

Serving the children
of the world

February 2025 Kiwanis Club of Dubois



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

Meeting Dates/Program Host

- February 4 Brad Lindsey
- February 11 Board Mtg 8:00 am (all welcome)
- February 18 Bruce S Thompson

- March 4 Cyndi Dugan
- March 11 Board Mtg 8:00 am (all welcome)
- March 18 Jennet Ballinger

News & Kudos

~ **Several Salvation Army Bell Ringing** shifts were covered by 5 members (and a spouse) in December

~ **Christmas Cheer** was spread through the purchase of toys and treats for over 100 Santa Bags that were delivered to Dubois Preschool -5th Grade students

~ **Our Highland Cow-boy Christmas Tree** earned 2nd place in the Dubois Chamber contest!

~ **Kiwanians in the classroom** have assisted with 1st grade reading and unit projects in 1st and 4th grades.

~ **Grants from the Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis Foundation** and Dubois Volunteers, Inc. will cover most of the cost of needed repairs at our Taylor Creek Park ☺

Volunteers providing 50/50 treats include
 Michele Burdick (FEB); Karen McCullough (MARCH);
 Rita Foster (APRIL); Kyle Neary (MAY);
 Kristi Perry (JUNE)
 Juice supplied by Jennet & Pat
 Thank you all!

*To make a difference is not a matter of
 accident, a matter of casual occurrence, of the
 tides. People choose to make a difference.*
 Maya Angelou

Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

- Feb 7 Winter Fest events in Town Park, 4-7 pm
Kiwanis will be among the hosts for games in the Dennison Lodge, 5-7 pm
- Feb 8 Final leg Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race
- Feb 9-15 Random Acts of Kindness Week
Proclamation Signed by Mayor
- Feb 13 Provide treats during Bingo at the Rustic
Details TBA
- Feb 18 WHF Wellness Screen @ FCSD#2
School employees only
- Feb 19 WHF Wellness Screen/Blood Draw
Dubois Medical Clinic, 7:30 – 10
- March 9 Daylight Saving Time begins
Move clocks ahead 1 hour
- March Scholarship Applications
April Fool's Non-Dinner Letters



*Kindness is spreading sunshine into other
 people's lives regardless of the weather.*
 -RAKtivist

Celebrate~

Happy Birthday ~

- Feb 1 Butch Burdick
- Feb 2 Steve Splichal
- Feb 22 Judy Johnson

Happy Anniversary ~

- Feb 11 Pat & Kyle Neary
- Feb 20 Pamela & Mark Dix



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December & January Notes ~

Minutes of board meetings are emailed to members

Dec 3: Wyoming Towns Matching Quiz

Rita Foster's fun activity had descriptions of 25 towns – some with unique names and others that are little known. Elmo (a little red Muppet), Recluse (a hermit), Spotted Horse (a speckled pony) and Morton ("When it rains it pours" slogan) may have resulted in taking a closer look at a Wyoming map! 50/50 won by Brad

Dec 10: Board Meeting Highlights *(minutes on file)*



A grant was submitted to the Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis Foundation for funding to help with repairs at Kiwanis Park at Taylor Creek.

Members were reminded to view and vote for the Cowboy Christmas trees.

50/50 won by Kristi & Mike

Dec 11: Club Christmas Party

Members, spouses and guests enjoyed delicious food, crazy gifts, fun games and lots of laughs at our annual gathering. A centerpiece received from Wyoming Health Fairs in appreciation of our volunteer efforts added to beautiful decorations.

Dec 17: Ron Blevins~Powell Office Supply Memories

A Navy Veteran, retired businessman, historian and fellow Kiwanian, Ron shared stories of intriguing art work. He spoke of Mitchial L Lange, a native of Powell who left to obtain his college education and returned years later as an art teacher. Using the theme "Return to the Heart," Lange created pen & ink drawings on calendars in the 1980s with a Heart Mountain theme. Ron sold them in his Office Supply store. Ron shared some of those drawings, along with an original painting by professional artist Mike Kopriva of Powell. The journey of Kopriva's valuable painting started with someone selling it for gas money. Ron also shared the brochure with a Christmas menu and photo of the USS Wyoming SSBN742, a US Navy ballistic missile submarine. 50/50 won by Rita & Jennet

Jan 7: Katie Becker, Wind River Rodeo Company



Katie and husband Jerry oversee the Dubois Friday Night Rodeos at the Clarence Allison Memorial Arena through ownership of Wind River Rodeo Company LLC. Since taking it over in 2017, they have secured grants, added personal funds and sweat equity to improve the rodeo facility and areas for livestock. The Beckers raise their own horses on their Crowheart Ranch, while other stock is leased. They, their three daughters and a staff of 15-20 put on entertaining and competitive rodeos June through August and are open to ideas on how to encourage more locals to join the spectators from out of town and Dude Ranches. Katie thanked the club for sponsoring a buckle for one of the children's events.

50/50 won by Bruce, Karen, Reenie, Steve, Kyle, Pat

Jan 14: Board Meeting *(minutes on file)*

A request for funds for Taylor Creek Park was submitted to Dubois Volunteers, Inc. Prizes have been ordered for Feb 7 Winter Fest games and the Mayor has been asked to sign a Proclamation for Random Acts of Kindness week.

Jan 21: Suzanne Osegueda, Executive Director Dubois Chamber of Commerce

Suzanne brought us up to date on Feb 7 & 8 happenings surrounding the Pedigree Stage Stop Dog Sled Race. The Mars family, sponsor of the event, is pleased Dubois is on board to host the final leg of the race on Feb 8. The Wyoming Office of Tourism and Wind River Visitors' Council are taking an active part, as are several local organizations, businesses, food vendors and more. A musher will be presenting an assembly at the school and a student has been selected for the junior musher program. On Feb 7, a Pony Express Run will go from the 3 Spear Building to the Post Office. There will also be activities in the town park, games at the Dennison, a community dinner and movie.

50/50 won by Pat N, Jennet, Steve, Ron & Mike (who gave his to our visitor, Peggy)



Kiwanis Vision Statement

Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide . . . so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

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