



May 2025

Kiwanis Club of Dubois



Organized May 1992

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

Meetings @ St Thomas' Community Room
Weekly on Tuesdays, April – October, 6:45 a.m.
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Nov – March, 6:45 a.m.

Meeting Dates w/Program Planner

May 6 Kyle Neary
May 13 Program, Business & Annual Election
May 20 NO morning meeting, park painting
May 27 Pat Ballinger

June 3 NO morning meeting (Safety Roundup)
June 10 Business & Project Updates
June 17 Michele Burdick
June 24 NO morning meeting (cyclist dinner 23rd)

Big thanks for providing 50/50 treats!

Kyle Neary (May)
Kristi Perry (June)
Michele Burdick (July)
Karen McCullough (August)
Rita Foster (September)

A Bit of News...



~ **Kudos to Michele** for being recognized as a treasured volunteer at Dubois Elementary School. Michele has helped with literacy groups weekly for a number of years.
~ **DARE Graduation** for Dubois 5th graders was celebrated on March 13. The club donated tactical flashlights for the student Swag bags and provided refreshments, with Kristi, Peggy, Jennet, Kyle & Patrick in attendance to help serve.
~ **Donations** to our April Fools Non-Dinner have reached nearly \$4,700 🎉
~ **Four bicycles** that had been refurbished by Mark have found homes! One went to a small child and, with the help of School Resource Officer Dani, the other three were given to middle and high school students.
~ **Our annual PreK through 12 Pancake Breakfast** on April 29 fed a total of 166 people: 137 kids and 29 adults, including the 14 Kiwanians who were up before the sun to help prep and serve.

Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

May 13? Highway Cleanup, 5:15 pm
Meet at Clinic parking lot

May 19 High School Scholarship Night, 6 pm
K-12 School Auxiliary Gym

May 20 Meet at Taylor Creek Park at 10:00 am
Wear paint clothes

May 21 WHF Wellness Screen, 7:30-10 a.m.
Appointments whf.as.me/dubois

May 21 Speedy Rams Color Run, 3:20 pm
Throw colors! Dubois Elementary till 4

June 3 Safety Roundup & Bike Rodeo
K-5 students 12:45 – 3:15; Set up 11:45

June 7 Kids Fishing Day@ Pete's Pond
We'll be serving our *famous* lunch!

June 23 Journey of Hope Cyclist Dinner
Prep at 4:30, serve at 6 pm

*The value of life lies not in the length of days
but in the use we make of them.*

-Lord of Montaigne, French Philosopher

Celebrations ~

Happy Birthday

May 12 Dubois Kiwanis (33 yrs)
May 26 Sheryl Epp

Happy Anniversary

May 21 Michele & Butch Burdick (53)
June 8 Pat & Jennet Ballinger (51)
June 8 Bruce Thompson & Pam Sanders (35)
June 14 Karen & Mike McCullough (50)



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March & April Program Notes ~

March 4: Thank God for fleas

Cyndi Dugan shared a story with great impact from one of the many books she reads.

Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983) was a Dutch Watchmaker and survivor of Nazi death camps, being thrown into them with her family after risking their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape during WWII.

The Hiding Place, authored by ten Boom with Elizabeth and John Sherill, is a biography recounting her journey. She tells of her sister Betsie thanking God for the fleas in their barracks at Ravensbrück concentration camp. The reason for her comment came from the fact that once the guards knew of the infestation of fleas, they stopped going in to the barracks, keeping the women safe from assault.

A Bible had been smuggled into the camp and Betsie was reportedly guided by a verse from I Thessalonians: "In every thing give thanks . . ."

The Hiding Place was originally published in 1971 and has since been reprinted in a variety of formats, including a Graphic Novel for young people.

An induction ceremony was held for Peggy Emanuel! Her daughter Erica joined us and we were treated to a recording of the song Peggy's granddaughter sang in the Riverton Kiwanis Stars of Tomorrow competition – a beautiful acapella rendition of the *Hallelujah Chorus*
50/50 King Cake prizes won by Cyndi & Erica

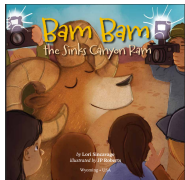
March 11: Board Mtg (members rec'd minutes 4/6/25)

March 18: Lori Sincavage - Author

Lori Sincavage joined us to speak about her newest venture. A love of animals fostered during her childhood, coupled with a career of over 30 years as an elementary school teacher (five in Dubois), instilled a desire to write a teachable children's picture book.

After Lori and her husband moved to Dubois, they learned much about the neighboring herd of Bighorn Sheep in the Whiskey Basin area. They also became aware of a herd near Lander that had disappeared because of limited food supply, predators, disease and other factors.

The last Ram to leave the canyon was Bam Bam, and Lori chose him as the topic of her first book, *Bam Bam the Sinks Canyon Ram*. Lori's rhythmic text and wonderful illustrations, inspired by the photography of her husband Bill Sincavage, create a delightful adventure.



While the book's reading age is 3-10, we Kiwanis members thoroughly enjoyed hearing Lori read it during the meeting. The newly published author will continue to take *Bam Bam* to classrooms around the state and find new ways to get it into the hands of kids at libraries, book stores, schools and homes. The book is available on Amazon and in Dubois at the Bighorn Sheep Center.

50/50 won by Jennet & Kyle

April 1: Cooking with Karen and Jacques

Jacques Pépin is an entertaining 89-year-old French chef, culinary educator, cookbook author and TV personality with programs on PBS, YouTube and Facebook videos. Before moving to the US in 1959, Pépin had been the personal chef of French President Charles de Gaulle.

According to Karen, he does "Nostalgic Cooking" with recipes from his parents. She shared Pépin's *Fromage Fort* recipe, which uses any old or extra cheese in the fridge and dry white wine. Karen also shared a timely list of *7 Egg Substitutes to Try*.

50/50 won by Mike, Ron, Peggy, Kristi & Kay

April 8: Board Meeting highlights (minutes on file)

- *approved sponsorship of an add on school t-shirts

- *set a date to stain the wooden portions of the play area at Taylor Creek Park

- *regretfully accepted the resignation from Steve Splichal, who has accepted the superintendent's position at a school in Kansas *50/50 won by Karen, Jennet, Michele & Reenie*

April 15: Seth McFarland, Dubois Museum

Seth earned his degree in History/Anthropology from Eastern New Mexico University and has extensive museum and cultural center experience. He brought a wealth of knowledge to his position as the Site Manager of the Dubois Museum.

Seth spoke about the dozens of Treks and Programs happening over the next few months. Upcoming topics in the **Discovery Speaker Series** include experts from various genres. **Treks** include visits to three historic ranches, plus Jakey's Fork, Mason Draw and Union Pass. The **Children's Explorations** Kids' Corner features a variety of hands-on projects at the museum on scheduled Saturday mornings, and also on the Friday before for those attending the Boys and Girls Club. All events take place at or start at the Dubois Museum. There is a cost for some and reservations are required for many due to limited space. Call 307-455-2284 for more information.

50/50 won by Pat N, Reenie, Peggy, Ron, Karen & Jennet with sharing to the program guest

April 22: Scholarship Applicants

Four well-spoken DHS Seniors joined us to talk about future goals and how community service impacts them and their community or world. Kiwanis will award scholarships at the Awards Night on May 19.

50/50 won by Michele, Pat N and 4 students

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