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#### **Attendance Last Meeting**

At our meeting on February 14 Total attendance: 36 Visitors: 1 Speaker: Todd McPherson, director of IFCS development and marketing

Satellite meeting on February 06 Total attendance 11 Speaker: Kinzer vacation photos

Wednesday Meeting in person 6:45 Social, 7:00 Meeting **4G's Restaurant** 5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton, CO 80123

Link for signups and reporting hours **Project Signup Sheets** 

# **Kiwanis Club of Columbine**

Weekly Newsletter for February 21, 2024

This Week's Presenter is Jim Becklenberg Littleton City Manager

Pledge: Mike Greunke

Invocation: Rod Hunley

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





Feb 21 Rod Hunley

#### Upcoming Club Programs

Feb 28	"Doctors Care" - Elizabeth Hockaday	
Mar 06	"It's All About Gratitude" - Kelly & Bruce Stahlman (p)	
Mar 13	"Student of the Month" - Rick Sutton	
Mar 20	Social	
Mar 27	"Foothills Foundation" - Gary Pokorn	
Future Club Events and Service Projects		
Feb 20	Tue	Satellite Group Meeting 12:30 Library – George
Feb 20	Tue	South Jeffco Business Alliance 9:00AM – Ken
Feb 22	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan- Ferris
Feb 26	Mon	Project CURE - George
Feb 26 - Mar 01 Junior Achievement – Tom D		
Feb 27	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George
Mar 08	Fri	City of Littleton Service Club 1:00 pm - Will
Mar 16	Sat	St. Patrick's Day "Fun Raiser" Connie
Mar 18	Mon	Kiwanis Vitalant Blood Drive – Tom D
Apr 07	Sun	Jefferson Symphony Orchestra – Jim R
May 11	Sat	First Responders- Abe
May 19	Sun	Colfax Marathon - Rod
Nourish Meals on Wheels		
Feb 21	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Feb 22	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Feb 23	Fri	Logan MacMillan and Ferris Forar
Feb 26	Mon	Denny Brehm family
Feb 28	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Feb 29	Thu	Russ & Jane Jackson
Mar 04	Mon	Steve & Debbie Barnes
Mar 05	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith

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# **Greetings Columbine Kiwanians**

I want to update you on our fundraising evaluation progress. Preferably I would do this at one of our regular meetings, but our Wednesday meeting schedule is booked with speakers well into March and I didn't want to wait that long to provide an update. I will take some meeting time at both a regular Wednesday meeting and a satellite meeting in March to discuss fundraising with you. In the meantime, what follows is the current state of play from the fundraising committee.

We have narrowed a big list of over a dozen options down to three. They are: (1) Pancake breakfast at the Summerset festival on September 14th this year, (2) Bingo night(s), and (3) operate a shaved ice machine at various events/venues. Options 2 and 3 require more investigation to evaluate their feasibility and practicality. I won't talk about these two options in this update. The fundraising committee does believe that the pancake breakfast is doable, fairly easy, relatively low cost, and has good money-making potential. That one will be discussed in more detail.

More details on the pancake breakfast. We are in our fifth month of the fiscal year. Obviously, we need to get rolling on any project that we are going to do this year. In order to bring this project to life we will need a project action committee to help with the project planning and execution. We will also need a project leader along with some additional planning and logistics support, people to help with securing and setting up the supplies and equipment, go-getters that will call on local businesses and other organizations to support Columbine Kiwanis by purchasing tickets for the event (with the idea that they will give tickets to their employees and customers), and of course event day workers. I am sure that is not an exhaustive list. The price we will charge for tickets is TBD, but we are thinking that \$10 for a full breakfast is about right. Possibly a little less for kids and a bundled cost for a family. There is a possibility that we can extend our operating hours at the event by selling other food items after breakfast. We are guesstimating a total cost of about \$1000 and hopefully we can sell something north of 300 tickets. You can do the math on profitability.

**Now comes my ask of you**. If you have an opinion either in favor or opposed to any of these options, please respond to this email and let me know. Looking back to our survey last August, everyone that responded said that they wanted to raise funds for our foundation and were willing to work on fundraising projects in some capacity. If most members still want to participate in some sort of fundraising project, I

would appreciate knowing who is willing to participate specifically on the pancake breakfast and what you would like to do.

Stay tuned for the next update in March. In the meantime (unless the response from the membership is a resounding thumbs down) we will start work on the pancake breakfast project.

Will

Will Knoblauch Columbine Kiwanis Club President 303-881-1446



# **Project CURE**

Kiwanis Friends -

Our next Project Cure session there is scheduled for Monday, February 26, at 9:30am. Hope you will be able to join us again for that session. Again, thank you for our help yesterday! You are appreciated. - George Kinzer

#### **City of Littleton Service Club Forum** Hi Everyone,

This is just a reminder that the City of Littleton Service Club Forum #3 will be held Friday, March 8, from 1PM - 2:30PMat the East Community Center Library, 5933 S. Fairfield St. in Littleton. The purpose of the Forum is to connect Community leadership to discuss coordinating programs and initiatives for a greater impact within the Community.

Gretchin Rydin will be leading this Forum with the Rotary Club of Littleton and the Columbine Kiwanis co-hosting the event. The Agenda for this Forum is: Contact Will or Ken for the agenda. The link for the signup is below.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-littleton-serviceforum-3-tickets-821827737887?aff

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## Heritage High School Key Club

Notes from the Heritage High School Key Club meeting February 12, 2024

For this meeting I decided to attend the Arapahoe High School Key Club meeting instead of Heritage. Their meeting is at the same time as the HHS meeting so I missed that one, but Jim Foley was there. I was interested in seeing how they did things at AHS and was welcomed by their Club Advisors Don Buck and Rick Sutton. Their Faculty Advisor Rebecca Monson was very helpful and offered some great hints and advice regarding Key Club. They hold their meetings in a place called THE FORUM - an impressive venue that seats about 150 with theater-like seating and a state-of-the-art audio/visual setup. Their club membership is 120 so it can get pretty full there at times. They have a full membership meeting every other week and an officers/advisors meeting on the alternate week. This was a general membership meeting and there were about 40 students in attendance. The officers led the meeting and used a very professional-looking PowerPoint presentation to clearly display the meeting topics. It lasted about 15 minutes. After the meeting I was able to have an extended conversation with Ms. Monson and Don on a variety of topics. Many thanks to Ms. Monson, Rick, and Don for welcoming me!

Dave Devanney HHS Key Club Advisor

## SWS (Sharing with Sheridan)

On the 3rd Thursday of February, we rallied to serve 207 families an abundance of food, paper products and some clothing. For the coming week, we can use pasta sauce pasta (88 cents at King Soopers) dry macaroni & cheese (87 cents at Safeway) clean plastic grocery and newspaper bags

Thank you much for your support. Stephanie

## St. Patrick's Party "FUN" draiser

There is still time to sign up for the St. Patrick's Day fundraiser party on March 16th at 5 pm at Columbine United Church. Let Connie Or Dawn know that you wish to attend. The cost is \$35pp. Make checks payable to Columbine Kiwanis Foundation. Let us know by March 10th. ERIN GO BRAGH! Connie McLaughlin

# **Upcoming Conventions**



## Easter Egg Hunt - Safe Environment

Preparations are underway for the annual indoor Easter Egg Hunt at Arapahoe HS on Mar. 16th (8:30 - 10:30 am). Eggs with candy to find, face painting, games and an Easter bunny in decorated classrooms await the little ones in a safe, warm and friendly environment overseen by nurturing Key Club members. Invitations have gone out to the social services contacts at nearby Elementary schools to especially reach out to special needs kids. If you know of any families that would appreciate this, please let them know - Mar. 16th from 8:30 -10:30 am at AHS South Entrance - invite below.



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# **Colorado Friends of First Responders**

We hope you will be able to Volunteer again for the 25th Celebration on May 11, 2024, at Hudson Gardens Go to Runsignup.com and search Colorado Friends of First Responders and look at the volunteer opportunities this year. If you are unsure what volunteer job you would like, put a "save the date" in your calendar and when you are ready to sign up you can do so at a later date. If you have any questions, please email me directly at bjgwilburn@gmail.com

Thank you for your support and smiling faces.

Abe as usual volunteered to lead the event. Thank you, Abe.

## **Registration Open for the 2024 International Convention**

Embark on an epic adventure! Explore the possibilities with your fellow members at the 2024 Kiwanis International <u>Convention</u> in Denver, Colorado, U.S. Expand your club's membership. Magnify its influence on your community. And connect with Kiwanians to swap fresh ideas. You'll leave inspired to make a difference. *The first 1,000 people to register will receive a free ticket to a Colorado Rockies Major League Baseball game on July 4!* 

# Arapahoe Key Club

The Arapahoe Key Club met on 2/12 to review the ongoing 2nd semester activities. This year the Club has 120 registered members. 12 students participated on 1/26 in a Sweet Dreams in a Bag packing event providing bedding for kids in foster care or other situations. There are 2 more packing events planned in Spring along with the Key Club Easter Egg Hunt, a community cleanup, Cards for Hospitalized Kids, Peer Tutoring, peer coaching for Unified Basketball and a booth at the AHS Wish Week Carnival fundraiser. The Club was presented with information on District level Key Club opportunities and two of the Club officers have applied for Kiwanis International Scholarships for college.

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