

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly Newsletter for August 21, 2024

This Week's Presenter is Meg McCann
Topic "Project Cure" (p)

Pledge: John Marchetti & Gene Clark

Invocation: Brian Counterman

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



Aug 23 Ruthann Moomy

Upcoming Club Programs

Aug 28	Rich Rader	"How to Make Kiwanis Better" (p)
Sept 04	Will Knoblauch	"Kiwanis Youth Protection" (p)
Sept 11		"Student of the Month"
Sept 18	Carl Murphy	Fraud Prevention Let's Talk Fraud

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Aug 20	Tue	South Jeffco Business Alliance – Ken
Aug 20	Tue	Satellite Club Meeting
Aug 22	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan- Ferris
Aug 24	Sat	Corn Hole Tournament
Aug 24	Sat	Sharing With Sheridan BBQ
Aug 26	Mon	Project Cure
Aug 27	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George
Aug 27	Tue	Larry Foes – Memorial Service
Sept 03	Tue	Satellite Club Meeting
Sept 07	Sat	Summer Picnic - Dawn
Sept 21	Sat	Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast – Will / Geri
Sept 23	Mon	Kiwanis Blood Drive – Tom D

Nourish Meals on Wheels

Aug 21	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Aug 22	Thu	Will Knoblauch & Logan MacMillan
Aug 23	Fri	Denny Brehm family
Aug 26	Mon	Ken Sweet & Mary Rome
Aug 28	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Aug 29	Thu	Scott Story & Jim Foley
Aug 30	Fri	Janet Woodhull & Nancy Bierman
Sept 02	Mon	Gene & Chris Clark
Sept 03	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Sept 04	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney

Club Officers:

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

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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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Attendance Last Meeting

At our meeting on Aug 14

Total attendance: 44

Visitors: 5

Speakers: Chris Scurto - Kiwanis Key Leader program

At our satellite group meeting Aug 06

Total attendance: 9

Guest: 1

Speaker: Max and Theresa Bryant - Dream Inspiration Academy

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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Dream Inspiration Academy

At the 8/14 meeting, Max and Theresa Bryant of the Lakewood Club presented an overview of their Club's overseas project supporting the Dream Inspiration Academy organization in their mission of giving Nairobi slum children (about half the city's population) a shot at getting out of the generational poverty cycle through a quality elementary education. (<https://inspirationacademykenya.org/>) Kenya public education is rife with inadequate facilities, overcrowded and poorly trained teachers. If available in slums, classroom size is often 100 students with 5 to a desk.

Max and Theresa have been working with Dream Inspiration for 12 years, including multiple trips to Kenya to help out on the ground. This has culminated in coordinating donations from key individuals, churches, 6 Kiwanis clubs and other organizations to raise \$600K to fund the construction of a modern K-6 school in the Mathare slum of Nairobi. The school will open 1/6/25 for the 2025 school year providing classrooms, labs, disability access, sanitary water and facilities, minor medical care, and 2 nutritious meals for 425 students in classes no larger than 30 kids.

They also coordinated with Jeffco Library to provide books and Project Cure to provide medical supplies and are now fundraising for furniture and operations sponsorships for students and teachers (<https://inspirationacademykenya.org/donations-grid/>). The uniformed boys and girls will learn reading, writing, math, social studies, science, music and sports in both English and Swahili. For the students to be accepted for the school, their parents must be committed to supporting the education and have to nominally contribute either monetarily or physically to the school operations recognizing that providing free services doesn't work to elevate out of poverty.

The organization has proven that this level of education can get the students, one child at a time, out of the slum life and into the mainstream Nairobi community. If anyone is interested in joining Max and Theresa in a weeklong journey to Kenya for 3 days assisting the school opening and a 3-day safari trip, contact them, and please consider a donation or sponsorship.

Annual Summer Picnic

Our summer picnic is coming up very soon. A sign-up sheet is at every meeting and also online.

The picnic will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 7th** at the home of Chris and Gene Clark. Their home and surrounding gardens are absolutely beautiful and a great place to hold this event. Thank you to the Clark's for graciously volunteering to host this event again this year. Their address is 1579 W. Costilla Place, Littleton 80120 .

The party will start at 4:00 pm with dinner served around 5:30 pm. The club will provide all the beverages and Gene will BBQ the main entrée - brats and hot dogs. We are asked to bring an appetizer, a side dish or a dessert. Every year we get amazing things to try prepared by our fellow members.

It's always a great time of good food and fun fellowship. So sign up and please join us. - Dawn

Key Leader Program

The upcoming Key Leader training will be held at Estes Park - YMCA of the Rockies camp, during October 4-6, 2024. The excellent training will only Cost \$50 per participant. The Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District covers the other costs, from donations & grants. The high school participants do not need to be Key Club members to attend. Please encourage students to sign up.

If you need more information about this event let me know and I will forward the flyer to you. - Ken

Satellite meeting Aug 20

Hi, Kiwanians - our next Satellite Group meeting is next Tuesday, August 20th at 12:30 PM at the Columbine Library. Tom Econopouly will host the meeting.

You may have already read Will Knoblauch's notice that our friend, Larry Foos, has passed away. Our sincere condolences to the family in their time of grief. I'll bring a card for everyone to sign.

Have a good weekend. See you soon!
Charlie Boyer



Arvada Jefferson Corn Hole Tournament

We are looking for a couple more teams for
8/24 11Am-3PM

Come and show off your cornhole skills or just have fun!
If you don't play, stop by and shop at our Silent Auction, we have about 75 items!

Come and toss or bid for a cause, helping the local children.
The details and a link to register are attached.
Please pass this along to your friends and family.



Thanks!
Tammy

KAD - What is this thing called "Kiwaniis After Dark?"

KAD is a purely social event held twice a month for Kiwanis Club of Columbine members, spouses, and friends to chat, eat and drink beverages of your choice. We meet at 5:00PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at Old Chicago, 3550 S Wadsworth Blvd. No reservations are needed - all are welcome to join us for fun and fellowship. Our next gathering is set for August 27.

Recently, at our August 13 KAD, our own Abe received his reward for one of his favorite pastimes by joining the Old Chicago World Beer Tour. He received his own special jacket. Congratulations, Abe!

George Kinzer - GRKinzer@gmail.com.

SWS

What a gloriously cool respite we had on Thursday as we served 166 families (509 neighbors) and an abundance of fresh produce and the usual staples. For the coming week, we can use:

- pancake mix & pancake syrup
- meal soup
- pasta sauce

Thank you for your support. - Stephanie

SWS BBQ

As a donor, sponsor, and/or volunteer of Sharing with Sheridan, you are cordially invited to a **Celebration BBQ on Saturday, August 24**, Sheridan Community Park (located on the north side of the Sheridan Recreation Center parking lot)

Please stop by between 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM
and enjoy food and conversation as a thank you from the Sharing with Sheridan Leadership Team

Your support has made a huge impact on the neighbors we serve! Monetary and/or food donations will gladly be accepted at the BBQ

Leawood Elementary Library Volunteers

Yes, the kids are returning to school this week and it is time to get ready to volunteer in the Leawood library. The new part-time librarian, Leslie Rains, is thrilled to have us volunteer again this year. I'm the point person for this project so please let me know if you are interested in volunteering for one (or more) 2-hour shifts each week. We check-in/check-out books and reshelve the books that the students return as well as assist with special library projects that might pop-up during the school year.

You can choose a day and time when a class comes to the library if you like to interact with the students or choose a time when no classes are scheduled for the library.

Leslie would like to schedule a training session with all of us so please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in volunteering this year.

Leawood also needs someone to volunteer to help the art teacher on a weekly basis as well as assist with a variety of general class preparation activities – please let me know if you any interest in these as well.

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South Jeffco Business Alliance

A chance to learn and tell people about our great Kiwanis Club.

Speaker: Foothills Foundation

When: Tuesday, Aug 20, 9 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee and ???

Where: [Peak Community & Wellness Center](#), 6612 S. Ward St., Littleton, CO 80127

Please [RSVP](#) so we can plan for breakfast and seating. Only RSVP if you are going to attend. Continually RSVPing and not attending meetings wastes the resources of our generous sponsors. You can also RSVP by replying to this email.

Our own Will is giving a short presentation on our Pancake Breakfast. We are fully supported by the Foothills Foundation. We will be selling sponsorships and tickets; we can use help. – Ken



Only you can make a difference

Please mark your calendars for September 23rd to donate blood at the quarterly Kiwanis Blood Drive. This event will be held at the Riverwalk Clubhouse between the hours of 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Your donation will help patients such as Lauryn who has a rare disease that prevent her body from producing healthy blood cells requiring transfusions every three weeks. Or Kristin who after two complicated pregnancies required a total of forty-two transfusions.

Regardless of your ability or inability to donate, you can always take the time to spread the word. Thanks for your help to make this a success!

—Tom Durkin, Greens Homeowner & Kiwanis Club Member

What Is ProjectCURE?

Our group of volunteers (we have had between 6 and 14 each visit) has been visiting the ProjectCURE warehouse in Centennial on the last Monday of every month since January 2023. We spend up to 2-1/2 hours there. Our tasks are varied, but we have usually been assigned to open donated older Surgical Packs to select out useful items, discarding the items no longer suitable for use. We never know what our tasks will be each visit until we get there.

The ProjectCURE organization has similar warehouses in several cities around the USA collecting this type of Medical and Surgical Supplies and Equipment no longer suitable for use, from agencies wishing to dispose of it (from hospitals, medical offices and clinics). After extensive processing (such as the tasks we perform), the usable materials are packed and shipped all over the world to countries in need of such medical materials. Last year, over 30 countries received shipments from ProjectCURE where the materials were desperately needed and were in short supply.

Our next scheduled ProjectCURE event is set for Monday, August 26 at 9:30am and a signup sheet is available at meetings and online. For those desiring a ride to Centennial, we carpool from the 4Gs parking lot at 9:00am that morning.

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Larry Foos

Will be laid to rest with Honors

August 27th at 10:30 AM, Tuesday

Fort Logan National Cemetery
3698 S. Sheridan Blvd.
Denver, CO 80235

Please enter the cemetery through North Gate (Funeral Entrance) and proceed to staging area B for a brief procession (Map attached). Plan to arrive by **10:15 AM**.

Reception to follow at Horan & McConaty Funeral Home, 3101 S Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO.

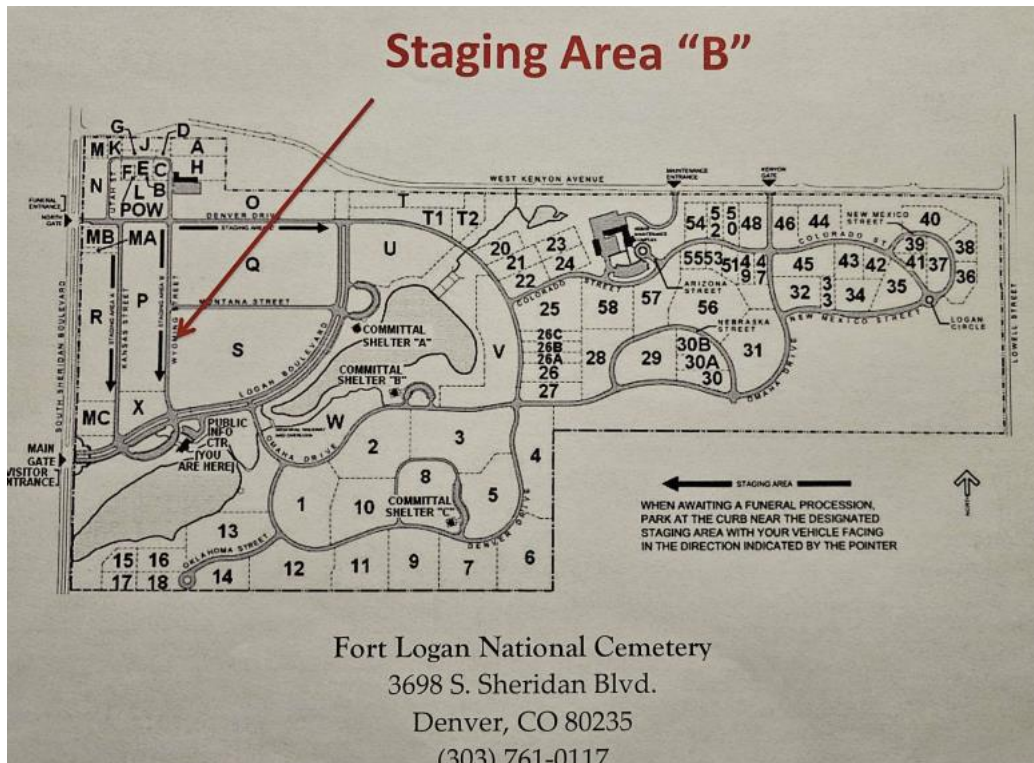
In Lieu of Flowers please consider send donations to any of the following organizations Larry loved and supported:

- Kiwanis Club of Columbine Foundation
- Colorado Railroad Museum
- Wings over the Rockies

For obituary and additional donation information see HoranCares.com after Tuesday.

Please forward as necessary and call with any questions.

Thanks,



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Pancake Breakfast Update

Our presale's goal is 500 tickets and a full placemat of ads. Here is where we are so far:

- 70 tickets sold
- 3 ads sold
- Total presales dollars \$1,000. Not a bad start, but still a ways to go!

Please reach out to your close contacts to try and generate some interest and hopefully sell some tickets or an ad on the placemat. Presales efforts this week include:

- South Jeffco Business Alliance, Tuesday August 20th at 9:00am. We will be promoting our pancake breakfast to this group at the regular meeting. Ken and Will will be there and could use some additional Kiwanian support.
- Presales party is also Tuesday August 20th at 11:00am. We will meet at the Lake House parking lot approximately 10:45, break into groups of 2 and talk to all the stores in that shopping area. It should be fertile ground since they border Clement Park. Hopefully by doing this as a group we can have some fun and make some money for the club. Please participate if you can.
- We are still looking for product and gift card donations from local merchants. At this point gift cards are the most useful, but we can still use product donations of hotdogs, hotdog buns, breakfast and lunch condiments, and paper/plastic products like plates, napkins, cups and forks and knives.

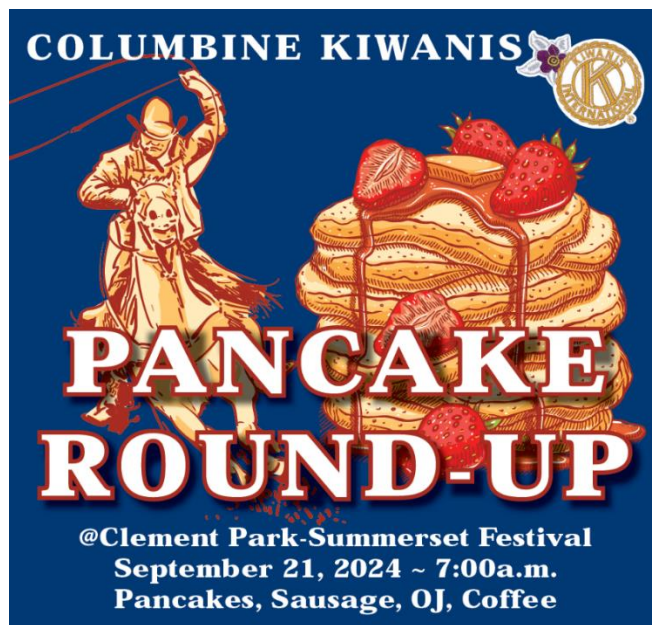
Signup sheets are now on OneDrive and on the clipboards for tasks needing volunteers around the event itself. Please look it over and sign up for anything that suits you.

If you, or someone you are working with wants to pay for tickets or a placement ad using Venmo this QRC makes it pretty easy. If asked for a numeric code use 4917. We also accept old school payment methods of cash and check.

@Columbine_Kiwanis_Breakfast



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