

October & November 2024

Kiwanis Club of Dubois

Organized May 1992



Serving the children of the world

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
Weekly on Tuesdays through October, 6:45 a.m.
First & Third Tuesdays November through March

Meeting Dates/Program Planning

Oct 1 Mike McCullough
Oct 8 Board/Business
Oct 15 Kyle Neary
Oct 22 Pat Ballinger
Oct 29 NO Meeting



Nov 5 Pat Neary
Nov 12 Board Meeting (TBA)
Nov 19 Reenie Roe

Dec 3 Rita Foster



News and Notices

~ **Highway cleanup** was completed on Sept 19 by eight volunteers, including one non-member. A few "interesting" items were reportedly found.
~ **Members are invited** to join/cheer on the Speedy Rams Running Club at 3:30 pm at the school during the following special events:
Oct 30 – Costume Run (Halloween Costumes)
Dec 18 – Jingle Run (Santa Hats, Elf Hats, Jingle Bells)
March 19 – Glow Run (Glow Sticks & Lights)
May 21– Color Run (Kiwanians may throw chalk!)

~ **50/50 treats** are provided by volunteers
Karen McCullough (Oct); Mark Hinschberger (Nov)
Kyle Neary (Dec); Michele Burdick (Jan)
Kristi Perry (Feb)

Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

Oct 1 Start of New Kiwanis Year

October 7-11 Kiwanis Youth Protection Week
<https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management>

Oct 16 WHF Monthly Wellness Screening
7:30– 10 am at Dubois Medical Clinic

Oct 21-24 Scholastic Book Fair, K-12 Library

Oct 25 Halloween Decorating at Dennison, 1:30

Oct 26 Halloween at Dubois Museum, 3-5 pm

Oct 30 Speedy Rams Costume Run, 3:30 pm

Nov 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends
Turn clocks back 1 hour

Nov 20 WHF Monthly Wellness Screening
7:30-10 am at Dubois Medical Clinic

Nov 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday ~

Oct 2 Julie Splichal
Oct 9 Pat Neary
Nov 1 Rita Foster
Nov 7 Kristi Perry
Nov 24 Cyndi Dugan



Happy Anniversary ~

Oct 8 Kristi & Jerry Perry

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September 2024 Meeting Notes/Programs

SEPT 3: The scheduled guest speaker was unable to attend. Updates were provided about the backpack project, Halloween at the Museum and Installation. Cyndi reported that she was able to be at the Pentagon the end of August to celebrate her daughter Shanna's promotion to Master Sergeant. Shanna grew up in Dubois, and graduated from DHS.

Jennet reported that letters documenting volunteer hours, along with Certificates of Appreciation, were sent to Morgan, Kate and Tanner Lindsey. The help from the three teens was invaluable during our summer projects.

50/50 won by Pat B, Pat N, Reenie, Mike, Mark



THANK YOU!

SEPT 10: BOARD/ BUSINESS

Minutes & Financial Reports are on file with the secretary. The 2024-25 budget was discussed.

Kyle Neary is leading an effort to restore the wildlife signs along the Wind River in the Dubois Town Park. She explained plans of how to fund the project and requested a letter of support for the *River Walk Interpretive Project* to present to the Town. Her request was approved. *50/50 won by Mike, Michele, Kyle, Sheryl, Reenie, Jennet, Rita, Ron*

SEPT 17: DAVE SODERQUIST: Inventor, entrepreneur and successful businessman graduated from high school in 1967 and served with Air Navy in Vietnam. His passion was hockey and in 1972 he landed a job with the National Hockey League, which opened doors to sporting good sales and a manufacturer's representative. After seeing his first pair of in-line skates in 1985, he began making them in his garage and ultimately started First Line Sports. After traveling the world for several years, he became involved with Torspo Hockey International.

Dave admits he's had failures along with successes, and believes "ADD is a gift." As he explained another invention, he talked of playing whiffle ball as a kid and

decided to create a bat and ball that was like that, only better. Sweet Spot Sports was born with a lightweight, efficient set. As the company grew, shares were sold to the LA Dodgers. Daoust, the most recent enterprise of Dave and partner Wayne Gretzky, is marketing specialized professional hockey skates.

Dubois kids have benefited from Dave Soderquist's generous spirit though his donations of ice skates for use at the Town Park rink in the winter and of baseball/bat combos that every K-12 student received last spring. He also gifted our club with his 1990's creation of *DU Boyz* decals, which are marketed to local businesses. *50/50 won by Jennet, Bruce, Mark, Reenie, Sheryl, Karen, Kay, Ron*

SEPT 22: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

We hosted a joint Installation of Officers for Dubois, Lander, Riverton and Jackson clubs at Warm Valley Lodge, which included a delicious dinner catered by Connie Wood. Project highlights shared by clubs included establishing town parks and shelters, creation of an ADA park and trail, community partnerships, Coolest Dog contest, family breakfasts and a school in Nairobi. Special guests were Kathryn Williams, Rocky Mtn Dist Governor, Darci Andersson, Lt. Governor of Northern Wyo Division 9, and Dominick Breton, RMD Membership Coordinator.

Congratulations and thank you to our 2024-25 leaders

President Pat Ballinger, President-Elect Michele Burdick
Secretary Jennet Ballinger, Treasurer Karen McCullough,
Directors Mike McCullough, Kyle Neary & Pat Neary

Kiwanis Education ~ A Kiwanis interclub is a meeting or event between two or more clubs, or between a Kiwanis club and another club, such as a K-Kids, Builders Club, or Circle K Club. The purpose of inter-clubs is to develop fellowship between clubs, encourage members to participate with other clubs, and exchange ideas for service, fundraising, and meeting programs.

Inter-clubs can include Club installations, Division meetings, District conferences or conventions, International conventions, and Governors visits. The minimum number of members required for an interclub meeting is 2-4, depends on the club's membership.

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