

# Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly Newsletter for February 26, 2025

This Week's Presenter is Susie Fox  
Topic "Sweet Dream in a Bag"

Pledge: Connie McLaughlin

Invocation:

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



Feb 28 Don & Lynne Buck  
Mar 04 Frank & Nolly Novatski

## Upcoming Club Programs

Mar 05 TBD

## Future Club Events and Service Projects

Feb 24	Mon	Project CURE- George
Feb 25	Tue	Kiwanis after Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00
Feb 27	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris
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 30	Sun	Jefferson Symphony - Jim R
Mar 31 - Apr 04		JA 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade - Tom D

## Nourish Meals on Wheels

(Note - some changes have not been recorded)

Feb 26	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Feb 27	Thu	Mary Rome & Will Knoblauch
Feb 28	Fri	<b>Burns need help &amp; Sally Kingman</b>
Mar 03	Mon	Denny Brehm Family
Mar 04	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Mar 05	Wed	<b>Terri &amp; Cleve McKinney</b>
Mar 06	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Mar 07	Fri	Don Buck & Abe Baltazar
Mar 10	Mon	Ferris Forar & Logan
Mar 12	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Mar 13	Thu	Will Knoblauch & Sally Kingman
Mar 14	Fri	Denny Brehm Family
Mar 17	Mon	Steve & Debbie Barns
Mar 18	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Mar 19	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Mar 20	Thu	<b>Jackson Need help</b>
Mar 21	Fri	Mel & Julie Roghair

NEED Help  
Check list and  
update Ken list:

Terry might not  
be able to drive  
on Wed.

### Club Officers:

President	Ken Sweet
President Elect	Lane Andrews
Secretary	Tom Durkin
Treasurer	Ruthann Moomy
Past President	Will Knoblauch

### Directors:

2023-2025: Jim Roos, Logan MacMillan, Ferris Forar  
2024-2026: Mike Jepkes, Susan Markley, Rick Sutton

Past Governor	Ann Stelling
District Governor	Kathy Williams
Division 5 Lt. Governor	Kristy Tolan
Executive Director/Secretary	Josephine Young

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### New Membership Contacts:

Ken Sweet [info@columbinekiwanis.org](mailto:info@columbinekiwanis.org)  
19Kiwanis15

## Attendance Last Meeting

At our meeting Feb 19 - 32 members  
1 Guest - John Covert Action Center

## 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, Mar 4th, 12:30 PM

## Project Hours M-T-D 141

## Links for signups and reporting hours

Scan QR or click on link



[PROJECTS SIGN UP](#)

[VOLUNTEER HOURS](#)

Please report hours

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## Chatfield High School

We received this from Kellie. If anyone knows of the availability for internships or work for high school students let Ken or Kellie know. Chatfield High School gave a great presentation at the South Jeffco Business Alliance last week.

Hello Mr. Sweet,

I hope you are having a great day!

My name is Kellie, and I have the privilege of working at Chatfield Senior High School in the Career Hub. We are looking for amazing companies who would like to partner with us to provide our talented students with the opportunity to gain real work experience in their chosen area of focus. I noticed your business card at the Career Alliance meeting and thought I would reach out to you about this exciting opportunity.

We offer two work-based learning experiences, Career Shadowing, which is a learning experience where students observe a professional in their workplace and Internships, which allows a student to work in an organization to gain work experience.

As a company, your time commitment for a Career Shadow would be available to support a student for at least 5-10 hours. Students are only allowed to work outside school hours, weekends, and/or summer.

Our internships require a minimum of 60 hours in a semester or over the summer, which averages out to be 4-5 hours per week. It is only open to juniors and seniors.

We would love to hear if you would be interested in partnering with Chatfield to host a career shadow or an internship or both.

Thank you so much for your time and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,  
Kellie Baldwin  
Career Hub / Financial Office Support  
Chatfield Senior High School  
7227 S. Simms St.  
Littleton, CO 80127  
303-982-3670

## Tea Party

Saturday was a wonderful day for a Tea Party! It was cold outside, but warm and cozy inside. The annual Tea Party with places sold at our silent auction and beyond was held on February 15 at Columbine United Church. With 30 places sold, the place was in full demand for Red Rose, Hibiscus or Peach tea along with the first course of Connie's chocolate chip and lemon poppy seed scones with Dawn's homemade lemon curd and a scrumptious jam starting the delicious tea party. Next came Connie's egg salad sandwiches on croissants, Dawn's chicken salad on lettuce, Dawn's cucumber sandwiches on white and Dawn's brie bites. The finale was delicious Madeleines, chocolate dipped strawberries, mini brownies by Geri and fudge and heart cookies by Connie and pecan tassies by Dawn.

A huge thank you to Geri, Karen, Julie, and Sandy for helping. And a great appreciation for Dawn's daughter, Stacey, granddaughter, Aspen, and Aspen's friend, Evan, and Connie's granddaughter, Haylee, and Haylee's friend, Cora for the help in serving. As the guests arrived, the lights in the kitchen went out and we rushed around and could not restore power. WE "powered" through and had a great time. Thanks to all who supported Kiwanis

P.S. Can you figure out the male who attended. He will tell you what you missed!

Connie



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Thanks for a great year! We did it!



A BIG congratulations to Immediate Past Governor Ann Stelling and her team, on leading our District to achieve Distinguished District Status for the 2023-2024 Kiwanis year!!

## 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

## Special Thanks You

We have a lot of members that are necessary for the success of our club. Many are doing things most of the club does not know about.

The member we are going to honor today is?

Some of what he does:

Keeps the club database to track members.

Prepares the member sign in list.

Led effort in Signup Genius.

Go to” person” for computer support. Always ready to help.

If you know who he/she is reply to the newsletter. AND give them a big personal thank you.

Ken

## 2025 SPRING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:

Estimated Cost: \$50 per member

Date: March 22, 2025

Location: Fort Collins area

## 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](http://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

## 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.

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

## 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



## The Action Center

John Covert from The Action Center gave us an update on the new Action Center plans. They will be selling the facility they are now in and purchasing a school and will expand their outreach.



Ken Sweet Columbine Kiwanis president is presenting a check to John Covert from the Action Center. Five hundred for school supplies and \$1000 to the food bank. We are proud to be able to donate both funds and volunteer time to the Action Center. - Ken

## Sweet Dream in a Bag

Sweet Dream in a Bag is a public Charity to gift children living in poverty with new bedding packages.

The children receiving bedding usually reside in temporary housing during the time their family is attempting to rebuild their lives. Each child is screened for bedding needs by the case workers, teachers or agency managers.

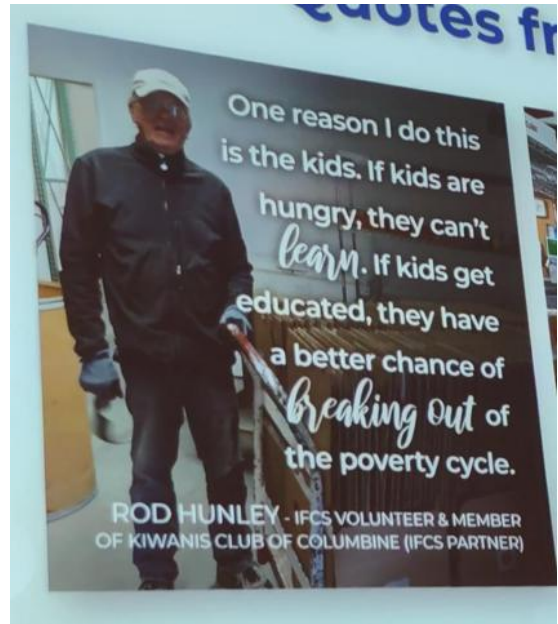
Sweet Dream new bedding packages are artfully assembled by volunteers in a vinyl plastic bag to look like a present. The bedding package consists of an exciting new twin comforter, pillow, twin sheet set, twin fleece blanket, tooth brush and tooth paste, wooden toy, personalized book and a stuffed toy.

This past weekend, four Columbineans helped prepare 50 bags! - aBe



## IFCS Nibbles & Sips

The Kiwanis Club of Columbine was well represented at IFCS' signature fundraising event held on Saturday February 22nd. Our club sponsored a table at the event and participated in silent and live auctions. Brian Counterman's Jazz Hands Foundation Band provided entertainment in the ballroom prior to the start of the live auction. His band has been donating their talents for at least the past eight years for this annual event. Club members and guests that attended were: Ferris Forar, Abe Baltazar, Lori Conway, Connie McLaughlin, Peg and Ken Sweet, Mike and Vickie Greunke, Denny and Rachel Brehm, Brian and Sue Counterman, Karen and Rod Hunley - Rod Hunley



Columbine Kiwanis donated \$1000 to IFCS, for that we got a table at "Nibbles and Sips". Rod's picture was on the big projection screen. Rod drives a truck for them every week, he is our hero.



Ask Abe about the beads

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Good afternoon, Kiwanis

Attached is flyer and jpg file for the upcoming blood drive. Below is the direct scheduling link for the blood drive.



<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/tjmeSlotsExtr?token=ivmMbU%2FVYEQqkEYtc3fahKBsDj8w8msPEgmYSChIH%2Fc%3D>

If you need anything else to support your recruitment efforts, please let me know.

Thank you!

**Lori Freerksen**  
Account Manager  
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Denver, CO 80230

**Because of you, life doesn't stop.**

## Jefferson Symphony

### A note from Athena, Jefferson Symphony Orchestra (JSO)

**Thank you** volunteers for all your help at our February concert. Your ongoing commitment to JSO makes 'All the Difference' in bringing music to our community of adults, seniors, students, and families. We look forward to seeing you on March 30th.

Athena Lansing  
General Manager  
Jefferson Symphony Association

**Next concert: Sunday, March 30, 2025, volunteer shift 1:30-5:30 pm.**

Program: Our favorite Overture (it's a secret), the Brahms Symphony No. 2, and features our 2025 Young Artist Winner, 16-year-old Li Yuquing performing the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto. It will be a full concert with intermission this time!

**Put on your calendars for Sunday, May 18, 2025. We are doing TWO performances at 1 pm and 4 pm of a multi-media Star Wars family concert.** This will be a longer day, so if we need two shifts that is not a problem.

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