

December 2024 – January 2025

Kiwanis Club of Dubois



Serving the
children of the world

Organized May 1992

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**
6:45 a.m. on 1st & 3rd Tues, November thru March
Weekly on Tuesdays April – October
**Schedule may be adjusted to accommodate projects*

Meeting Dates/Program Host*

**Please let program guests know to plan for no more than a 15-20 minute presentation, and that coffee is not provided*

December 3	Rita Foster
December 10	Board Meeting, 8:00 am
December 17	Ron Blevins
January 7	Sheryl Epp
January 14	Board Meeting, 8:00 am
January 21	Steve Splichal
February 4	Brad Lindsey



News & Kudos

~ **4th Annual Halloween at the Museum** was a unique and fun event for approximately 90 attendees! Many thanks to our 15 members and 8 other helpers who decorated & manned games in the Dennison!

~ **Scholastic Book Fair** donation of \$650 from our club allowed each child in grades K-8 to purchase a book.

~ **Thank you** to Mike, Pat B and Ron for putting up Christmas lights around St. Thomas' on Nov 21. This is one way we thank the church for allowing us to meet in their Community Room.

~ **\$1,000 from the Wyoming First Lady's Hunger Initiative** was used to add canned chicken to each Ram Pak that went home with students prior to Thanksgiving, to assist with the purchase of meat for 2 Community Dinners, to give a small donation to the Senior Center Meal Fund, and to provide substantial bags of food for 25 families whose children attend the PreSchool & PreK programs. A Super Foods gift card was given to Little Lambs Childcare Center and to the Boys & Girls Club.

~ **50/50 treat** volunteers: Kyle Neary (DEC); Kristi Perry (JAN); Michele Burdick (FEB); Karen McCullough (MARCH) **THANK YOU!**

*In our perfect ways. In the ways we are beautiful. In the ways we are human. We are here. Happy New Year.
Let's make it ours. – Beyoncé*

Upcoming Events/Projects

Dec 1	Cowboy Christmas, 4-7 pm
Dec 6 - 21	Salvation Army Bell Ringing Schedule w/Mary Ellen 455-2182
Dec 11	Club Christmas, 5:00 p.m. St Thomas Community Room Details on invitation!
Dec 17	Santa Treats delivered to school
Dec 18	WHF Monthly Wellness Screening Dubois Clinic, 7:30-10 a.m.
Dec 18	Speedy Rams Jingle Run Dubois Elementary, 3:30 pm
Dec 25	<i>Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!</i>
Jan 15	WHF Monthly Wellness Screening Dubois Clinic, 7:30 – 10 a.m.
Feb 7 - 8	Pedigree Stage-Stop Sled Dog Race
Feb 9- 15	Random Acts of Kindness Week

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday ~

Dec 14	Jerry Perry
Jan 1	Pamela Dix
Jan 21	Kiwanis Int'l – 110 th
Jan 31	Michele Burdick
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Happy Anniversary ~

Dec 21	Rita & Ken Foster
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October & November 2024 Program Notes

Oct 1: MIKE McCULLOUGH'S WYOMING QUIZ

A 10-question quiz had us scratching our heads to decide which Wyoming town has a store with the largest selection of hot sauces in the US, which counties have no oil & gas production, how a Tiger Trout came about and more!

An interesting Kiwanis note referred to Nellie Tayloe Ross, Wyoming's only woman governor and the first female to Direct the US Mint (1933-1953). While she was unable to join Kiwanis, her husband William B Ross, the 12th Governor of Wyoming, was the first president of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club in 1922. Women were allowed to join in 1987, 10 years after the death of Ms Ross.

Kristi Perry was honored with a gift in appreciation for her service as 2022-2024 Club President. 50/50 Rita & Reenie

Oct 8: BOARD MEETING (Minutes emailed 11/10)

President Pat Ballinger shared copies of *Kiwanis International Youth Protection Policies & Procedures* and discussed the importance of following best practices and required actions to keep youth safe and members protected. The local school district confirmed their background check is good for two years and the club will continue to pay for member's background checks through KI.

The 2024-25 Administrative & Service Budgets were given final approval. 50/50 Jennet, Pat N, Sheryl

Oct 15: MOVEMENT & BODY AWARENESS

Kyle Neary's career provided opportunities for her to become an expert in Yoga and exercises that improve how a person feels. She explained methods and demonstrated ways to improve breathing, posture, range of motion, and stress relief. The importance of stretching was addressed, as well as the Feldenkrais Method, a movement therapy that reorganizes connections between the brain and body.

50/50 Mark, Pat N, Michele

Oct 22: KRISTEN KOHLBRAND, DNP, FNP-C, ENP-C

The Dubois Medical Clinic medical provider shared insights into Rural Health Care, including challenges such as distance from hospitals and the ability to bring in specialists. A Wyoming native, Kristen began her journey over 20 years ago as a CNA and has since earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, dual Doctor of Nursing Practice and Family Nurse Practitioner degrees, and an Emergency Nurse Practitioner Certification. Kristen is dedicated to preventive care and has worked to obtain additional equipment to expedite essential diagnostic tests at the Clinic. Jen Fister, FNP, assists at the Clinic one day a week.

Kyle & Pat Neary reported on the Dubois Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting. New officers & directors were elected and the membership report indicated increased involvement from businesses. 50/50 Bruce, Pat B, Steve

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Nov 5: PETER GOTTFRIED, CEP, GISP

An environmental scientist and real estate broker, Peter shared his vision for a housing development on the corner of Hough and Marcianna Streets. The area could accommodate six family units and 16 townhouses, along with a playground and green space. Once initial stages of surveys, replats and permitting are complete, Peter will determine the best of the two options he is considering: sell the lots to individuals so they can build themselves or look for investors so houses can be built and sold completed.

Peter noted that his family ties to Dubois date back to 1937, when his great uncle arrived at the CM Ranch to fly- fish. Peter made his first visit to Dubois in 1970 as a teenager and ultimately purchased property here in 2006.

Michele, Pat N, Kyle, Pat B and Jennet attended the Oct 24 meeting of the Riverton Kiwanis Club to retrieve our Bell. An interclub is prompted when a club "borrows" something belonging to another club ☺ 50/50 Michele, Karen

Nov 12: BOARD MEETING (Minutes on file)

In addition to regular club business, projects discussed included Chamber of Commerce Cowboy Christmas, club party, St. Thomas lights, Santa bags, Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race, repairs to Taylor Creek Park and distribution of funds donated through the Wyoming First Lady's Hunger Initiative.

Nov 19: DAN STARKS, NMMV Founder

A businessperson who has been at the head of five different companies, Dan Starks earned a degree in Liberal Arts, practiced law, and was the CEO of a medical device business in Minneapolis for 32 years. Having purchased "a cow camp" up the Dunoir outside of Dubois in 2011, Dan and his wife Cindy (who has added a bowling alley, arcade, bakery, and photography studio) within the town, made Wyoming their home following his retirement in 2017.

While he has never served in the military, Dan said he appreciates all they and their families have gone through. He has been obsessed with military affairs since his childhood and collected military vehicles and tanks through the years. Private showings became so prevalent, he decided to make the collection available to everyone and the result is the National Museum of Military Vehicles. Dan self-funded the \$100 million, 160,000-square-foot museum, which contains 500 fully restored vehicles and a firearms collection. Additions have been made along the way, including a repair shop, canteen and more. According to Dan, he would like to expand the storytelling of history, and provide more programs & education for and about Veterans, to "make every day Veterans' Day." 50/50 Ron

A new year is a blank canvas, ready to be painted with the colors of your dreams. Strive to make this year a masterpiece of service and positive change.

- Author Unknown