunshine and energy.*

Let there be joy, fun and laughter.

Author unknown

Celebrate~

Happy Anniversary ~

Sept 27 Ron & Judy Johnson

Happy Birthday ~

Sept 4 Gail Rae*

Oct 2 Julie Splichal*



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August Meeting Notes ~

AUGUST 1: EARTHLY CREATIONS

Melissa Harris, a fifth grade teacher at Dubois Elementary School, has been fascinated with nature since childhood. She has found a special interest in plants over the past 20 years, particularly the healing properties of wild plants. Having taken many courses, Melissa's hobby has evolved into a true passion as she studies and grows her knowledge of plant medicine. Most plants are collected locally, such as Arnica, Yarrow, Fireweed, Plantain, Balsamroot, Spruce Tips and Rose Petals. Essential Oils and Honey are common additives for the various products. Melissa markets under the name Earthly Creations, with several items available at The Honey House in Dubois. Samples shared at our meeting included Fireweed and Yellow Sweet Clover tea, syrup, First Aid Salve, Bug Spray and more. For more information or to purchase products, email mandmearthlycreations@gmail.com or call 307-259-4712

50/50 won by Mark, who shared his homemade Strawberry Rhubarb pie with everyone.

AUGUST 8: Board/Business (Minutes on file)

Highlights of the Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District Convention were shared by our delegates Pat & Jennet, who attended the event in Colorado Springs. The focus on kids was evident throughout, with Stars of Tomorrow students (kindergarten through high school) performing, photos showing KI President Bert West interacting with children in Ukraine and countries around the world and families enjoying the Water Park and other activities at the Wolf Lodge. As a KI Club Leadership Educator, Jennet facilitated Secretary training and Pat attended the education block for club presidents. Break-out sessions about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Mental Health were particularly interesting. The geographic divisions have been realigned and Dubois is now part of Division 9 with other clubs in northern Wyoming. *50/50 won by Kristi*

Kiwanis Education ~ 2023-24 Leadership

Newly elected Kiwanis International Officers include:

President Katrina J Baranko (Albany, Georgia)
Pres-Elect Lee Kuan Yong (Petaling Jaya, Malaysia);
Vice-President Michael Muhaul (Interlaken, NJ)
They will be joined by Trustees from regions around the world.

Leading the Rocky Mountain District will be
Governor Ann Stelling, Greeley, CO
Governor-Elect Kathryn Williams, Lakewood, CO
Nine Lt Governors & other district officers

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

AUGUST 22: CYCLING-HIKING MINISTRY

of St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Volunteer coordinators, Ian and Cindie Watson joined us to explain the history and purpose of the program. Because Dubois is located near the intersection of two major trails, numerous hikers and cyclists visit our town.

The BikeCentennial 4,250 mile route (aka TransAmerica) was established for travel in 1976 to celebrate America's 200th anniversary and takes cyclists through small towns on mostly rural, low-traffic roads. In 1978, the Continental Divide Trail was formally established with the responsibility for management given to the U.S. Forest Service. From 2012 to 2022, the CDT Coalition coordinated efforts among various entities to further construct & maintain the 3,100 mile hiking trail, which stretches from southern New Mexico to northern Montana. Nearly 30 years ago, Lyndie Duff and Deborah McNaughton, members of St. Thomas', developed a plan to provide shelter in a church building for travelers. The program continues to serve hikers and cyclists, providing cots, outdoor picnic space and more. Registration protocols have been established, along with a limit of 8 overnight guests in the Community Room. Organizations, including Kiwanis, often assist in feeding large groups such as Journey of Hope. During the 2022 season, assistance was provided to 320 hikers & cyclists from 16 countries and 33 US states. *50/50 won by Karen M*

AUGUST 29: A STORIED RANCHING CAREER

Reg Phillips regaled us with historical facts and anecdotal highlights of his years working on various ranches. Arriving from Thermopolis in 1978, Reg hired on as Cow Boss with Gerry Spence's Thunderhead (Double Diamond) on the East Fork. He credits the 21 Place, where he worked with Quarter Horses, as the start of a career and it was also the place where he was able to enhance his Ag degree by learning the ropes of Corporate Ag Management. Reg helped with cattle on the Diamond G in the Dunoir Valley and signed on with Retlaw Enterprises as the manager of the Disney family's Diamond D Ranch (aka Rocking Chair). Over the years, Reg mentored numerous cowboys/ ranch hands and ultimately added Property Manager to his duties under owner Jeff Sussman, who purchased the ranch in 1989. Before his retirement last year, Reg was able to assist with the transition to the newest owner of the property. He and his wife Aline raised three children in Dubois and continue to be active community members. Reg will soon be taking the reins as president of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association

50/50 won by Kristi (passed on to Reg & Aline)

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