

# Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly Newsletter for April 03, 2024

This Week's Program is Social Time

Pledge: Connie McLaughlin

Invocation: Dawn McEwen

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



April 08 Tom McEwen  
April 09 Bill West

## Upcoming Club Programs

Apr 10	Student of the Month - Rick Sutton
Apr 17	"Cycling without Age" - Barb Lotze
Apr 24	TBD
May 01	"Gracefull Café" - Julie Hall

## Future Club Events and Service Projects

Apr 02	Tue	Satellite Group 12:30 Library AI presentation
Apr 04	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan- Ferris
Apr 08	Mon	Project Cure
Apr 07	Sun	Jefferson Symphony Orchestra – Jim R
Apr 09	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George
Apr 12-14		District Convention –
Apr 16	Tue	Tour Warren Tech / Satellite Meeting
Apr 27	Sat	Sweet Dreams in In Bag
May 07	Wed	Satellite Club Elections
May 08	Wed	Club Elections
May 11	Sat	First Responders- Abe
May 19	Sun	Colfax Marathon – Rod
Jul 03-06		International Convention in Denver

## Nourish Meals on Wheels

Apr 03	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Apr 04	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Apr 05	Fri	Don Buck & Logan MacMillan
Apr 08	Mon	Tom Durkin & Friend
Apr 10	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Apr 11	Thu	Nancy Bierman & Janet Woodhull
Apr 12	Fri	Abe Baltazar & Will Knoblauch
Apr 15	Mon	Mike Greunke & Jim Johnston
Apr 16	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Apr 17	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney

### Club Officers:

President	Will Knoblauch
President Elect	Tom McEwen
Secretary	Abe Baltazar
Treasurer	Ruthann Moomy
Past President	Tom Powis

### Directors:

2022-2024: Susan Markley, Jerry Clayton & Scott Storey

2023-2025: Jim Roos, Logan MacMillan, Ferris Forar

Past Governor	Dawn Ignatius
District Governor	Ann Stelling
District Governor-Elect	Kathy Williams
District Treasurer	Jim Ignatius
Division 5 Lt. Governor	Kristy Tolan
Executive Director/Secretary	Josephine Young

Membership Dues are \$42.00 per month including meeting breakfasts.

Guest and Interclub Breakfasts are \$11.00 each, payable to the Treasurer.

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### New Membership Contacts:

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## Attendance Last Meeting

At our meeting on March 20

Total attendance: 33

Satellite meeting on March 05

Total attendance: 13

Visitors: 2

## 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](#)

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## Distinguished Kiwanis District Award

A BIG congratulations to Immediate Past Governor Dawn Ignatius and her team, on leading our District to achieve Distinguished District Status for the 2022-2023 Kiwanis year!!

This prestigious recognition is a true testament to her dedication, leadership, and the incredible work of all the members in our district!

We were 1 of just 18 Districts that met all the requirements, we will be honored at the Denver International Convention in July.



## Good Morning Division 5!

I just want to thank everyone that has already registered for DCON. I also want to remind everyone that has not registered that the deadline is Monday. Don't wait too long and miss out!

Another reminder is about the service projects. We are hoping for at least 12 but more is good as well. I know several clubs have said they are doing something to bring to DCON. Please be sure to let me know sooner rather than later what your project is. I know that we do have the birthday cake kits, from Blue Spruce, Christmas stocking from Lakewood, Kindness/blessing bags Wheat Ridge and painted pillowcases Jefferson Arvada. What else do we have coming? Please let me know. what you are putting together to bring.

**In the bag or basket, please put a note with your club name, a list of each item in the bag/basket, and how much it costs to put the bag/basket together with what you have in it. We will sell each bag/basket for the cost of putting it together.** Whomever buys it can take it back to their club with how to do a quick service project at their meeting.

Thank you all for your support and I look forward to seeing you all in Cheyenne in a few weeks.

Kristy Tolan  
Lt Governor  
Division 5  
Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District  
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## Sweet Dream In A Bag

**Kiwanis Club of Belmar,  
April 27, 9:30-11:30am  
Creager Business Depot  
1375 W. 47th Ave.**

The Kiwanis Club of Belmar is looking for volunteers to help pack bedding bags. You can Reach out to Steve Otto [sottoalameda@comcast.net](mailto:sottoalameda@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping.

## Letters and Cards

Sandy's Daughter Dawn is having a rough time with Breast Cancer. She is requesting cards and letters to brighten up her day. Inspirational quotes, comic, or a short personal note. If this request does not speak to you, that is OK. I will gladly accept Prayers, Good Vibes, Happy Thoughts or anything.



Dawn Wright  
11643 Parksouth Lane  
Parker, CO 80138

## Artificial Intelligence Presentation

The presentation by Jerry Krause has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd at 12:30 PM in the Columbine Library Meeting Room. All Kiwanians are invited to join the Satellite Group for this event. You are welcome to bring a guest!

Charlie Boyer  
[chardanb@gmail.com](mailto:chardanb@gmail.com)

## Warren Tech Tour

We will be taking a tour of Warren Tech on Tuesday April 16. The satellite meeting will be at Warren Tech at 12:30, immediately after we will take a tour of Warren Tech. I have been on the tour; it is very interesting. For me the most interesting was the rebuilding airplane engines. They have much more.

Warren Tech South is at 13299 West Coal Mine Avenue in Littleton. We are on the same campus as Dakota Ridge High School on the south side of the building, next to Easton (Foothills) Park. Parking is in front of the building, with overflow in the Dakota Ridge lot.

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## Club Elections

Kiwanis bylaws require that club elections must be held by May 15, 2024. We will be holding the club elections on May 8. We need volunteers for the following ballot positions:

October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025

- President
- President Elect

We have volunteers for club treasurer and club secretary, but you may also still volunteer for these positions.

October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2026

- 3 Members for the Board of Directors

Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Please contact Tom Powis if you would like to volunteer.

## NEED YOUR HELP!!

There are a multitude of J/A opportunities coming in the next couple of months. This is a very rewarding experience to spend time and introduce students to this great country and the economy that drive it. One volunteer is needed to help Tom Powis and myself work with a second-grade class at Pine Lane elementary. This is scheduled for the first week of April (please see the signup sheet). Another opportunity for one volunteer is available at Pine Grove elementary. This will be with a fourth-grade class at Pine Grove Elementary (please see the signup sheet).

Yet another request has been received for seven volunteers for J/A In-A-Day at Branter Elementary in Thornton. For this opportunity, you will spend an entire day with a class completing the five sessions. They are asking for help on Tuesday May 7th for four 3rd grade classes and three 4th grade classes. I have added a signup sheet for this as well. This is a great opportunity for someone who cannot commit to an hour a day for five days.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to Will and Rick for their time working with Legacy high school students in March. The program is called Explore Your Path which helps them prepare for their future career, educational and employment. Also want to **THANK** Rick, Logan, and Scott who are taking part in Mock Interview workshops with local high school students.

These are all great programs that help prepare our students for their future.

## Colfax Marathon

May 19, 2024, **Colfax Marathon Water Station-**

It's that time of the year again those that like to torture themselves by running a half marathon or the full marathon. The Kiwanis Club of Columbine is there to help them with their pain by providing hydration. Our Club has a bunch of new members, and it would be a great way to meet others.

Why am I mentioning this two months before the event? The organizers are expecting the biggest turnout ever, and there are more advanced registrations now than participated last year. Also, the organizers want to ensure that there are enough volunteers to adequately staff the water stations.

Our club operates a water station on the full marathon course (mile 12 outbound/mile 17.5 inbound) where we hand out water and Gatorade to the runners. We meet at 6:15 **am** at our usual location in front of Burger King at 6435 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO. The signup sheet is on OneDrive and on the signup clipboard. - Rod Hunley

## Registration Open for the 2024 International Convention

Embark on an epic adventure! Explore the possibilities with your fellow members at the [2024 Kiwanis International Convention](#) 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!***

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## Gary Porkorn Speaker Last Week

Hello everyone,

Just a short note to say, "Thank You!". I have never been a guest Speaker for a group meeting where I felt such a warm welcome as I did at the Columbine Kiwanis Club meeting last week. Please let everyone in your organization know how much I appreciate it. Better yet... I've drafted a little write-up for your weekly newsletter if you'd like to publish my gratitude.

Gary A. Pokorn

The Foothills Foundation

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Gary A. Pokorn was our guest speaker at the March 27th breakfast meeting. As the Secretary of The Foothills Foundation, Gary offered background on his non-profit organization and their mission of serving the Foothills Parks and Recreation District as well as the greater South Jeffco community. He thanked our Kiwanis Club, first for the way we gave him such a warm welcome Wednesday morning; second for our volunteerism that continues to benefit our greater community; and third the support we have given to The Foothills Foundation over the years. In 2024, Kiwanis has "doubled down" our support by planning a Pancake Breakfast for the Foundation's 39th annual Summerset Festival, September 21st at Clement Park. We appreciated learning more about The Foothills Foundation and we were happy Gary joined us.

**There is a sign up sheet on OneDrive, it is just for information you still need to register.**



## SWS (Sharing With Sheridan)

Last week we closed the month with still-elevated numbers of neighbors visiting; we served 216 families (719 neighbors).

Stephanie

Hi everyone,

What a wonderful day we had last Thursday. Let's do it again this week.

We had volunteers out in the east parking lot from about noon to three last week, monitoring for people who were parking and walking, and informing newbies we met as they walked back to their cars that they could not do that again. Everyone was okay with the conversations, and we heard from several drivers that they were glad to see a volunteer presence. In large part I think we accomplished what we all wanted to see happen.

Moving forward I am adding another work area for us: Monitoring the parking lot. I think we should work in pairs when possible; one shift from 12-1:30, another from 1:30-3-ish. David and I can work from 1:30-3 a couple of times a month; who else would like to do that, either time frame? It was a nice way to meet more of our guests.

Additionally, also, too, furthermore, who can work on April 4th?

Happy Easter!

Galen



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