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CLUB OF PUEBLO



Time to celebrate three area elementary schools, which recently signed paperwork to establish K-Kids clubs with the support of the Pueblo Kiwanis Club. We will pay the charter fees as well as the annual dues for clubs at Bradford, Minnequa, and Irving Elementary.

K-KIDS CHARTERS IN PROCESS AT THREE PUEBLO SCHOOLS

Paperwork for three new K-Kids charters at area elementary schools are in process thanks to the efforts of Karen Ortiz.

She has worked with teachers and administrators at Bradford Elementary, Minnequa Elementary, and Irving Elementary to coordinate establishment of K-Kids clubs that aim to help students discover their passion to serve, desire to lead, and their ability to engage and collaborate with others.

Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from Cypress Creek Renewables, our club will cover the \$300 cost to charter the clubs, which provides them with program materials, virtual advisor training and support from Kiwanis staff, and liability insurance coverage for club activities that happen outside the school. We also will cover the \$215 annual dues.

Ortiz will work with the schools throughout the start-up process and also has plans to meet with representatives at St. John Neuman, a K-8 school, to establish a Builders Club.



Kaktus

April 2025

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 3

Kocktails with Kiwanis
5:30 p.m., Grahams Grill,
1745 S. Pueblo Blvd.

APRIL 22

Club/Foundation Board
5 p.m., Salvation Army

APRIL 26

Night with the RMD Foundation
5:30-9 p.m., \$50 per person
Renewed Wholesale, 720 S Main

JUNE 25-28

International Convention
Pittsburgh, PA

AUGUST 15-17

District Convention
Denver Tech Center

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

14 Karen Ortiz

25 Jacob Farmer



GUEST SPEAKERS



APRIL 2 – CAE, Flight Training
Mark Maryak

APRIL 9 – YMCA, Brandon Samora

April 16 – Pueblo Water, Joe Cervi

APRIL 23 – DaVinci Museum,
Craig Eliot Cisney

APRIL 30 – TBD

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and to register.

TRAINS AND QUILTS, OH MY!



March programs included Kim and John Wickham, who gave a history of the Pueblo Model Railroad Association, and Julie Racine and Jill Jespersen, who shared details and upcoming events for the Pride City Quilt Guild.

RMD LEADERSHIP EVENT



Four Pueblo Kiwanis Club members, including Rocky Mountain District Governor-Elect Carol Chiarito, were among more than 100 attendees at the March 22 Rocky Mountain District Leadership Day in Fort Collins. .

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CSUP/PCC Scholarship Update

Tis the season for the Scholarship Committee to begin reviewing applications for the Fall 2025-26 academic years at CSU Pueblo and Pueblo Community College. Here's the status of our current scholars:

CSU Pueblo

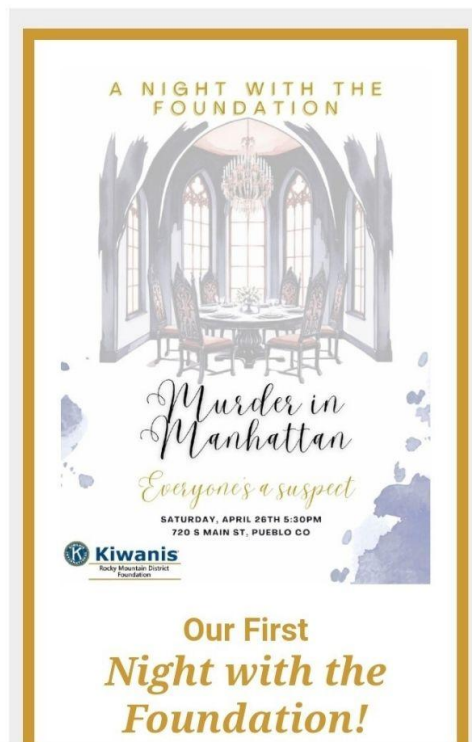
1. Sean DeHeart (graduating)
2. Garrett Boerhave (continuing in good standing)
3. Jade DeHerrera (continuing in good standing)
4. Jessie Christie (didn't complete application)

PCC

1. Rachel Baird, dental hygiene (graduating)
2. Zach Schmitz, dental hygiene, (continuing in good standing)
3. Thomas Stevens, (one-time recipient of \$750 this spring)
4. Mario Dennel (one-time recipient of \$750 this spring)

The committee is reviewing CSU Pueblo files to offer two additional scholarships this fall.

At PCC, we will seek one dental hygiene student in September when a new group is accepted into the program. We will seek two general scholarship recipients, when the applications open for review in mid-May.



MAYOR TALKS ISSUES



Pueblo Mayor Heather Graham answered questions at the March 26 meeting about the most pressing issues impacting Pueblo, including a pending budget shortfall, crime, and a potential shift of control for utilities currently provided by Black Hills Energy.

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