

Serving the children
of the world

February 2024

Kiwanis Club of Dubois



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 6 Pat Neary
February 13 Board & Business for ALL
February 20 NO Meeting

March 5 Reenie Roe
March 12 Board Meeting at 8:15 am
March 19 Ron Blevins

News & Kudos

~ **Several Salvation Army Bell Ringing** shifts were covered by our members in December
~ **Christmas Cheer** was spread through the purchase of toys and treats for over 100 Santa Bags that were delivered to Dubois students. In addition, gifts were purchased for children through the Christmoose project.
~ **Kiwanians in the classroom** have assisted with 1st grade reading, special projects in 1st and 4th grades, judging a door decorating contest in the MS/HS, and observing/judging NASA presentations in the High School Conceptual Physics class.

Volunteers providing 50/50 treats include

Kyle Neary (February); Kristi Perry (March);
Michele Burdick (April); Karen McCullough (May);
Mark Hinschberger (June)
Juice supplied by Jennet & Pat
Thank you all!

*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

Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

Feb 11-17 Random Acts of Kindness Week

Feb 15 Provide snacks during Bingo
Rustic Pine, 6 pm set up

Feb 16 Host Warm Valley Lodge Happy Hour
4:00 – 5:00 pm (Set up 3:30 pm)

Feb 20 WHF Wellness Screen @ FCSD#2
School employees only

Feb 21 WHF Wellness Screen/Blood Draw
Dubois Medical Clinic, 7:30 – 10

March 10 Daylight Saving Time begins
Move clocks ahead 1 hour



March Scholarship Applications
April Fool's Non-Dinner Letters

April 12-13 Rocky Mtn Dist Kiwanis Convention
Little America in Cheyenne

*Kindness is spreading sunshine into other
people's lives regardless of the weather.*

-RAKtivist

Celebrate~

Happy Birthday ~

Feb 1 Butch Burdick
Feb 2 Steve Splichal
Feb 11 Sue Bodar
Feb 22 Judy Johnson



Happy Anniversary ~

Feb 11 Pat & Kyle Neary
Feb 20 Pamela & Mark Dix

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December & January Notes ~

Minutes of board meetings are emailed to members

Dec 5: Billy McKemey, Branch Director Dubois Boys and Girls Club

Through various activities, lessons, tutoring, attendance at community events, volunteer service and more, youth at the Boys and Girls Club on Carson Street address such goals as Healthy Lifestyles, Academic Success, Character & Citizenship.

Newly hired Director Billy McKemey grew up on a North Carolina farm within a Scouting family, which provided him with numerous opportunities. As he advanced from dishwasher to Camp Director, he oversaw programs for Boy Scouts in US and UK, YMCA, Girls Camps and the Dubois SOAR campus. He holds a Bachelors' Degree from North Carolina State University, has taught Computer Science and coached sports.

An Eagle Scout with 27 years of working with youth in a variety of settings, Billy is happy in his new role, which is part of a larger Boys and Girls Club organization with 4 million youth in 4300 locations in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and on Military bases around the world.

50/50 won by Kristi & Ron

Dec 12: Board Meeting (minutes on file)

A generous donor has provided original Du-Boyz decals to the club for service project fundraising. Volunteer opportunities were brought forth.

Dec 17 Club Christmas Party

Delicious food, fun conversation, games, and our traditional gift exchange brought lots of cheer to the annual holiday gathering! Those attending also enjoyed a large assortment of *Kelley's Kookies*, a gift from Mark & Pamela Dix.

Jan 2: Suzanne Osegueda, Executive Director Dubois Chamber of Commerce

As our first guest speaker of 2024, Suzanne exuded enthusiasm. Having considered Dubois her second home for many years, Suzanne is pleased that she and her husband could make the move to Wyoming from Nebraska a few months ago. With 25 years of experience in the legal field, followed by 13 years in public education, Suzanne brings varied skills to the Chamber and has hit the ground running as she assumed responsibilities of her new position. Working with a full Board of Directors, she hopes to add more Chamber-sponsored events, become more active on social media, and increase membership.

50/50 won by Jennet (gifted to Suzanne)

Jan 9: Board Meeting (minutes on file)

Committee reports and an update on KI background checks were on the agenda. Initial discussion was held regarding Random Acts of Kindness Week and Bike Rodeo. Du Boyz decals were bundled by Mark and distributed to a few businesses by Michele.

Pat, Mark and Mike removed the Christmas lights from the church in cold and very windy conditions.

Jan 16: New Year's Trivia

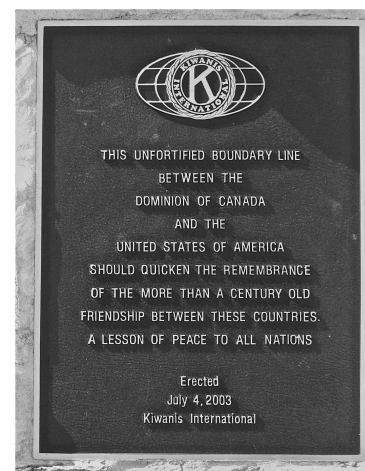
Because Pat B's program guest was ill, Jennet provided a 35-question Trivia Quiz. While most questions involved past and present traditions for bringing in a new year, three Kiwanis-related questions were thrown into the mix. *50/50 won by Cyndi*

Kiwanis Education . . . Did You Know?

A remote, seldom visited historical site in Sweetwater County, Wyo marks the spot along the Continental Divide near Steamboat Mountain where the borders of the Louisiana Purchase, the Mexican Cession, and the Oregon Country all met. By 1848, all three dominions had been incorporated in the US and made up the overwhelming bulk of the American West outside of Texas. In the 1960s, the Bureau of Land Management and the **Kiwanis Clubs** of Rock Springs, Riverton, Lander and Rawlins launched the project that became the Tri-Territory Site, a masonry monument and three flagpoles to represent Britain, Mexico and France, with a 4th atop the monument for the United States. A formal dedication was held on Sept 24, 1967.

From wyohistory.org (via Cyndy Dugan)

Jennet & Pat observed a marker at the White Pass Summit outside of Skagway, AK near Fraser, British Columbia and learned it was the most recent of 45-50 Peace Markers that were erected by Kiwanis International & local clubs along the unfortified boundary between the US and Canada. The first was near Detroit in 1935. More than half of the markers still exist and continue to proclaim US/Canadian friendship "A Lesson of Peace to All Nations."



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