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Pueblo,  
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# Kiwanis Kaktus

Meeting Wednesdays, 11:45 AM Walking Stick Golf Club



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## A Note from the Editor

After 25 years of editing and publishing the Kaktus, I am retiring. My age is creeping up on me. This will be the last edition I will be involved with.

It has been a great opportunity to share my creativity while contributing to the club. Thank you.  
Bob Spears

## Kiwanis Worldwide Impact

Kiwanis clubs and members conduct service projects. They hold fundraisers. They donate to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. They change children's lives in their own communities and through international initiatives — helping young people develop mentally, physically and emotionally. Every year, Kiwanis members stage more than 241,000 service projects and raise nearly US\$340 million for children, families and communities around the world. Kiwanis club projects are based on the community's needs — we build playgrounds, purchase medical equipment, stuff backpacks with school supplies, restock libraries and much more. The average Kiwanian makes an impact on the lives of 106 children.

## NOVEMBER

1 SRDA Karen Akin  
8 Carol Chiarito on new web/email and Bill Yalotz racing career  
22 Club Board Meeting, noon  
29 Foundation Board Meeting, 11:45 a.m.

30 Walters for Cocktails

Rake Up Pueblo, Nov. 11, 12, or 18,  
22 Posada Thanksgiving Baskets

Kiwanis is a global  
organization of  
volunteers dedicated to  
improving the world one  
child and one  
community at a time.



## International Convention in Denver July 3-6, 2024

Join us for the Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S., July 3-6. When you attend, you can discover ways to improve your club's service, meet up with fellow Kiwanis members and make your voice heard regarding the organization's future.

As the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention approaches, visit this page for updated information on accommodations, workshops, entertainment and more — including opportunities to explore our host city!

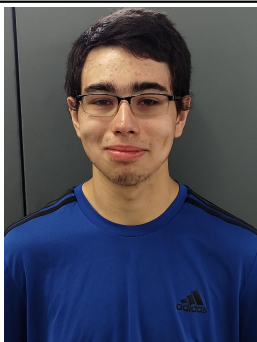
### Your vote, your voice

When you attend the Kiwanis International convention, you have the opportunity to make your voice heard regarding the organization's leadership and future. During the House of Delegates, for example, attendees will vote in elections for the 2024-25 Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.



## Scholarship Recipients

**Luke Kaiser** is a graduate of South High School and now is an automotive student at PCC, who received the Kiwanis General Scholarship. Our scholarship will help him attain his goals by purchasing the specialty tools he needs to diagnose vehicles properly, perform certain kinds of repairs, and to start building up a collection so he can start jobs outside of the shop. Working on cars has made him realize how many tools one needs to perform some basic jobs, especially on newer models that require specialty tools that will only perform one function. The scholarship will help him afford some of these tools that will prepare him for a career in the automotive industry. He particularly wants to work on car audio systems and electric vehicles.



Scholarship recipient **Jade DeHerrera**, a freshman at CSU Pueblo, was honored as recipient of the Young Leader award at the Tribute to Women event on Oct. 20, sponsored by the Mariposa Center for Safety, formerly the YWCA. An East High School graduate who served as president of Key Club her senior year, DeHerrera now is a member of the Circle K Club. She was nominated by Kiwanis President Cora Zaletel, who touted her community service which ran the spectrum from special needs peers and animal organizations to elementary school students through Junior Achievement. Jade received her award from Pueblo County Commissioner Zach Swearingen.



## RAKE UP PUEBLO

The Pueblo Kiwanis Club will team up with the Central High School Key Club to rake three houses of elderly or disabled Puebloans as part of SRDA's Rake Up Pueblo. All homes are in the Mesa Junction area of town. Once we make contact with the homeowners, we will determine the exact date and time, but we're looking at the mornings of either Nov. 11, 12, or 18. Volunteers should bring rakes and gloves as trash bags are provided by SRDA. Sign up for a shift during the upcoming club meetings. Volunteers rake leaves for senior citizens

Last year, a small army of about 200 young people and adults turned out to pull rakes, bag leaves and clean up the yards of more than 75 senior citizens in the Pueblo area Saturday morning.

The first Rake Up Pueblo was organized by SRDA and Concerned Parents of Pueblo. But the volunteer manpower extended beyond those two organizations, with teams from 22 agencies, companies, and even individuals, such as a team representing newly elected state Rep. Abel Tapia, D-District 46.

**Saturday, Nov. 11, 10:30am** at the Central High School parking lot on the corner of Michigan St and Pitkin Ave.

Back up date only to be used if there is bad weather on the 11th      Saturday, Nov, 18, 10:30am at the Central High School parking lot on the corner of Michigan St and Pitkin Ave.

Again, we have three yards and are working with the Central High Key Club.

Could you add to previous story that 57 students and 11 adults participated?

Saturday, Nov, 18, 10:30am at the Central High School parking lot on the corner of Michigan St and Pitkin Ave.

## Leadership Hints

- Let go of our old ideas of what **MUST** be done every day.
- Determine and prioritize our important things — even if it's just **ONE** thing per day like an extra 10 minutes of decluttering our own space **OR** an activity to improve our family life.

## Kettle Campaign



The Pueblo Kiwanis Club will cover six different shifts over the holidays as part of the Salvation Army Bell Ringing campaign. Our Kiwanis club is responsible for the 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. shifts on Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, and the 12:30-2:30 shifts on Sundays, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. We will ring bells and gather funds for the organization at the north side Walmart on Dillon Drive.

A few volunteer slots remain, so sign up at the next few club meetings on Nov.

1 and Nov. 8.





## Key Leader

Several members of the Pueblo Central High School Key Club attended the Key Leader weekend, Oct. 13-15 in Estes Park thanks to our club's financial support. Designed for high school students between the ages of 14 to 18, students do not need to be part of a Kiwanis Key Club to participate.

Key Leader is an inspirational weekend leadership experience sponsored by the Rocky Mountain District of Kiwanis International for high school and graduating junior high/middle school leaders. A Key Leader conference is a weekend retreat, consisting of large-and small-group workshops, discussions and team-building activities.

The mission of Key Leader 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. The program teaches service leadership and social-emotional skills essential for students to become values-driven leaders in their communities. Based in part on Robert Greenleaf's "Servant Leadership" model, the program is designed to break down the isolation many students face in an era of smartphones and social media while teaching critical leadership skills.





### An Idea

Many of us are of an age and have IRA investments. Every year we are required to take money out. If you designate that amount to charity it is not taxable, Why not donate it to Kiwanis Foundation?

## Let's Celebrate

### Joined in September

2003	Cora Zaletel	20 years
2012	Rory Cook	11 years

## Pueblo Kiwanis Programs



We are assisting Pueblo's homeless agency Posada at their family shelter by providing labor and supplies. We are gathering dishes, pans, knives, forks and spoons, and sharp knives.

## Kiwanis Is For Kids



Kiwanis Family Clubs  
We Sponsor

Centennial High Key Club

Central High Key Club

Pueblo West Key Club

We have a Circle K club at CSU-Pueblo.  
A club is being organized at PCC



## Club Member Honored

Congratulations to Kiwanis Member **Bill Yalotz**, who was inducted to the Colorado Motorsports Hall of Fame in October. Bill has enjoyed a 65-year career driving Sprint Cars and Late Model Stock cars at tracks throughout Colorado and the Western United States. He is a Late Model Division Champion at Beacon Hill Speedway and was inducted into the Colorado Motorsports Hall of fame as a member of the class of 2023.

The Colorado Motorsports Hall of Fame honors and preserves the achievements of individuals and organizations that have left an indelible mark on motorsports in Colorado and beyond. Inductees come from all facets of motorsports: Drivers, builders, mechanics, owners, facility operators and non-profit organizations. And, whether they come from being involved with racing on land, air or water, they all have the same pedigree: a passion for speed, competition and perfection. Congratulations, Bill



## Ticket-a-Cop

Our program to present our police and sheriff officers free tickets to local events is going well. The recipients have been delighted in our act of appreciation.

## Book Nook

Our project to provide books for the children waiting for their parents to wash their clothes at two local laundromats is going quite well. We have distributed hundreds of books.



## Orthodontia

For more than thirty years, working with the dentists, we have assisted several hundred children with severe dental problems to discover their smiles

### • Halloween Jokes

- Why shouldn't you trust werewolves? They're good for nothing.
- How do ghosts drink their coffee? With scream and sugar.
- How many real vampires are there? None. Unless you count Dracula.
- Did you hear about the gloomy jack-o'-lantern? It needed to lighten up.
- Where do spiders do their Halloween shopping? On the web.
- What do ghosts drink? Mountain Boo.
- What's a zombie's favorite song? "Teenage Scream"
- What's a ghost's favorite dessert? Ice scream sandwich.
- Why can't werewolves play basketball? They get too many howls.

What's a vampire's favorite TV show? "Big Fang Theory."



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### **Grocery Cards**

We sell \$50 King Soopers cards.

They don't cost you any extra, and when you spend them our club makes 5%.

Barry Richards is in charge of this program.