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March 5, 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.

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FOR

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Stu Hirai

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PROGRAMS

Today: THERE IS NO MEETING TODAY

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mar 12: Laurie Klith – Center for Family Outreach

Mar 19: Glen York – Settling the Great Plains

MEETING INVOCATION

Today: Jolynn Hirai
or Don Edminster

BIRTHDAYS:

None that we know of

ANNIVERSARIES:

None that we know of

NEWS AND NOTICES

Instead of the regular meeting, some folks are planning to meet up at Gibbs New York Bagels in the strip mall across the street from the Senior Center at 9 o'clock. 2531 S. Shields St, Unit 2E. They have pretty good coffee.

The CDC has issued a new directive, advising those who are 65 years old and older to get another COVID vaccine booster, if it has been at least 4 months since your last shot.



It's a new month, so that means it's time to send in your volunteer hours for February.

COMMITTEES AND PROJECTS

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February 27, 2024 PGK Kiwanis Meeting – Proceedings

25 - members present, 1 – Zoom, 2 - guests

President Kevin O'Connell rang the bell at 9:02 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 **Don Edminster** gave the invocation. **Lloyd Wilson** led the members in singing a rendition of "America the Beautiful."

O'Connell thanked **Jeannie Craft** as door monitors and could not hear who volunteered to be the door monitor for March 5 (if we have a meeting).

O'Connell mentioned the club had two guests, **Ray Martinez**, and **Dan Hemphill** representing the Rocky Mountain District Foundation (Dan is a member of the "Eyeopeners."

Welfare of Members and Family: No news is still good news.

Good News/Bad News: **Jim Goettl** warned members about using metal brushes to clean grills based on experience his sister had on a recent trip to Mexico. The use of brushes without bristles or wadded up aluminum foil works great to clean most grills.

Secretary's report: **Stu Hirai** advised members that Brent Reeves does a lot of behind-the-scenes activities such as sending thank you notes to our presenters. His assistance is appreciated.

Treasurer's report: **Mark Tobin** advised the members that our finances are in the black and we continue to support worthwhile activities such as matching funds with the Rocky Mountain District for the SuperHero Underwear event that we will recognize this morning.

Special Events/Announcements: **O'Connell** asked **Dan Hemphill** from the Rocky Mountain District Foundation to come up and help present the \$2,000 to **Ray Martinez** who is coordinating the Super Hero Underwear Project with Poudre Schools. Pictures of this event can be found in this newsletter and our webpage and Facebook (Meta) site.

Committee reports: **Lloyd Wilson** that 482 McBackpacks were filled on Monday. These will be distributed to Elementary Schools in the Poudre School District.

This week's speaker: **Lori Kempter** – "Crossroads Safe-house, Domestic Violence & Crossroads Services." Lori is the Executive Director for this organization that has been in the area for 42 years. Crossroads Safe-house shelters, supports, advocates for, and empowers all people so we can live free of domestic violence and interpersonal abuse. The organization also works with other city and county agencies regarding domestic violence to provide a safe environment. Please refer to the website below for more information about Crossroads Safe-house.

<https://crossroadssafehouse.org>

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

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



Lori Kempter
Crossroads Safe House

Super Heroes Underwear Initiative

PGK presented a grant to the Neighborhoods United program, founded and run by Ray Martinez, to support their Super Heros Underwear initiative in conjunction with Poudre School District. The grant from PGK was supplemented by a matching grant from the Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District Foundation (represented at the presentation by Dan Hemphill, a member of the Fort Collins Eye Openers Kiwanis Club) for a total donation of \$2000.



Kevin O'Connell
PGK President

Ray Martinez

Dan Hemphill Mark Tobin
PGK Treasurer

Food Bank – Empty Bowls

Hello Mark,

Thank you for your sponsorship of the 27th Empty Bowls Dinner and Art Auction! It was another incredible year. Your generous donation helped make this year's Empty Bowls a great success. With your support, we were able to raise **more than \$71,000!** Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors like you, 100% of net proceeds from this event benefit the Food Bank for Larimer County's hunger relief programs. Your donation will assist the Food Bank in fighting hunger in Larimer County through our programs such as our Fresh Food Shares, Nourishing Network, and the Nutritious Kitchen.

Not only was the 2024 Empty Bowls event successful in raising much needed funds to support the various programs that feed our low-income neighbors, but it also gave us the opportunity to share more about the issue of food insecurity in our community. Each guest got to leave with a belly full of soup and a handmade pottery bowl. These bowls, a symbol of those who go hungry every day, were created by Poudre School District students, teachers, as well as local artists, guilds, and groups. Guests were also able to enjoy soup, bread, and ice cream from 26 different local restaurants and participate in our silent auction! Check out our Empty Bowls video below!



You are an essential ingredient in the recipe for providing hunger relief in our community. We are so grateful for your continued support and generosity! We hope you'll consider joining us again next year for the 28th annual Empty Bowls!

Best,
Morgan Villnave
Community Engagement Manager
Food Bank for Larimer County

Volunteer Hours for February 2024

(Reported so far)

Food Bank

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| Bill Robertson | 2.5 |
| Mary Rezetka | 2.5 |
| Debbie Bridge | 2.5 |
| Burr Bridge | 2.5 |

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| Perry Irons | 1 |
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McBackPack

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| Perry Irons | 4.5 |
| Bill Robertson | 6 |
| Mary Rezetka | 6 |

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| Bill Robertson | 20 |
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Medical Center of the Rockies

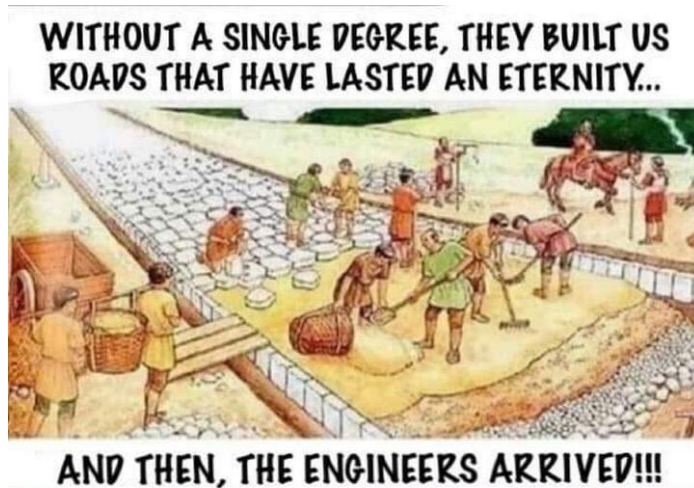
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| Jolynn Hirai | 6 |
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| Stu Hirai | 9 |
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| Total | 62 |
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The Funnies Page



Etm.

(*abbr.*) Latin abbreviation for the literal translation of “and shit”, specifically, “et merda”. Just like “etc.” (and so forth), “i.e.” (that is), and “e.g.” (for example), “etm.” can be used to abbreviate “and shit”.

A Tale of the Old West

As told by Tom Trebon

An old woman prospector walked up and tied her old mule to the hitching post.

As she stood there, brushing some of the dust from her face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other. The young gunslinger looked at the old woman and laughed, "hey old woman, have you ever danced?"

The old woman looked up at the gunslinger and said, "no... I never did dance... Never really wanted to."

A crowd had gathered as the gunslinger grinned and said "well, you old bag, you're gonna dance now," and started shooting at the old woman's feet.

The old woman prospector -- not wanting to get her toe blown off --started hopping around. Everybody was laughing. When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old woman turned to her pack mule, pulled out a double-barreled shotgun, and cocked both hammers. The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air, and the crowd stopped laughing immediately.

The young gunslinger heard the sounds, too, and he turned around, very slowly. The silence was almost deafening. The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old woman and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels.

The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in the old woman's hands, as she quietly said, "son, have you ever kissed a mule's ass?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "no ma'am... But I've always wanted to.

There are five lessons here for all of us:

- 1 - Never be arrogant.
- 2 - Don't waste ammunition.
- 3 - Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- 4 - Always make sure you know who has the power.
- 5 - Don't mess with old women; they didn't get old by being stupid.