

# Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly Newsletter for April 09, 2025

This Week's Topic "Student of the Month"

Pledge: Dave Devanney Invocation:

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



Apr 09 Bill West  
Apr 14 Rick Blanco  
Apr 14 Bob Colwell

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Ruthann Moomy  
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## Attendance Last Meeting

At our meeting April 02

Total attendance - 43

Guest - 3

Guests 3 Marvin Kaulembe, David Boysen, Alex Koon(Second Wind Fund)

Project Hours for March were 1012.5 This represents the highest number of hours in the last six months. - Tom Durkin

**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, April 22, 12:30 PM

Colorado Credit Union building, 10026 W. San Juan Way

**Links for signups and reporting hours**

Scan QR or click on link



[PROJECTS SIGN UP](#)

[VOLUNTEER HOURS](#)

Please report hours

## Upcoming Club Programs

Apr 16	"Social Hour"
Apr 23	Lane Andrews "Increasing Membership"
Apr 30	Riggs Smith "Characters of Colorado"
May 07	Student of the month
May 14	Ken Election of Officers
May 21	TBD
May 25	Arok Garang "Seeds of South Sudan"

## Future Club Events and Service Projects

Apr 08	Tue	Kiwanis after Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00
Apr 10	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris
Apr 15	Tue	Satellite Club - Charlie - Colorado Credit Union
Apr 23	Wed	Open House - at regular meeting - Bring guests
Apr 28	Mon	Project CURE- George
May 18	Sun	Colfax Marathon Water Station Signup - Rod
May 27	Tue	Spirit Night Fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A

## Nourish Meals on Wheels (Note - check with master list)

Apr 09	Wed	Steve & Debbie Barnes
Apr 10	Thu	Scott Story & Jim Foley
Apr 11	Fri	Nancy Bierman & Janet Woodhull
Apr 14	Mon	Ken Sweet & Jim Johnstone
Apr 15	Tue	Denny Brehm Family
Apr 16	Wed	Riggs and Bobbi Smith
Apr 17	Thu	Gene & Chris Clark
Apr 18	Fri	<b>Don Buck &amp; need help</b>
Apr 21	Mon	Jerry & Jan Clayton
Apr 23	Wed	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Apr 24	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Apr 25	Fri	Abe Baltazar & Jim Johnstone
Apr 28	Mon	Mary Rome & Janet Woodhull
Apr 29	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Apr 30	Wed	Mel & Julie Roghair

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## 2025 Colfax Marathon Water Station (Sign up NOW)

On May 18, our club will again be operating the water station in front of the Burger King at 6345 W Colfax. The organizers have adopted a new method for registering volunteers and are using software similar to Signup Genius. They are requiring all water station volunteers to sign up by April 10 (very short notice, I understand). I have created a Signup Genius signup sheet for the event and will use that info to enter your name into the Marathon's system. Please indicate your T-shirt size in the comments section in Signup Genius. It is required that I enter your name, address, email address, cell phone number into their system. I will use our roster to enter that info into their system.

Volunteers will then get emails directly from them about the event. I understand that this is different from previous years, but I didn't have any input on the change. -Rod Hunley



## Columbine Key Club Day of Service

A big THANKS to all who brought cereal and peanut butter to support our Key Club's Day of Service project, to help with a Denver community ministry food pantry. Columbine HS Day of Service is Friday, April 18. You may see students around the community doing good deeds. If you wish to donate cereal, peanut butter, other non-perishable foods, or \$cash, Karen can take them at meeting April 9 or 16.



## Second Wind Fund Donation

Last Wednesday our presenter was Alex Koons from the Second Wind Fund. "We Support Youth at Risk for Suicide" <https://thesecondwindfund.org/>. Columbine Kiwanis helps with their fund-raising walk in addition to a monetary donation.



Pictured Jim Roos (Columbine Co-Ordinator with the Second Wind Fund), Alex Koons, Ken Sweet (Columbine Kiwanis President).

## Columbine Kiwanis Spirit Night Fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A



May 27th is the date! Chick-Fil-A on South Wadsworth is the place! Chick-Fil-A will donate 15% of sales from 5-8pm on the date of the fundraiser. The more people we get in the door the more money we raise!

For the order to count towards the fundraising total, have your people tell their cashier that they are here for the Spirit Night. If they forget to tell the cashier until after the order is placed then all they need to do is bring their receipt to a manager and it will count towards the fundraising total. Tell everyone you know – Let's make it a big event for our club! It would be fun to have a bunch of us show up at the same time and make a social event of it too! Will

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## Jefferson Symphony

We always have a great turnout of Kiwanis volunteers for each concert. Thank-You!!!

Join us for the JSO season finale' Sunday, May 18th. It's a family concert and fun for music lovers of all ages. See you there. - JSO Musicians and Staff



## 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](http://www.kingsooperscommunityrewards.com); create a digital account and link your card to Columbine Kiwanis Club.

## Open House

**Bring a Guest Day.** We all know someone that would be a great member of our club. This is an opportunity to invite your friend, neighbor, or fellow worker that you've always known would be a great addition to our club. This Membership Growth Event where our members are asked to bring a guest they think would be a great addition of our club.



## AHS Key Club Spring Egg Hunt

The Arapahoe HS Key Club, sponsored by our Club, will be having their annual indoor Spring Egg Hunt at **Arapahoe HS on April 12th (9:00 - 11:00 am)**. Eggs with candy to find, face painting, games and an Easter bunny (see pic) in decorated classrooms await the little ones in a safe, warm and friendly environment overseen by nurturing Key Club members. It is open to families looking for a safe and fun environment, with an especially welcoming invitation for special needs kids (ie. injured, handicapped, Downs, and otherwise needing a low stress environment). **We would appreciate it if you could help us spread the word! If you know of any families that would appreciate this, please let them know.** Use the South or East entrances to AHS located on the NW corner of Dry Creek & University. See the invitation from Arapahoe HS below and if there are any questions, please feel free to contact Rick Sutton or Don Buck— we have participated in this event for many years. Don Buck

**Join us for a spring egg hunt!**  
**Saturday April 12th, 2025**  
**9:00 am - 11:00 am**  
**Arapahoe High School**  
2201 E Dry Creek Rd.  
Centennial, CO 80122  
*(enter at the south entrance, across from Chipotle)*

*Kids will be able to visit with the Easter bunny, get their face painted, and search for hidden eggs filled with toys and candy!*

## Satellite Club Meetings

The Satellite Group will meet next Tuesday, April 15th, at 12:30 PM, at the Colorado Credit Union in their very nice meeting room. George has been able to secure the meeting room for us for our meetings for the rest of this year. We will NOT meet at the Columbine Library.

The address for the Colorado Credit Union is: 10026 W. San Juan Way, Littleton 80127. South on Kipling almost to C-470. CCU is on the west side of Kipling, just in front of the Texas Roadhouse. See you there! - Charlie Boyer

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## Honored Guest This Week

Andrea will be visiting our club this week. She is very excited about our Student of the Month Program. We have two outstanding and pleasant candidates. Her opponent Dominick Breton will be coming to a later meeting. I wish them both the best. Ken



**ANNOUNCEMENT :**

Andrea Weule  
2025-2026  
Governor Elect  
Candidate

Signed Letter of Intent

Club's Letter of Support

Andrea Weule  
Kiwanis Club of South Denver  
303.929.9838 / [andrea@k24site.com](mailto:andrea@k24site.com)

**Kiwanis**  
Rocky Mountain District

## Membership

To continue and increase our service to food banks, non-profits, schools we need to recruit a few new members every year, a few of our members move away or are no longer able to help with projects. We need to ask friends and neighbors to join us and make new friends. We are starting each week to role play our elevator speech.

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 are 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!

## Project Cure

We had 10 participants on Monday at project cure. Our group was doing several things but one task was sorting medical supplies by type. Similar items were placed into bags so that they could be packed into shipments that would be sent to other countries. Lane



I wanted to let you know that our Kiwanis efforts for Project CURE this March extended beyond our 11 volunteers who were there yesterday. We brought with us three containers of supplies for the Kit project. They were turned over to the two young ladies working in that area when we first arrived. I don't know if Meghan is still responsible for that project, but if she is, please pass along this information to her. Thanks. George

## Columbine Kiwanis Meeting Schedule

### Regular Meeting

Every week  
Wed 6:45 AM  
4G's Restaurant

### Satellite meeting

1st-3rd Tuesday  
12:30  
Colorado Credit Union

### Kiwanis after Dark

2nd and 4th Tuesday  
5:00 PM  
303 Sports Grill

## South Jeffco Business Alliance

**Tuesday April 15, 9:00, Peak Wellness Center, 6612 S. Ward St., Littleton, CO 80127**

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.

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## Club Elections

Kiwanians,

This is an update on our election of Board members and Officers for positions that are open for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2025. Elections for these open positions will be Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> during our regular weekly meeting.

Here is the status (as of Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>):

Club Secretary, term is from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026 (1 year). UPDATE – Mike Jepkes has offered to take over as Secretary. This will leave another open position on the Board to replace Mike.

President Elect, term is from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026 (1 year). The President Elect will then become the club president (if willing and able) for the following fiscal year. NO CANDIDATES YET

Treasurer, term is from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 (1 year). Ruthann is resigning as the treasurer at the end of this fiscal year. Tom Durkin has offered to take over as treasurer.

We have three and anticipate four positions on the Board open for election. One Board member will serve one year finish out the term that Mike Jepkes will be vacating. The other incoming Board members will serve for two years from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027. UPDATE – Geri Reinhart has offered to join the Board. WE NEED THREE MORE CANDIDATES

Lane Andrew is the current President Elect. He has agreed to be the club President for next fiscal year and will run unopposed.

If you want to run for any of the open positions or want to nominate someone for any of these positions, please let me know.

Will Knoblauch [wknoblauch@icloud.com](mailto:wknoblauch@icloud.com), (303) 881-1446



## Columbine Kiwanis Donations Thank-You

We received a thank you for the \$700 we donated to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. It is the Kiwanis International Foundation; they provide a lot of grants to Kiwanis Clubs for great projects such as playgrounds and helping Kids.

Columbine Kiwanis has donated about \$6000 dollars to worthy causes this year. Most of the donations have been included in the newsletter. Details are available to any member. - Ken

3/2025

Dear Kiwanis Club of Columbine Members,  
On behalf of the Action Center, I would like to extend our gratitude for your generous donation of \$500 towards school supplies. Your contribution will directly impact students in need, ensuring they have the tools to succeed in school.  
We are especially grateful for your ongoing support over the past 37 years!!  
Your support means the world to us and to the

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# Clement Park Cleanup

## MEMBER EVENT: "Trash Bash Connect" with Ent Credit Union

Saturday, April 26, 2025 @ 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

7306 W Bowles Ave

Littleton, CO 80123

Please enter Clement Park off of Pierce Street. We will be under Shelter F and have the supplies to get you set up!

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### "Trash Bash Connect" with Ent Credit Union

Celebrate Earth Day with Ent Credit Union at our Networking Park Clean-Up Event on April 26th, 2025 on the East Side of Clement Park. Join us as we work together to clean up the park, recycle, and create a greener space for all.

#### Event Highlights:

- Clean-up supplies provided (gloves, grabbers, and trash bags)
- Refreshments
- Networking opportunities with like-minded community members

RSVP today!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FABAB2FA4>

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