



# Kiwanis®

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**February 13, 2024**

We meet every Tuesday of the month from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Fort Collins, CO Senior Center on Raintree Drive.

**Coffee & Donuts at 8:30 a.m**

## Our mission

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

Send newsletter info, stories, jokes, etc. to:

[goldenk.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:goldenk.newsletter@gmail.com)

DEADLINE is Friday for next week's issue.

## OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Kevin O'Connell

### PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jeannie Craft

### PAST PRESIDENT

Mark Tobin

### SECRETARY

Stu Hirai

### TREASURER

Mark Tobin

### DIRECTORS:

(2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 yr. term)

Sam Kornfeld

Tom Trebon

Lloyd Wilson

(1<sup>st</sup> of 2 yr. term)

Stephen Andersen

Burr Bridge

### COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

#### GROCERY CARDS

Bob Main

#### FOOD BANK

Bill Robertson

#### FUNDRAISING

Kevin O'Connell

#### REPORT

#### VOLUNTEER HRS: FOR

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[memusafa69@gmail.com](mailto:memusafa69@gmail.com)

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#### SERVICES TO:

Stu Hirai

[stuhirai@icloud.com](mailto:stuhirai@icloud.com)

## PROGRAMS

**Today: Deb Courtner** – Partnership for Age-Friendly Communities

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Feb 13: Rosalind Larsen** – Veterans for Peace, A Veteran's Story from the Iraq War

**Feb 20: TBA**

### MEETING INVOCATION

**Today: Jolynn Hirai**  
or Don Edminster

### BIRTHDAYS:

Feb 14: Scottie Trebon

### ANNIVERSARIES:

None that we know of

## NEWS AND NOTICES

The **Food Bank's** annual **Empty Bowls** fundraising event will be on Thursday February 15, at the Fort Collins Marriott Hotel, 350 E. Horsetooth Rd. **VIP tickets cost \$75** and get you in the door at 4:30. **General Admission tickets cost \$50**, and you can get in at 5:30. See page 4 below for information about buying tickets. If you bought tickets from their web page, you will get an email from them confirming your ticket, with instructions on how to check in when you get to the venue.

The **PGK 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** lunch meet-up will be at **BJ's Restaurant & Brew Pub**, 2670 Harmony Rd, on Feb 20, at 11:30am.

On **Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras**, one last request for the **SuperHero Underwear** fund drive. We're at \$752 so bring your coins, cash, and checks to hit our \$1000 target.

**The fact that there is a highway to Hell  
and only a stairway to Heaven  
tells you everything you need to know  
about anticipated traffic numbers.**

## COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

### HOUSE

Perry Irons

Don Edminster

### COMMUNITY

#### SERVICE

Mike Martin

Stu Hirai

### SPIRITUAL AIMS &

#### WELFARE

Dick Toledano

Allen Green

### PROGRAMS

Fred Schreckinger

### SOCIAL

Ron Smith

### CHILDREN & YOUTH

#### SERVICES

Jeannie Craft

### INTERCLUBS

Bill See

### KEY CLUBS

Bob Viscount

### CHARITABLE FUNDS

Stephen Andersen

### MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC

#### RELATIONS

Mark Tobin

### FaceBook Page

Jeannie Craft

### Web Page

Burr Bridge

### NEWSLETTER

Bill Robertson

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Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/PGKiwanis> and <https://Kiwanisfortcollins.org>

## February 6, 2024 PGK Kiwanis Meeting – Proceedings

23 - members present, 2 - Zoom, 2 – Guests (Solo Agers)

**President Kevin O'Connell** rang the bell at 9:03 AM **and** opened the PGK's person-to-person meeting. **Bill See** on Zoom duty this morning. **O'Connell** reminded members to turn off their cell phones led the Pledge of Allegiance and **Jolynn Hirai** gave the invocation. Since **Tom Trebon** is "Down Under" there was no singing by the membership.

**O'Connell** thanked **Bill Woody** as door monitor, and he stepped up again to be the door monitor for February 13.

**O'Connell** asked if any guests were present – the speaker (Deb Courtner and Paula Stearns)!

**Welfare of Members and Family:** No news is still good news!

**Good News/Bad News:** **Stephen Andersen** is limping around, but he did manage to score a sixty-nine (69) in golf and "a hole in one." Congratulations! **Fred Schrekinger** finally got his hearing aids.

**Secretary's report:** **Stu Hirai** thanked **Don Edminister** for taking the notes from the last meeting. Stu mentioned his procedure from last Tuesday is behind him and it will be another ten years for the next one!

**Treasurer's report:** Since **Mark Tobin** was away, **Stu Hirai** reported all is well with the club finances.

**Special Events/Announcements:** **O'Connell** mentioned the "Koins for Kids" fund is up to \$542 and the Rocky Mountain District agreed to match donations of \$1,000 with the PGK for "Neighborhoods United Superhero Underwear Project."

**Committee reports:** **Jeannie Craft** reported that 458 bags of meals were filled this past Monday. The organizers thanked the PGK for their donation and volunteers who help with unloading and stuffing the packs (refer to the January 30, 2024 Newsletter for the picture of the PGK members who regularly help. **Bill Robertson** reminded members about the "Empty Bowl" event on February 15 and not to forget to pick up their free bowls for attending this event. **Stephen Andersen** reminded the membership about the Tabor refund can be used for donations into the Community Fund for tax relief.

**This week's speaker:** **Deb Courtner & Paula Stearns – "Partnership for Age Friendly Communities (Solo Ager)."** Solo Agers are individuals aged fifty or better who, by choice or circumstances, function without the support system traditionally provided by family. Solo Agers may face unique challenges, such as no one to take them to medical appointments, no one to pay their bills if they are unable to do so, or no one to name as an emergency contact. Below is the link for donation and volunteer opportunities. Thank you, Deb, and Paula, for informing the club about the activities this organization is doing for the community.

[Partnership For Age-Friendly Communities \(pafclarimer.org\)](https://pafclarimer.org)

**O'Connell** adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

**Submitted by:** **Stu Hirai**, Secretary, PGK Kiwanis

# February at Respite Care



## A Word From Our Executive Director

"As we head into February, I'm looking forward to another month of enriching experiences with the amazing kiddos we serve at Respite Care. This month presents us with new opportunities to engage in exciting activities that foster growth, creativity, and connection. From themed arts and crafts to fundraisers like the Lopez Elementary "Hearts for Respite Luncheon," let's make the most of every moment spent together. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support in making our community a vibrant and inclusive space for all. Here's to a February filled with shared laughter, learning, and building relationships."

*Kyrie Biles*

## Upcoming Tours

Get an inside look at Respite Care by  
joining us on tour!

Email [abbi@respitcareinc.org](mailto:abbi@respitcareinc.org) to RSVP!

February 15th at 11am

February 27th at 4pm

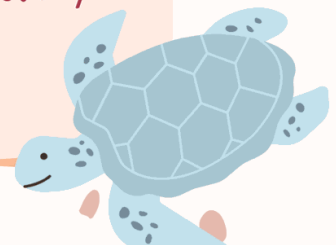
March 19th at 10am

March 27th at 4pm



Q: "What did the tortoise  
say on Valentine's Day?"

A: "I turt-ally love you."



Get more information about events and volunteer opportunities at

<http://respitcareinc.org/>

# Empty Bowls

Featuring delicious, signature soups crafted by local businesses. Guests also enjoy salad, bread, and leave with handmade soup bowls created by local artists.

In 2023, we welcomed more than 500 guests back for a sit-down event. There were more than two dozen delicious soups at this sold-out event. Thanks to the community's efforts, this fundraiser brought in more than \$76K.

## This year's event is February 15, 2024

Marriott Fort Collins, 350 E. Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins

### Tickets

Tickets will be available for purchase, starting at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12.

All ticket holders can enjoy a variety of delicious soups and choice of ice cream for dessert provided by our renowned local restaurant partners. Additionally, each ticket holder can choose a hand-crafted bowl created by a local artist, with the option to purchase more bowls if desired. All proceeds benefit the Food Bank's hunger-relief programs.

#### General Admission

Cost: \$50

Entrance time: 5:30 p.m.

General admission ticket holders can enjoy a delicious soup dinner and a choice of ice cream for dessert. A cash bar is available for beverage purchases.

#### VIP Tickets

Cost: \$75

Entrance time: 4:30 p.m.

The VIP ticket includes access to a private reception area. Beverages will be provided by Odell Brewing. Ticket holders can also enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres created by the soon-to-debut Stoneflower Market and Eatery.

**Link to buy tickets:** <http://secure.foodbanklarimer.org/site/Calendar?id=100361&view=Detail>

## History of Empty Bowls

More than two decades ago, the Food Bank for Larimer County's Empty Bowls fundraiser began in art class at Lopez Elementary School when the school's art teacher, Mike McCarthy, inspired his students to create empty bowls to represent those who didn't have enough to eat. Since then, area artists have worked together to support the event and the fight against hunger in the community. Empty Bowls has grown from offering five signature soups in 1998 to more than twenty soups in 2020 and has raised over \$1 million for the Food Bank's hunger-relief programs.

## Volunteer Hours for January 2024

### Food Bank

Bill Robertson	2.5
Mary Rezetka	2.5
Debbie Bridge	2.5
Burr Bridge	2.5
Don Edminster	2.5
Jim Goettl	2.5
Mike Martin	2.5
Allen Green	2.5
Stu Hirai	2.5
Bob Kinsbury	2.5
Fred Schrekinger	2.5
Mike Strub	2.5
Mark Tobin	2.5
Tom Trebon	12.5

### CYS

Perry Irons	6.5
Bill Robertson	4.5
Mary Rezetka	4.5

### McBackPack

Perry Irons	4.5
Bill Robertson	6
Mary Rezetka	6
Jeannie Craft	6

### VITA

Bill Robertson	2
Henry Bauer	12
Bill Woody	12
Fred Schrekinger	.5

### Medical Center of the Rockies

Jolynn Hirai	12
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### NoCo Humane Society

Stu Hirai	6
Fred Schrekinger	5

### Teaching Tree

Fred Schrekinger	2.5
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### SAINT

Mike Martin	12
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### Casa

Jeannie Craft	5
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### Coats and Boots

Jeannie Craft	10
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<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>
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## The Funnies Page

Car parts you never hear about any more.

(Contributed by Bill See)

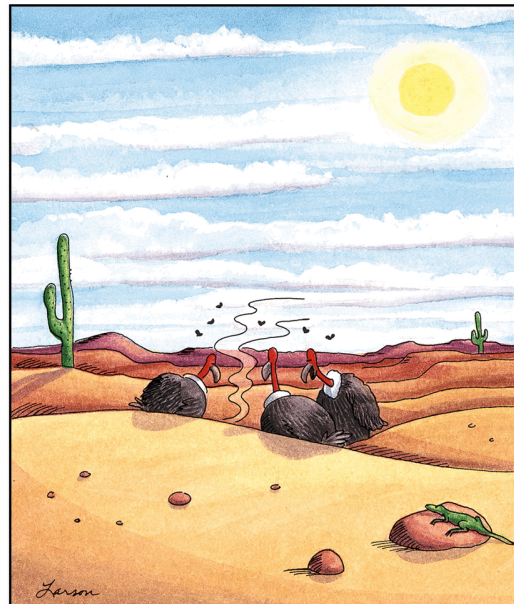
Fender skirts  
Curb feelers  
steering knobs  
Continental kits  
Emergency brakes  
Foot feed.  
Dimmer switch (used to be on the floor.)  
Running board  
Bench seats  
Rumble seats  
Wing windows  
Chrome fenders  
Four on the floor and three on the tree  
The choke  
Tail fins  
Power antennas



"Frankly, we're stumped. So, we'd like to try turning you off and then on again."



"I'm your hip replacement."



"Ooooooweeeeeee! This thing's been here a loooooooong time! ... Well, thank God for ketchup."

