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Today's Program



Kiwanis International Convention and District News *Ann Stelling*

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Upcoming Programs

March 9: Kiwanis Kids, Bert West

March 16: Hilltop Ranch (a place to shine & call home), Lydia Griffith

Member Concerns

Ofie Lopez led member concerns. None were stated this morning.

Ofie led us in prayer. Heavenly father. We come to you in the spirit of giving. You have gifted us with time, talent, and treasure. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and may we choose to share them generously.

Warren Gerig led the Pledge of Allegiance.



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Guests

Scott welcomed MJ Beaulieu, who is joining us again. Great to see you again, MJ!



Jim Wolf also welcomed Paige Williams from Helmet Fire Productions, joining us today. Helmet Fire does unique event planning. She comes to us through our connection with the Chamber of Commerce and RF Smith. Hopefully Paige can use her skills to help us with some of the things we do. Welcome Paige!

Announcements



Membership Minute

Jim Wolf presented the Membership Minutes regarding upcoming events.

Yesterday started Women's History Month, so we should all be mindful.

Tuesday, March 5th, we will have the Abilities Classic basketball game, with the Monument Warriors Special Olympics team, at the Palmer Ridge gym at 5:30. Come out and see a great game!

Next week, Sunday, March 10th we begin Daylight Savings Time—SPRING AHEAD (lose an hour :-).

Happy Hour will be Tuesday, March 12th, and the KONNECTORS will be Thursday, March 14th, both at Pikes Peak Brewery.

March 17th will be all hands on for the Stars of Tomorrow Talent Show, with dress rehearsal on the 16th.

Announcements



RF Smith had three items regarding youth programs:



First, he's still collecting newspapers for the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership each week.

Next, for K-Kids, RF also continues to collect pull tabs from aluminum cans. We can turn these items into RF each week.

Finally, Bear Creek Elementary School will be having a Bear Creek Reads Program on March 22nd from 9:45 -12:45. We need volunteers to read to children in 15 minute segments. Kindergarten - 3rd Grade. We need to fill four segments. Interested? [Contact RF](#)

Special Olympics Basketball Abilities Classic


Tuesday, March 5th, we will have the Abilities Classic, the Special Olympics basketball game, at the Palmer Ridge gym at 5:30. This is a terrific event, with a basketball game made up of high schoolers playing with the Special Olympians, cheerleaders, and a full crowd. These youngsters will put a smile on your face.






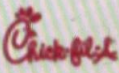





Please Join Us at the
Special Olympics Basketball

Abilities Classic

Monument Warriors vs. D38 Unified Team
Tuesday, March 5th at 5:30 p.m.
Palmer Ridge High School Gymnasium



THANK YOU
to these great friends who support our team & athletes!



Stephanie Gonzalez, Photographer ** The Country Club at Woodmoor ** Crestle 7070/7070 Athletics Park & Shannon Vander Meer
Lower Palmer High School: Men's & Women's Basketball, Volleyball, Key Club, Soccer ** Palmer Ridge High School: Men's Basketball, STUCO, Cheer Team, Key Club
Monument Academy: Spirit Band ** USAA Community Chapel ** Many Individual donors ** Parents & Caregivers ** Volunteer Coaches



Stars of Tomorrow

Rich Strom gave us an update on Stars of Tomorrow. We had a half page ad in the Tri-Lakes Tribune. Last week we had our auditions, where we had 58 acts perform. The judges had the very difficult task of narrowing down those to twenty acts which will compete on March 17th. Rich recognized Sue Reinecke as an MC extraordinaire.

Rich recognized the "solicitors." Last year we raised \$4,250. This year we raised \$7,000 from sponsors. Rich had all those who helped raise money from local businesses stand to be recognized. Their help was very much appreciated. Prizes for this year were donated by Ann and RF Smith in honor of RF's mother Margaret and her sister Caroline, both lifelong educators and musicians.

Rehearsals for the program will be Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 at Palmer Ridge.

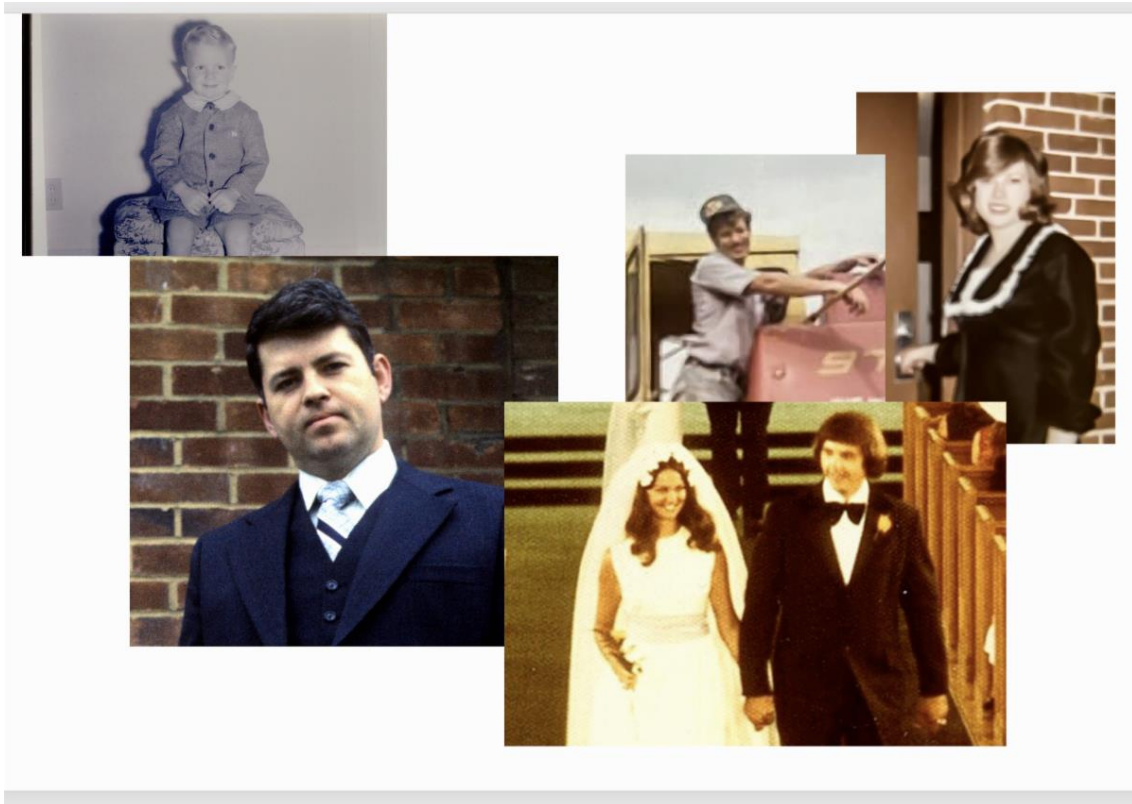
We may need ushers for the show, although there should be more than enough. SLP members are set to be ushers.



Go to the website to get tickets or scan this QR code. We prefer to sell as much as possible early because last year we had a delay at the box office.

The big sponsors — the biggest is sitting in this room. Frank Wynn. He gave \$750. O'Malley's, Christian Brothers, Facinelli's Motors, First National Bank, the Heather Mitchell Law office, and the Monument Med Spa all gave at the \$500 level. Nearly thirty other businesses and individuals contributed. We are grateful to all who gave!

See Rich to help. Buy your tickets to the show at:
<https://mhkc.booktix.net>. Guaranteed to be a fun evening!!





50th Anniversary

Our Club's 50th anniversary is coming up in a couple of months, and Scott Ross is looking for pictures of members from 50 years ago. Saturday's pictures, in the upper left is Charlie Brown. Next was a young Jim Head. The couple is married picture of Ted Bauman and his bride. Couple in upper right is Ken and Dianne Evans.

If you have a picture of yourself from 1974 (or thereabouts), email it to: [Scott Ross](#). You too can be famous!

Scribes

Pete Peterson reported that he passed around a scribes volunteer list that has since disappeared, so he passed around another list on Saturday. He's also looking for someone to step into his shoes as Scribes Coordinator. The position requires recruiting scribes and reminding them of their commitment. You can reach Pete at 714-271-5947.

Circle K Club Update



Mike Luginbuhl updated the UCCS Circle-K club. Mike thanked us for recently passed the hat to raise funds for their Brick by Brick project. Last week at the District competition, UCCS came in first and third, Colorado College came in second. We're also going to see if we can get some synergy going between the two clubs.

Jaime Riegert, once and perhaps future member of our club, donated \$200 to the Lewis Palmer K-Kids club. We have a thank you card for him, and appreciate his generous gift.

Last week, Mike was at the D38 Chess tournament. 128 kids from kindergarten-12th grade. It was a great event.

March Madness

March Madness is coming up. Dennis Beasley and Jim Head want you to know that we can register online at CBS Sports starting in a couple of weeks. Brackets will be open on March 17th and must be submitted no later than NOON on March 21st. There's only 4 days so you need to be ready on the 17th with your picks.

The rules are family members can play, and we're limited to three brackets a person at \$10 per entry.

Half the proceeds go to our foundation, the remainder is divided between the four top brackets. Details will be explained in upcoming e-blasts.



News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Pete Peterson



Steve Sutherland

March 8

Joined 2019

Sponsors Ben Bellis Jr. and Steve Stephenson

- Bell Ringing
- 4th of July
- Coffee Barista

Marion Taylor

March 8

Joined 2010

Sponsor Jim Taylor

- V.P. Programs
- Bell Ringing
- Empty Bowls
- Craft Fair
- Peaches
- Social Chairperson
- K Kids Advisor
- 4th of July
- Elementary Reading Chairperson
- Life Member

March Fun Facts

March is the least productive month due to March Madness Betting

March 8, 1978 - Eisenhower Tunnel Opens

March 11, 1970 - First Internet (ARPANET) Transmission from UCLS to Stanford

March 14 - Pi Day and Potato Chip

March 18, 1990 - \$500 Million of Art Stolen From Boston Museum
Never Recovered

March 24, 1950 - Elvis Enlists in the Army

March 29 - World Piano Day and Niagara Falls Runs Dry (River Froze on way to the Falls)

Happy Bucks



Mark Zeiger had a happy buck for his role in judging the Science Fair at Bear Creek Elementary a couple of weeks back. An impressive experience. Smart young people.



Alan Thompson wanted to recognize Ed Hettler for his involvement in DECA that was completed last week. Very impressed with the technical ability and the thinking skills of the young people. Second, to Jim Head for stepping up and taking care of March Madness.



Scott Ross had a happy buck for Ann Stiller who is our guest speaker and who brought Scott some famous Alberto's half and half green chili for Scott to take home to his wife.



Frank DeLalla had fourteen happy bucks, updating his granddaughter's situation. Last week he told us she was in Children's Hospital, awaiting a liver transplant. Last Saturday night a suitable match was found, the transplant was done on Sunday, and the

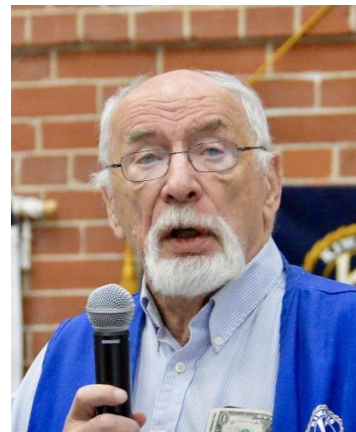
medical team reports she's a poster child for a pediatric liver transplant. All is going well. The \$14 is for each of her years. She's expected to come home early next week.



Paul Gourley had \$5 in happy bucks, to thank everyone for each for the \$1000 Super Bowl boards that were completely filled. Paul is still trying to figure out some of the names on the board so they can be properly charge. He brought the board along to get help figuring out those whose names were clearly written.



MJ Beaulieu gave \$5 to celebrate the good news about Frank DeLalla's granddaughter.



Rich Strom had a happy buck for Paul Gourley for his great work with the Super Bowl boards and for the weekly entertainment he gave the club with his poems.

Mahlong Lang had two happy bucks, one for remembering where his Kiwanis hat was left. Second, he was able to buy a house with his credit card. A completely unique experience.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Dick Salverson won the pot last week so there was a little less for Joe Kneedler to chose for...and he picked the RED chip, anyway.

Program

Kiwanis International Convention and District News

Ann Stelling

Scribe: RF Smith



Ann Stelling came down from Greeley to give us a great summary of what's happening in the Rocky Mountain District.

Ann first reviewed the status of the District and then talked us through two key upcoming events, the District Convention in Cheyenne, Wyoming in April and the Kiwanis International Convention in Denver in July. She finished with a review of volunteer openings at the District level.

Ann started by praising our Club for all the good works she has seen us do since she became involved with the Rocky Mountain District. Ann was formerly the District Administrator for Key Clubs. She cited our Club repeatedly as the example of how Key Clubs—and SLP—should be run.

Overview of District Events

As always, membership is a focus. The District is recovering from COVID. Since October, the District has gained over 200 new members. Last year's total was 400 so, with three quarters to go, we're on a good trendline. Ann says membership is important for many reasons, chief among them that every Kiwanian represents a positive impact on 206 students. That's a pretty startling ratio.

Since October, the District has three new Clubs. These new clubs could use some advisors to help them develop good policies and processes. Two new focus areas are the Silverthorne/Frisco area and the Georgetown area. We know how to do this. We can support RMD to help new clubs. If you are interested, contact Ann at anns2665@gmail.com.

The District has a new administrator for Builders Clubs and K-Kids—Michelle Hoffner. She's working hard and she's happy to report that Key Club membership getting back to pre-COVID levels.

Ann backed up here to summarize what the SLP clubs are about. Birth to death, you can be part of Kiwanis. Starting with K-Kid and Builders, students learn about service and how to run a club. At Key Club (no, they don't make keys), students can be involved at District and International levels to accelerate their exposure to the organization and the challenges of servant leadership. The Key Clubs are involved in the latest international project, bringing fresh clean water to families in Africa.

Circle K (not about gas stations) is also involved with this project (ask Mike Luginbuhl about Brick-By-Brick). Circle K, or CKI, is the largest collegiate service organization in the country. They have their challenges...like most things, college isn't what it was when we were there. [ed note: Ann said afterward that she meant to say something about Key Leader...ask Mike Luginbuhl]

The District is continuing emphasis on SLP with combined Board training (RMD, Key Club, CKI) to inspire collaboration and communications among the organizations.

Another District initiative is going out to clubs to help clubs find ways to get stronger. Cheyenne is 4th largest Kiwanis Club in the country, and that's fine, but we have clubs with less than 15 members (Raton has only 2 active members). One answer is a Club Boost. A Club Boost is special event, open to community, for example an event at a brewery with food truck with presentations on "why join." KI can assist with digital marketing. The aim is to do one Club Boost per month. Dominick Breton is leading this effort from the District (makes Ann tired with his energy).

This year's RM District Convention will be April 12-14, in Cheyenne, WY. There will be only one this year because of KI Convention in July. . Registration is open at \$225 per person (includes 5 meals). Hotel is \$114/night for two nights. The theme is "Riding into the Future"—keeping momentum to keep growing. Saturday social at Laramie County Community College (LCCC) in Cheyenne, including dinner, entertainment, a cornhole tourney, and maybe bingo. First prize in the cornhole tourney is your own new cornhole kit so your club can do your own tourney. The Blue Spruce Club reportedly made \$15,000 on a cornhole tourney. Lots of training will be available (and online) to include youth protection training—which will be part of this year's criteria for Distinguished Member and Distinguished Club.

The International Convention will be held this year in Denver, 3-6 July. Why in Denver? Because the Six Objects of Kiwanis were first voted in 100 years ago in Denver in 1924. The Convention will be at the Convention Center next to the big blue bear, accessible by light rail. The District is host and is going to try to recreate the 1924 atmosphere. Ann acknowledged that they are aware of the conflict with our 4th of July events. She pointed out that day passes are available. There will be several speakers including Chris Singleton who will talk about how love overcomes hate. The keynote speaker will be Diana Nyad who was the third person ever swim from Cuba to the Florida Keys (110 miles). She also swam around Manhattan island and from the Bahamas to Miami...so she should know something about overcoming challenges.

As the host District for the KI Convention, we get to volunteer. Volunteers will be needed to help with welcoming at DIA (especially international members), registration, staffing the K-Market, and staffing Customer Service (info booth). Our District Liaison for this event is Bob Gerretson (past President, KI Children's Fund). He has three helpers: Gov Elect Kathy Williams, the next gov-elect, and the Division 3 Lt Governor. They will handle volunteers.

District Opportunities. If you've never been involved, there are opportunities to help at District level. They need Circle-K and Key Club committee members (chaperones) two meetings per year on the road (travel & hotel are paid). Also for International conventions in places like Estes Park and Atlanta, Georgia.

Looking for District Aktion Club administrator (Lee Katz is stepping down). Aktion is struggling to recover from COVID. They are doing a lot of remote work but they need to get back to live.

The District Children's Foundation needs a treasurer (Derek Manley is stepping down) working with Chris Scurto (Castle Rock). They are starting a \$2,000,000 capital campaign to support District SLP.

Finally, the District wants to do a district-wide event (maybe just same day for all Division) in 2024. This might be a same-day service event in multiple Divisions

In Q&A, Ann let us know that Project Eliminate is shutting down after having eliminated neo-natal and maternal tetanus in 7 countries. Well Done.

Thanks to Ann for taking the time out of her busy schedule as Governor to come update our club.

Bully Pulpit 03/02/2024

Send Your 1970s Photos

I am putting together a 50th birthday members video slideshow. A couple dozen of you have already sent me your photos from the mid 1970s, including this fit young fellow.

Please send me one or several pictures of you and I will pull slides together along with a recent image of you into a slide for the video.

Kiwanis Feeds my Heart

I was pleased to have Governor Ann visit us on Saturday. She is one busy person, working full time, helping her mom in New York state, along with the normal District leadership challenges.

Plus, Ann and her team are preparing for the upcoming District Convention, April 12-14 in Cheyenne. Note - I will share a hotel room and will not snore (addicted to my CPAP). Then add the July 3-6 International Convention in Denver. We have \$1,000 budgeted for registrations (which I will match for those who wish to attend).

Ann could easily stress out.

A phrase that Ann tells people who ask how she does it all is "Kiwanis Feeds my Heart". That resonates with me and hopefully with you. The daily challenges and frustrations can get you down. Watching and reading the news/opinions each day can get you down.



When I do something with fellow Kiwanians, either in helping our Club to function, or working together on a Club project, I come away enthused, and my heart is lifted.

You all know that if you mention Heart of Monument Play Park, that my enthusiasm meter zooms upward. When we were visiting after the meeting, Ann told me how she had read our grant application to the District Foundation and how excited she will be to come down and help us when we get near its opening. She especially likes our “all ages and abilities” focus to bring families and our community together in positive ways.

Warriors vs Unified Basketball

Speaking of enthusiasm, if this gets to you before 5:30PM on Tuesday the 5th, come to Palmer Ridge High School to enjoy the Monument Warriors Special Olympics Team play the D38 unified Team. This will feed your heart and your soul. Come watch, not just the players, but all the students in the gymnasium cheering them on.

“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.” — Dalai Lama XIV

Scott
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See you on Saturday @ BIG RED!!!

Yours in fellowship,
Scott Ross
President

The video for this week's program can be viewed at
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