

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly Newsletter for February 19, 2025

This Week's Presenter is John Covert
Topic "Update on the Action Center"

Pledge: John Marchetti

Invocation: Mary Rome

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



Feb 20 Sally Edstrom
Feb 20 Shavon Forte
Feb 21 Rod Hunley

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Attendance Last Meeting

At our meeting on Feb 12

Total attendance – 42

Guest – 12

Wednesday Meeting in person

6:45 Social, 7:00 Meeting

4G's Restaurant

5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton, CO
80123

Satellite Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb 18th, 12:30 PM

Project Hours M-T-D 141

Links for signups and reporting hours

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[PROJECTS SIGN UP](#)

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Please report hours

Upcoming Club Programs

Feb 26 Sweet Dream in a Bag

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Feb 18	Tue	Satellite Club – Charlie
Feb 20	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris
Feb 22	Sat	Nibbles and Sips – Ken
Feb 22	Sat	Optimist Brain Bowl - Shavon
Feb 22	Sat	Key Club Spring Rally
Feb 24	Mon	Project CURE- George
Feb 25	Tue	Kiwanis after Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00
Mar 04	Tue	Satellite Club – Charlie
Mar 04	Tue	Kiwanis Board Meeting 6:00 CUC Ken
Mar 17	Mon	Blood Drive – Tom D
Mar 22	Sat	Spring Leadership conference – Ken
Mar 31 – Apr 04		JA 3 rd Grade – Tom D

Nourish Meals on Wheels

(Note – some changes have not been recorded)

Feb 19	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Feb 20	Thu	Scott Story & Jim Foley
Feb 21	Fri	Mel & Julie Roghair
Feb 24	Mon	Mike Greunke & Jim Johnstone
Feb 26	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Feb 27	Thu	Mary Rome & Will Knoblauch
Feb 28	Fri	?? need help & Sally Kingman
Mar 03	Mon	Denny Brehm Family
Mar 04	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Mar 05	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Mar 06	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Mar 07	Fri	Don Buck & Abe Baltazar
Mar 10	Mon	Ferris Forar & Mike Greunke Logan
Mar 12	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Mar 13	Thu	?? need help & Sally Kingman

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February Students of the Month Event

At the Feb. 12th Club Meeting, our guests included 3 Students of the Month (SoM) and family members and school administrators / teachers continuing a recognition program for students that demonstrate positive influence in their school communities through personal development, service to others and informal leadership.

Nell Stalilonis, of Powell MS is a very optimistic 8th grader who loves school, interacting with her teachers, socializing with everyone and making people laugh. She is an excellent student who frequently helps others with their studies. She is a state level competitive gymnast, planning on pursuing the sport at Arapahoe next year and her favorite subjects are Social Studies (Amer. History), Spanish and of course PE. Nell also landed and is rehearsing for a role in the upcoming Thespian Club play. She exhibits great confidence and the Powell staff noted that she lights up every room and situation she is in, spreading her positive attitude throughout the Powell community. Long term she is potentially interested in pursuing a career in the medical field where she can work hands-on with people.



Greya Tillotson of Ken Caryl is a real dynamo of an 8th grader who has maintained straight A's throughout almost three years of middle school and is in her 4th year of playing the saxophone (our member Brian Counterman would be proud). In addition to being a top student, she's involved in club team soccer, volleyball and is a school leader. Greya has already signed up for four Honors classes at Columbine HS next fall and of course will be in the marching band. She's thinking of a future in mental health therapy. She and her mom Cole have been challenged at home in supporting her dad Kyle's cancer treatment over the past two years. Her school counselor Joni shared how she has extended this empathy into displaying her compassionate and genuine



character she shares with everyone she meets. Such a joy to meet another great example of the youth of our community.

Rachel Arnold is a senior attending Arapahoe and the LPS EPIC campus studying computer science. She is President of the Arapahoe FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and qualified in four different events to go to the FBLA state convention. She has been a member of FBLA for her four years at AHS and volunteers to do the balloon blowing for the Trick or Treat Street for Halloween that the AHS Key Club organizes in October (non-stop 3 hrs). She has her own balloon blowing business that she has run for the last five years where she works at parties for little ones blowing balloon animals. Her mom, Jacque, and her sister, Grace, were in attendance at the meeting as well. Her FBLA advisor from Arapahoe High, Caroline Swank, was also able to attend and spoke highly of the great work that Rachel does with the FBLA group and for all the students at Arapahoe where she has a talent for including and melding people together so all can improve and grow. She plans to attend college next year in CO, possibly at DU or CSU studying computer technology.



Parent Response

Hi Rick, Mrs. Swank, Bob and Columbine Kiwanis,

Thank you so much for this morning's delightful breakfast and Rachel's Student of the Month recognition! My husband, Steve, was able to watch this morning's festivities when we got home and thought it was amazing, too. Thanks for this honor for Rachel. It meant so much!

Best Regards,
Jacque and Steve Arnold

Kiwanis After Dark

Several of your fellow members and guests gathered on February 11 for conversation and social time. We met at 303 Sports Grill on W Bowles Ave in their private room and had an excellent time. We are planning another Kiwanis After Dark session for the same location on Tuesday evening, February 25 at 5pm. The food, refreshments and conversation were all good - consider joining us on the 25th.

George Kinzer

Columbine HS Key Club

For the past two weeks, Key Club members, along with the rest of the school, have been raising money for Make a Wish Foundation, to send a sick girl and her family from our community to Disneyland. They made bead bracelets with uplifting words to be given to the girl and her second-grade classmates.

The Rocky Mountain District 5 Spring Rally will take place at Columbine HS on February 22, probably 11 am till 1 pm. Karen can use a couple of our members to attend and be the adults in the room.



Meals on Wheels

"Roses and Valentines and Apple Pie...Oh My!"

It's always fun to see the smiles on our customers' faces when delivering them their meals. This past Friday's deliveries were extra special, on Valentines Day, by having such wonderful goodies to deliver too. The dessert bags packed with home-made Valentines and roses were such a nice touch and seemed to be really appreciated by everyone, including the men! Abe and Ken are great companions to navigate with and the humor is never lacking :)

Thank you for continuing to include me in this special volunteer work, Ken. - Erin



Picture Erin, Diana, he just snuck in.

Erin spent 2 hours with Abe and Ken. Then she went to a Kiwanis lunch. We need to get her in her club. She is a regular Meals on Wheels Driver, and I have voluntold her to be on our publicity committee. (don't tell her) - Ken

Board Meetings

Columbine Kiwanis has a board meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend. The next board meeting will be on March 4. - Ken

Graceful Café – Sad News

Dear GraceFull Community,

Each of you has been an integral part of GraceFull, investing your time, resources, energy, and love into this incredible journey – a journey built on a mission of: Cultivating a healthier, more connected and stronger community by providing a home in Littleton where people of all backgrounds can gather, eat well and be inspired to give back.

Over the last two years we have seen increasingly challenging times. In our hearts, we always wanted to be able to end well as we were entrusted with much. Unfortunately, it has become too much for us to sustain this work in a healthy way for our family. It is with heavy hearts; we are sharing that GraceFull Community Cafe is permanently closed.

With love and gratitude,

Troy & Heather Greenwood

Owners / Founders of GraceFull Community Cafe

Satellite Group

Hi, Kiwanians -

The Satellite Group will meet next Tuesday, Feb 18th at 12:30 PM at the Columbine Library. Our guest speaker will be Rene' Laws from the Jeffco Libraries. See you then!
Charlie Boyer

King Soopers Community Rewards

Support your Kiwanis Club of Columbine by enrolling with your King Soopers Card in the Community Rewards Program. King Soopers will donate to the club based on a percentage of your purchases. To enroll, go to www.kingsooperscommunityrewards.com create a digital account and link your card to Kiwanis Club of Columbine. For help ask Ruthann.

NOTE: the club receives over \$1000 / year and costs the individuals nothing. Ken

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Upcoming Kiwanis Events

2025 DISTRICT CONVENTION:

Estimated Cost: \$225 per member

Date: August 15-17, 2025

Location: Denver Tech Center area

Join us for our biggest Kiwanis event of the year! Connect with fellow members from around the district, celebrate your achievements, and get inspired to serve the children of the world.

2025 SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

Estimated Cost: \$50 per member

Date: March 22, 2025

Location: Fort Collins area

Develop your leadership skills and learn best practices at our Spring Leadership Conference. This is your opportunity for leadership education, to gain valuable insights, and to strengthen your commitment to service

LET US HELP (Fire Disaster)

Fire disasters in our west have dominated the news. The pictures of the devastation are overwhelming. It is impossible to imagine the impact to the children in the fire zone. Your home is gone. Your school is gone. Seeing this destruction, your board has committed to helping the children of this area. Our Kiwanis sister foundation has reached out and is asking for your donation to the Cal-Nev-Ha children's foundation. With the knowledge that 100% of these donations will go directly to those children in need, our Kiwanis of Columbine foundation will match dollar for dollar up to \$1,000. For your convenience, there is a link below that you can use. Or if you prefer another method, I'm sure that any donation no matter how large or small will be appreciated. Tom Durkin will be tracking these donations so let him know your contribution amount.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/support-disaster-recovery-efforts-with-a-gift>

Blue Heron Science Fair

I didn't have much time after the weekly Kiwanis meeting to rush over to Blue Heron for the latest Science Fair judging assignment as the event started at 8 am. Last I looked I was the only Kiwanian that signed up. Upon arriving I was met at the door by Don Buck. Relieved, I would not have to do this by myself, we entered the door and were greeted by the principal. There were six judges in total and after talking to the principal in her office, a place I mentioned being familiar with in the past, we were provided nifty badges befitting of our status. The fair was organized into two groups, lower and upper class grades. There were only 6 entrants total so the whole affair only took around an hour or so. No volcanoes this time, the displays were creative and well done. It was explained to me that science fairs were much larger before the Covid years and that there was a new effort to get them back to prominence. In all it was a great day.



Gary McCombs

SWS (Sharing with Sheridan)

On a brilliantly sunny day which felt warmer than expected, our dedicated Kiwanis and other volunteers turned out to serve 232 families (734 neighbors). For next week's distribution, we can use

- peanut butter
- jelly
- dry pasta
- clean plastic newspaper and grocery bags

We are well stocked with egg cartons for the time being with no additional storage space.

Thank you for your support,
Stephanie

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