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Attendance Last Meeting

At our meeting August 13

Total attendance –39

Presenter - Shirley Otto of the Kiwanis Club of Belmar

Project hours MTD for 237

Wednesday Meeting in person

6:45 Social, 7:00 Meeting

4G's Restaurant

5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton, CO 80123

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 August 20, 2025

This Week's Presenter Club Members Project discussions/ Social time

Greeter /Pledge: George Kinzer Invocation: Geri Reinhart

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



Aug 20 Riggs & Bobbi Smith

Aug 20 Dave Devanney
 Aug 23 Ruthann Moomy

Upcoming Club Programs

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| Aug 27 | Kim Watkinson "History of Japan" |
| Sep 24 | Induction of Club Officers – Rick Baldessar incoming Lt-Gov |

Future Club Events and Service Projects

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| Aug 19 | Tue | Satellite Club – Charlie – Colorado Credit Union |
| Aug 21 | Thru | Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris |
| Aug 25 | Mon | Project CURE - George |
| Aug 26 | Tue | Kiwanis After Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00 |
| Sep 02 | Tue | Satellite Club – Charlie – Colorado Credit Union |
| Sep 09 | Tue | Kiwanis After Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00 |
| Sep 22 | Mon | Blood Drive |
| Sep 24 | Wed | Longer Table Littleton – Will K |

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

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| Aug 20 | Wed | Teri & Cleve McKinney |
| Aug 21 | Thu | Denny Brehm family |
| Aug 22 | Fri | Don Buck & Jim Foley |
| Aug 25 | Mon | Jerry & Jan Clayton |
| Aug 26 | Tue | Non-Kiwanian |
| Aug 27 | Wed | Teri & Cleve McKinney |
| Aug 28 | Thu | Scott Story & Ken Sweet |
| Aug 29 | Fri | Mel & Julie Roghair |
| Sep 02 | Tue | Riggs & Bobbi Smith |
| Sep 03 | Wed | Teri & Cleve McKinney |
| Sep 04 | Thu | Sandy Legge & Geri Rinehart |
| Sep 05 | Fri | Abe Baltazar & Jim Johnston |
| Sep 08 | Mon | Mike Greunke & Logan MacMillan |
| Sep 10 | Wed | Teri & Cleve McKinney |
| Sep 11 | Thu | Will Knoblauch & Mitch Waldman |
| Sep 12 | Fri | Rick & Betti Sutton |
| Sep 15 | Mon | Denny Brehm family |

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The Write Stuff

At Wednesday's meeting we had a speaker from the Belmar Kiwanis club, Shirley, who told us about a long-standing program. They are called The Wight Stuff. Years ago, they saw a need within the schools for students to have a refresh or resupply of school supplies mid-year in January. Kids tend to have school supplies starting in August but by January crayons are broken, pencils are missing and so forth. Also, school supplies are much cheaper in the summer than in January. So, this group makes mass purchases when prices are cheap, and then near January they have a packing event that our Kiwanis club participates in. Pictured our donation of \$500 this year presented by Lane our Vice President.

Packing dates will be September 12 and 13

two shifts, 9 - 11:30, 12:30 - 3:00, Saturday afternoon only if needed. Here's a signup link you can share with your club. Or they can just email me, and I'll add their name. No real restriction on the number of people, just trying to get an idea of number of tables and chairs we'll need to setup.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAFAE2FA1FF2-57913021-write>

Otto's driveway
1035 S Butler Way
Shirley's cell phone - 303-909-9913



DONATE BLOOD. SAVE LIVES.



Longer Table Littleton is Sept 24th

The table is a single, long table where people of all walks of life and diversities share a meal. When we eat together, the table reveals our shared humanity and fundamental sameness and holds the explosive potential to increase our sense of belonging, cultivate understanding and honor our differences. Our hope for this experience is that the Littleton Community will strengthen its resilience and improve our health as we connect with others. Visit the website at The Littleton Long Table, also, here is a link to a great article in the Littleton Independent about our event: https://www.littletonindependent.net/news/article_56903bed-b10c-4261-b875-1294362717fa.html check it out!

Columbine Kiwanis, as part of the Lift Up Littleton Collaborative, is proud to be involved in putting on this big community event in a couple of ways. We will be a Super Host for the event which allows us to invite twenty people (members or friends) to be guests (at no cost) for the event. We will also be helping with the set up and tear down for the event. We will have signup sheets on Signup Genius for set up, tear down, and to be a guest at the table. Please volunteer if you can, we will need a lot of volunteers! More information to follow in the coming weeks leading to the event. - Will Knoblauch



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ProjectCURE

We will be visiting ProjectCURE on Monday, August 25, for our regular monthly volunteer effort. Carpooling is available from the 4Gs parking lot, leaving promptly at 9:00am. Our regular warehouse session is scheduled for 9:30am to Noon. Volunteers can use the SignupGenius site to let us know you are coming. The warehouse is not air conditioned so wear appropriate clothes for these potentially warm conditions. Anyone desiring to contribute supplies for the "Kits for Kids" project there can give them to any of us to take along on Monday. We do not work on this particular project, but we are glad to take items to the receiving point for Kits. George Kinzer

Texas Hold'em Fundraiser

Saturday's fundraiser was a big success. Lots of friendly competition by all involved and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The Kiwanis Club of Columbine was also a winner, taking in something north of \$500 for the club. Not bad for a night's work of playing games. I'd like to thank everyone for their participation and the Mirage Sports Bar for being so accommodating



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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

Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District Convention - 2025

Our Rocky Mountain District Convention was held in Denver on August 15-17 at the Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel. This club was represented there by Ken Sweet, Lane Andrew, Susan Markley and George Kinzer. Training and General Education sessions were held on Saturday, and the District House of Delegates and Club Officer Training were held on Sunday.

A total of 36 district Kiwanis clubs sent representatives to this meeting. The Sunday morning decision-making event had 95 official delegates with 81 representing clubs and 14 Members-At-Large (mostly past Governors of the district). Major business involved thanking retiring officers, election of certain new district-wide officers and thanking all for their service. Current District Governor Kathy Williams presided for the session.

Andrea Weule from the South Denver Kiwanis Club was elected as the Governor-Elect-Designate.



She was installed by Kiwanis International Past-President Bert West.



West also officially thanked Kathy Williams for her service this past year as District Governor and Ann Stelling for her continued role as Immediate Past-Governor.

The current District Governor-Elect, Carol Chiarito, was installed by Past-President West as the new Rocky Mountain District Governor for 2025-26. Chiarito is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Pueblo.



The Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District Convention for 2026 is planned for August 13 - 15, 2026 in Pueblo, Colorado. Specific details will be distributed later, but these dates can be reserved and put on your calendar now. All Kiwanis members are encouraged to take an active role within the district.

George Kinzer
Past KRMD Governor - 2005/06.

Sharing With Sheridan

Sharing With Sheridan Food Pantry is part of the Southwest Food Coalition. The Coalition started in 2021 as a way for food pantries, schools and committed individuals to work together in fighting food insecurity in the southwest metro area. The Coalition has been successful in operating a food hub, to which Food Bank of the Rockies (FBR) make twice-weekly deliveries of Coalition members' orders and share pallets of produce. The Coalition also participates in Healthy Food for Denver Kids and delivers food to schools which in turn distribute it to families.

SWS Food Pantry is a founding member of the coalition and benefits directly from operation of the food hub as it reduces the number of volunteer trips to FBR to retrieve food. We also share in the no-cost produce. FBR provides to the hub and occasionally call on the Coalition's truck and driver to help us with transportation. The Coalition is hosting its first fundraiser, to establish a fund to make food purchases for individual pantries facing a critical shortage. Sandra Baca from the Rocky Mountain Farmer's Union cooperative and I have teamed up to support the fundraising drive. We just learned today the Coalition has received a challenge grant from an anonymous donor and all contributions will be matched! If you have an interest in supporting this work, you can click here to make a contribution or get more information <https://charity.pledgeit.org/SWFC/@stephandra>

Best,
Stephanie

Summer Party

Kiwanians had a Great time at the summer picnic. The weather was a warm 90°, but due to the park-like setting and leafy trees in Gene Clark's backyard, there was plenty of shade.

About 50 members a guests attended. Big thank you to Gene and Chris Clark for hosting. As usual Dawn took the task on hand and set up the party and got volunteers to help.

On Friday, August 15 we celebrated summer with our annual picnic! Once again, and for the final time, it was graciously hosted by Gene and Chris Clark at their beautiful home. There was wonderful food including appetizers, great BBQ, delicious sides and yummy desserts. We were even treated to shaved ice! It was a great time to mingle with Kiwanis friends. Sadly, Gene and Chris are moving to Timnath soon and will not be able to host the picnic again. We will sorely miss their presence at Kiwanis events.

Best regards, Mike, Lane, and Ken

