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Attendance Last Meeting

At our meeting April 09

Total attendance - 46

Guests: 9

Andrea Weule (candidate for District)

8 Students of the month and their families

Project Hours: 144

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



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Please report hours

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly Newsletter for April 16, 2025

This Week is a Social Hour

Pledge: John Marchetti Jr

Invocation:

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



Apr 20 Pat & Jill McNellis

Apr 22 Steve Barnes

Upcoming Club Programs

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 15	Tue	Satellite Club – Charlie – Colorado Credit Union
Apr 17	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris
Apr 18	Fri	Key Club Day of Service - Karen
Apr 22	Tue	Kiwanis after Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00
Apr 23	Wed	Open House – at regular meeting – Bring guests
Apr 28	Mon	Project CURE- George
May 06	Tue	Satellite Club – Charlie – Colorado Credit Union
May 18	Sun	Colfax Marathon Water Station Signup – Rod
May 27	Tue	Spirit Night Fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A - Will

Nourish Meals on Wheels (Note – check with master list)

Apr 16	Wed	Riggs and Bobbi Smith
Apr 17	Thu	Gene & Chris Clark
Apr 18	Fri	Don Buck & need help
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
May 01	Thu	Janet Woodhull & Nancy Bierman
May 05	Mon	Don Buck and Ferris Forar
May 06	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
May 07	Wed	Tom Durkin & friend

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April Students of the Month Event

At the Apr. 9th Club Meeting, our guests included 2 Students of the Month (SoM) and family members and school administrators / teachers in a recognition program for students that demonstrate positive influence in their school communities through personal development, service to others and informal leadership.

Wyatt Cooke, an eighth grader, was the student of the month from Ken Caryl Middle school. He impressed all of his teachers and was their unanimous nominee this month. According to counselor, Joni Ellis, Wyatt impresses academically and especially socially. His genuine friendship with everyone stands out. He also plays club baseball where he is a pitcher, apparently a pretty good one, but preferred to downplay his success. He particularly enjoys his social studies/history class. No wonder since both his mom Mandy and grandma Cheryl, who attended the meeting, are/were teachers. Mandy's in her 19th year at Columbine HS, teaching AP government and economics and Cheryl was a teacher at KC Middle School, a colleague of our own Connie McLaughlin. Wyatt was a true delight to meet and another fine example of the youth of our community.



Caley Trujillo, of Powell MS is a very articulate, poised and confident student who is focused on making a difference for people. As a Pride Leader she mentors 6th graders as they transition into Middle School. She took the initiative to provide groups of parents with a detailed tour and description of the Powell community. Her interests span the creative and logical sides. Singing has been a part of her whole life, now coupled with song writing, poetry and theater. What she loves most about music is that



she can make people feel emotion through her words and song. She is in the Choir and Band (percussion/drums), sang beautifully in the Talent Show, and is part of the Thespian Club with a role in the upcoming play. She also loves History, especially the colonial era that carries over into interest in politics and law. In addition to her ambition to sing professionally, she would also like to pursue her interest in law by standing up for others and helping them feel seen and heard. What is noted by the Powell staff and other students is that Caley is a natural leader with a positive outlook who uses her talents to help everyone and strive for fairness.

Don, Rick, Mike G.

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.



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



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.

From the Jeffco Board of Education

Thank you again for the opportunity to recognize Kiwanis Club of Columbine and your support of Jeffco students and families.

See you this evening,
Kristen Harper
Executive Assistant
Board of Education
Jeffco Public Schools

Will and Ken attended the award ceremony last week.

Our Communities: Our Legacy

This certificate is awarded to

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

The Board of Education is pleased to recognize the Kiwanis Club of Columbine for the ongoing commitment to supporting Jeffco students and families.

Our vision is for Jeffco Public Schools to be a thriving district where all students achieve their biggest dreams. Our mission is to provide a world-class education that prepares all Jeffco students for bright and successful futures as local and global citizens.

April 10, 2025

Tracy Dornand
Superintendent, Jeffco Public Schools

Mary Parker
President, Jeffco Board of Education



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

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, April 23 –

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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. This Membership Growth Event is where our members are asked to bring a guest to see what we're all about. If you would prefer someone else to ask them, Ken will do it, send him an email address or phone number. He has mellowed he no longer breaks kneecaps to invite people. Ask Abe about his arm.

We be having in-house speakers giving a 3–5-minute update on their favorite project. Ken, Lane, and Susan will be reaching out to you to give a presentation. Any other suggestions are welcome.

These are some the topics we will probably include – I have not talked to presenters yet. BUT it is not the last minute yet.

Key Clubs. -

Student of the Month -

Elementary schools - Susan Markley

Sheridan food bank - Ferris

Project Cure

Sweet Dreams in a Bag

Meals on Wheels

Colfax Marathon

Bell Ringing

Jefferson Symphony

Satellite Club / KAD



Ken

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

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 14th during our regular weekly meeting.

Here is the status (as of Sunday April 13th):

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 has the option to become president the following fiscal year without opposition if they are willing and able. It is a great opportunity to learn how club management happens and participate as an active Board member but you are not necessarily obligated to become president. 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 several candidates that have stepped forward offering to fill the open Board positions. Great news – thanks to all that raised their hand.

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

Although we have candidates for most of the open positions we encourage you if you are interested to put you name in the hat and run for any of the open positions.

Will Knoblauch wknoblauch@icloud.com, (303) 881-1446



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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.

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!

"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/10C0E4FABAB2FA4FBC07-56122056-entcredit>

Contact Ken if you are interested. It is a one and done project and should be fun, and it will help the community.

Action Center Food Sorting

The post office is delivering food to the Action Center on May 10. We have an opportunity to help sort and crate food. The dates available are **Wed June 11, June 18, June 25, and July 16, two shifts each day 9:00-12:15 and 1:15-3:30**. If anyone is interested in helping let me know and I will sign up to us at the action center. It would be great to have a team of 5-10 people. Kids are welcome.

Please let me know if you are or are not interested. -
Ken