

# August & September 2025

## Kiwanis Club of Dubois



Serving the  
children of the

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' Church Community Room  
Weekly on Tuesdays through October, 6:45 a.m.  
First & Third Tuesdays November through March

### \*Meeting Dates/Program Planning

**August 5** Peggy Emanuel  
**August 12** Rita Foster  
**August 19** Board/Business for all  
**August 26** Reenie Roe  
  
**Sept 2** Ron Blevins  
**Sept 9** Board/Business/Budget  
**Sept 16** Sheryl Epp  
**Sept 23** Brad Lindsey  
**Sept 30** Cyndi Dugan

\*Subject to change pending projects

### A Bit of News...

~ **Kids Fishing Day** at Pete's Pond on June 7 was well attended by local and visiting families. Kiwanis provided a free lunch and each child received a fishing pole from North Platte Walleyes Unlimited, along with prizes from the Forest Service, Game & Fish and various donors.

~ **Journey of Hope cyclists** on the Trans-America route expressed appreciation for the dinner we served to them on June 23 and for the *Du Boyz* decals that adorned some of their water bottles.

~ **July 4<sup>th</sup> Kids Games** brought over 70 kids to the town park for a morning of fun. Once again, it worked well to separate groups by age. A new relay with bounce/hop balls was introduced. Capri Sun juice was distributed, along with prizes. The addition of a bubble machine was a big hit!

~ **Wellness Screenings:** Twelve Kiwanis members and 4 volunteers assisted WHF staff in serving 108 clients during the WHF wellness event the end of July.

### Volunteers providing 50/50 treats:

Karen McCullough (Aug); Rita Foster (Sept)  
Kyle Neary (October); Kristi Perry (Nov)  
Michele Burdick (Dec)

### Upcoming Events/Projects

**August 15-17** **Rocky Mtn District Convention**  
Sheraton @ Denver Tech

**September 17** **WHF Monthly Blood Draw**  
Dubois Medical Clinic; 7:30-10 a.m.

**TBD** **Fall Highway Cleanup**

**TBD** **Installation of Officers**  
(Lander's turn to host)

**October 1** **Start of 2025-26 Kiwanis year**  
Officers and Directors begin term

**October 11** **Kiwanis sponsored live music**  
at the Rustic Pine Frontier Room  
7:00 – 9:00 pm (More details to come!)

*New month, new chapter, new page and new wishes.*

*May these months give you courage, strength,  
confidence, patience, self-love and inner peace.*

*May every day in August & September fill your  
days with hope, love, sunshine and energy.*

*Let there be joy, fun and laughter.*

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### Celebrate~

#### Happy Anniversary ~

Sept 27 Ron & Judy Johnson

#### Happy Birthday ~

August 6. Mike McCullough

August 21 Ron Blevins



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## June & July Meeting Notes ~

### June 3: We “met” for our annual Safety Roundup & Bike Rodeo at the Dubois Elementary School.

K-5 students rotated through seven learning stations supported by school staff, School Resource Officer Dani Gilgen, Wyoming Highway Patrol, Dubois Volunteer Fire Department, Fremont County/Dubois Search and Rescue, High Plains Power, Summer Safety expert Cyndi, and Kiwanis manned bike course & helmet fitting for nearly 80 students. Kiwanis provided mid-afternoon snacks.

DART members Trever Deakins & Karen Chandler took charge of bike check/repair and five amazing high school students assisted at stations. Kiwanis members who planned and worked the event were Jennet, Pat B, Bruce, Ron, Michele, Cyndi, Karen M, Mike, Kyle, Pat N, Kristi, Rita and Peggy.

A community grant from the Opportunity Shop allowed us to also give helmets to nearly 30 pre-school children.

### June 10: Business/Board Minutes & Financial Reports are on file with the Secretary & emailed to members.

*Kristi's 50/50 treats to Sheryl, Michele, Pat B, Kyle, Karen*

**June 17: Entrepreneur, inventor and international businessman Dave Soderquist** joined us again to provide an update on his travels to Shenzhen, China. A part-time Dubois resident, Dave is taking over Daoust, the Quebec brand of skates worn by professional hockey player Wayne Gretzky. While in China, he met with his production team and finalized a marketing plan that should start deliveries of skates to the US and Europe the end of July. Photos shared via PowerPoint and details of a mishap he had during a ride around Shenzhen on his rented bicycle made for an educational and entertaining program.

*50/50 treats to Jennet, Reenie, Karen, Peggy, Michele, Ron, Sheryl, Rita*

**June 23: Serving dinner to 35 Journey of Hope bicyclists, crew and staff** replaced our weekly meeting. The young men from around the country represent The Ability Experience and are always appreciative of the baked potato bar, homemade chili, homemade cookies & more.

### July 1: Mike McCullough's Fourth of July Quiz during which we all learned something new!

Questions covering traditional food eaten on July 4<sup>th</sup> (not Corned Beef), how many presidents were born and died on July 4 (1 born, 3 died), important documents, fireworks displays in Wyoming and the US, most consumed beverage, the fact that thousands gather in Denmark on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to celebrate America's independence and more had us scratching our heads at times. Mike had themed prizes for the winners (Pat B and Pat N) along with a few for runners up.

*Michele's 50/50 treats to Peggy, Bruce, Pat N, Jennet*

### July 15: Business/Board Minutes & Financial Reports are on file with the Secretary and emailed to members.

*50/50 baked goods to Pat N, Jennet, Reenie*

### July 22: Patrick Neary on what it takes to become a naturalized U.S. citizen

Meeting specific age and residency criteria for eligibility, completing numerous forms, paying a fee and undergoing interviews are part of the process to becoming a naturalized US citizen. Ultimately, applicants must pass an English and Civics test that is not multiple choice. Pat gave a quiz to members with 10 randomly selected questions of the 100 potential questions that may be asked on the test (ie knowing names of representatives, what made Benjamin Franklin famous, who the US fought in WWII and what did Susan B Anthony do). Sheryl and Jennet earned top honors (and cookies) for their efforts on the quiz.

### Kiwanis Education

#### 2025-2026 Kiwanis International Leadership

Kiwanis International Officers elected at the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh are:  
President ~ Michael Muhaul (Interlaken, NJ)  
Pres-Elect ~ Hope Markes (Hanover, Jamaica)  
Vice-President ~ Cathy Szymanski (Erie PA)  
They will be joined by Trustees from regions around the world, to include Timothy Sheppard of Cheyenne, WY



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