

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly Newsletter for March 05, 2025

This Week's Presenter is "X Marks the Spot" Sutton
Topic "Treasure Hunting"

Pledge: John Marchetti

Invocation:

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



None This Week

Upcoming Club Programs

Mar 12 Student of the Month

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Mar 04	Tue	Satellite Club – Charlie
Mar 04	Tue	Kiwanis Board Meeting 6:00 CUC – Ken
Mar 06	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris
Mar 11	Tue	Kiwanis after Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00
Mar 17	Mon	Blood Drive – Tom D
Mar 22	Sat	Spring Leadership Conference – Ken
Mar 30	Sun	Jefferson Symphony – Jim R
Mar 31	Mon	Project CURE- George
Mar 31 – Apr 04		JA 3 rd Grade – Tom D
Apr 23	Wed	Open House

Nourish Meals on Wheels

(Note – some changes have not been recorded)

Mar 05	Wed	Ken Sweet / Lori Conway
Mar 06	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Mar 07	Fri	Don Buck & Abe Baltazar
Mar 10	Mon	Ferris Forar & Logan
Mar 12	Wed	Need Help
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	Need help
Mar 21	Fri	Mel & Julie Roghair
Mar 24	Mon	Tom Durkin & Friend
Mar 26	Wed	Need Help
Mar 27	Thu	Scott Story & Jim Foley
Mar 28	Fri	Nancy Bierman & Janet Woodhull
Mar 31	Mon	Jerry & Jan Clayton

Club Officers:
President
President Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Past President

Ken Sweet
Lane Andrews
Tom Durkin
Ruthann Moomy
Will Knoblauch

Directors:

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

Past Governor Ann Stelling
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Division 5 Lt. Governor Kristy Tolan
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Attendance Last Meeting

At our meeting Feb 26
Total attendance - 42
2 Guest – Wayne and Susie Fox

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



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Please report hours

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Sweet Dreams in a Bag

Wayne and Susie Fox gave a great presentation for Sweet Dreams in a Box. Columbine donated \$1000 to Sweet Dreams in a box.

Sweet Dream in a Bag was founded in 2010 by Susie and Wayne Fox and have gifted thousands of children living in poverty, all over the state of Colorado with new bedding packages.



King Soopers Community Rewards

Support your Columbine Kiwanis Club by enrolling 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 Columbine Kiwanis Club.

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

Kiwanians – Nibbles and Sips

I heard from Todd McPherson with IFCS. It looks like the Net Dollars Raised at Nibbles and Sips is \$200,000. Down from last year, but still a great effort to raise the much-needed funds to feed the army!!

Thanks and Peace to All!

Sincerely,

Brian Dee (Cannonball) Counterman

Kiwanis District Leadership Conference

A chance to meet other Kiwanians and share ideas. I plan to attend, join me. More information will be coming.

Dive into the future of **fundraising with new online strategies**, and expert insights on artificial intelligence, directly from KI. Elevate your leadership skills with Club Leadership Education sessions focusing on responsibilities and best practices. Discover innovative ways to boost your club's impact and explore strategies for opening new clubs. Celebrate outstanding achievements with well-deserved recognition. Get the latest news from our Foundation and network with fellow Kiwanians at our inter club luncheon, to expand your network with invaluable connections that will strengthen your Kiwanis journey. Plus, stay ahead of the curve with the latest updates on the District and ICON conventions for 2025. - Ken

Rocky Mountain District All-Membership Spring Leadership Conference

March 22nd | 10am - 4pm
Doors open at 9am



THE SPACE

A Historic Fort Collins Venue
The Agave Room - above The Rio

Estimated Cost: \$50 per member

Date: March 22, 2025

Location: Fort Collins area

Columbine Kiwanis Blood Drive

Good afternoon, Kiwanis

Attached is flyer and jpg file for the upcoming blood drive on March 17th. Below is the direct scheduling link for the blood drive.

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?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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SWS (Sharing with Sheridan)

Thursday morning greeted the Sharing with Sheridan volunteers with clear skies and mild temperatures. There was a bit of angst in the last week, because regulars Ferris Forar, Abe Baltazar and Mike Greunke could not be there, possibly leaving us short-handed. However, the Kiwanis Club of Columbine really answered the call, and we had plenty of helping hands for setup. In addition to regulars Tom Econopouly, Mitch Waldman and Mike Jepkes, we had outstanding help from Ken Sweet, Will Knoblauch and Logan MacMillan, and from Ken's friend Mada from Malawi, who is currently attending DU. If you haven't experienced it, setup is like moving day - moving lots and lots of stuff from one place to another.

Bunny DeLongchamp, Sandi Legg, and Bunny were also there to help with food distribution, another important aspect of providing a week's worth of groceries to 200+ families in need. As much as we do, there are many other aspects to SWS expertly handled by other groups: planning, purchasing, picking up food at the food banks and loading trailers, driving the trucks, sorting out bulk food into one family packages and labeling the packages, managing the pantry and watching the expiration dates, etc.

You've no doubt heard that "many hands make light work" and that's certainly true of SWS. We always have a good time and get a nice feeling of accomplishment when you see the food line completely ready to provide for hundreds of families. - Best regards, Mike.



The Kiwanis crew.

Project CURE

Project cure met on Monday morning at 9:30-12 on February 24th. It was warm outside. It's a little cool inside the warehouse. We were assigned a matching task where we had to unload boxes of medical supplies and then match them with similar items. 10 Kiwanis members were present.

Think of the game (perhaps on your phone) to match a new object with others that are similar and then put the new one in the same pot. That was the job for our ten volunteers at ProjcetCURE. No more checking the date - everything was already sorted to be for 2027 expiration. Now, imagine six picnic type tables with small tubs on them - about 32 tubs to a table - containing various medical supplies. Our job was to grab a small selection of supplies and put each item in the tub with matching items. Then repeat. Of course there was no particular order to what kind of item was in any particular tub - all random.

This is an excellent exercise to improve the brain's short-term memory - if you have any. Some of us had more difficulty than others, but we managed to classify an incredibly large number of items, all coming out of about 8 very large cartons. When we finished, we had completed the total supply of 2027 items, and all then were bagged and removed from the tables. Our supervisors were delighted with our accomplishments.

Whoever the Project CURE volunteers were who came in next, they got to do the same with the 2026 items. We hope they have a good short-term memory. - Lane



Jefferson Symphony

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.

Open House

The Membership Committee has decided to have an 'Open House' April 23rd. It is the first Wednesday after Easter. This will be the first of a few Open Houses of the year. Be thinking about the people that you would like to invite. All our welcome for a free breakfast.

They might ask: What is Kiwanis? The name Kiwanis is a Native Language Phrase meaning 'To Share Our Talents.' Our primary focus for sharing our talents is with Children, one child at a time. Come share your talents with us!
Mary Rome



Terrific Readers and Writers Event

A Terrific Readers and Writers recognition event was held on 2/25 at Field Elementary (LPS) conducted by 2 Club members and 3 Arapahoe Key Club members. With an audience of family members and school staff, students from each K-5 class nominated by their teachers as most deserving and appreciative of being recognized for their improved literacy and writing were introduced and recognized by the Key Clubbers. They were presented with a certificate, a decorated journal for their writings prepared by the Key Club, and help selecting a book to keep from a set donated by Key Club. Siblings also got to select books to take home. Cookies and drinks followed, enabling time for the Key Clubbers and our members to chat with the students and families about their reading and writing interests and giving them an opportunity to read out loud. Over half of the 28 nominated students were able to attend with their families and the others will be recognized with their certificate by their teachers during class and will also be able to choose books and journals for themselves and their siblings. The students were very proud and excited, and their families expressed a lot of appreciation for the event. Respecting school rules for photos, below (with parental approval) is one of the students showing off his certificate. - Don Buck



South Jeffco Business Alliance

This is a great chance to network and talk about Kiwanis. I have several potential leads from previous meetings. Always free coffee and an interesting speaker. We do need to recruit more members; more members give us more help on service projects. – Ken



Note Mary Rome in the picture



Another Food Bakk Picture

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