# March-April 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

March 5 Reenie Roe

March 12 Board Meeting at 8:15 am

March 19 Ron Blevins

April 2 Sheryl Epp April 9 Board/Business April 16 Steve Splichal April 23 or 30\* Sue Bodar

\*Date of final April meeting will be determined when K-12 pancake breakfast is finalized

May 7 **Brad Lindsey** 

May 14 Annual Club Meeting

2024-25 Election of officers/directors

#### News & Kudos

- ~ Many thanks to Mark & Michele for taking the lead with the DU-BOYZ decal project
- ~ Dubois 1st grade readers are benefiting from Michele's weekly visits to their classroom. Thanks to all of our classroom volunteers for sharing your time and talent!
- ~ Our club had a great time spreading kindness throughout the community during Random Acts of Kindness Week Feb 11-17 with these activities:
- \*coordinated with DHS Student Council for delivery of RAK coloring pages and activities to elementary classrooms
- \*spearheaded "Coffee Sleeves' project with The Perch Coffee House and K-12 art teacher Tim Reese. Sleeves were decorated with kindness messages from elementary students and distributed at The Perch. Photos posted from coffee customers went viral!

\*provided food and kindness decals to participants during Thursday night Bingo at The Rustic Pine

\*hosted Friday evening Happy Hour & distributed Kindness note pads at Warm Valley Lodge Assisted Living

\*assisted with a combined 1st & 4th grade project

## Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

March 10 Daylight Saving Time begins

Move clocks ahead 1 hour

March 20 WHF Wellness Screen/Blood Draw Dubois Medical Clinic, 7:30 – 10 am

March 25-ish Mail April Fool's Non Dinner invite

March 29 DHS Scholarship applications due

Rocky Mtn Dist Kiwanis Convention **April 12-14** 

Little America in Cheyenne

WHF Wellness Screen/Blood Draw April 17

Dubois Medical Clinic, 7:30 – 10 am

April 22 or 29 K-12 Pancake breakfast

Speedy Rams Color Run, 3:30 pm May 15

**Dubois Elementary School** 

May 29 (pending) Safety Roundup & Bike Rodeo

Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

### Celebrate~

## Happy Birthday ~

March 18 Pat Ballinger

March 18 Ron Johnson

March 21 Bruce S Thompson

March 24 Kyle Neary

April 21 **Brad Lindsey** 



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#### February Notes ~

Minutes of board meetings are emailed to members

**Feb 6:** Kim Kurasz, WYDOT District 5 Highway Specialist (Dubois Maintenance Foreman), was our guest today. A 26-year employee of Wyoming Department of Transportation, Kim is one of 8 hands in Dubois, including one mechanic. An additional snow plow driver is hired for the winter months. Dubois residents are aware of the great job the Dubois crew does with winter plowing of the highway from Diversion Dam to the border of Teton National Park. They work shifts from 6 am - 2:30 pm and 2-10:30 pm, with one plow driver heading over Togwotee at 5 am to clear the path for commuters.

Summertime work includes maintaining state roads, signs and fences, along with paving and chip sealing. The latter is done in coordination with five crews from WyDOT District 1.

Kim also mentioned that Dubois is next in line for completion of Wildlife Mitigation projects that have been in the works for several years. 50/50 won by Pat & Mike, who donated the cookies to Kim & the WyDOT crew

Feb 13: Board Meeting (minutes on file) In addition to approving January financials and minutes, the board heard final details for volunteers helping with the Feb 20 WSBAIT draw at the school and reviewed the list of various Random Acts of Kindness ideas. The club received more Du-Boyz decals, which were bundled by Mark. Michele will visit motels and other businesses in April-May to determine their need for the decals.

Feb 20: RAK events replaced this meeting,



Volunteers providing 50/50 treats in the coming months: Michele Burdick (March)

Kristi Perry (April)
Karen McCullough (May)
Mark Hinschberger (June)
Kyle Neary (July)

Juice provided by Jennet & Pat

#### Kiwanis Education



**Kiwanis Vision**: Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide — so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

#### **Rocky Mountain District Convention**

Cheyenne, April 12-14: As well as hearing from Sponsored Leadership Programs (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club and KC Graduate), there will be a Cornhole tournament, Hospitality Suite, House of Delegates, and workshops, such as Estate Planning & Gifting, Growing Membership, Ancestry, Modernizing Clubs, Cyber Security, Corporate Sponsorships and more.

The 2024 Kiwanis International Convention Denver, July 3-6: Kiwanis members and their families from around the world will engage in education, inspiration, fellowship, leadership, social media, Colorado Rockies baseball, Dancing through the Decades Gala, and much more.

May love and laughter light your days, and warm you heart and home.

May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.

May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures.

May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.

