

Dear Rocky Mountain Kiwanians,

My name is Ann Margaret De Guzman, and I proudly serve as the 25-26 District Governor of the Rocky Mountain District. I'm currently a junior at Colorado College studying biochemistry on the pre-med track, and I've proudly been a part of the Kiwanis Family for the past six years. My journey began in Key Club, where I served as my high school's Treasurer, President, and eventually as a Lieutenant Governor. That experience laid the foundation for my deep commitment to service, leadership, and fellowship, values that continue to guide me today.

Last spring, I had the privilege of chartering the Colorado College CKI chapter, and over the past year, we've been hard at work growing our presence on campus and in the community. One of our most meaningful initiatives has been a partnership with Project Angel Heart and Colorado Springs District 11 to create a program where elementary school students decorate meal service bags for Coloradans living with serious illnesses. Additionally, our club raised \$461 for the **UNICEF Brick x Brick Project** through the Rocky Mountain District's "Brick's Got Talent" fundraiser, supporting the construction of schools in Côte d'Ivoire, Africa, using recycled plastic waste.

As Governor, I'm focused on strengthening and growing our district so that we can continue making a powerful impact together. My key goals for this term include: attaining **80 dues-paid members** by April 1, 2026, supporting **five clubs in good standing** by April 1, 2026, reporting **300 collective service hours** by April 1, 2026, facilitating at least **five Kiwanis Family events**, and bringing **15 members to District Convention 2026**.

These goals are particularly urgent because the Rocky Mountain District is currently in **provisional status**. To remain an official CKI district, we must maintain five clubs in good standing and currently, we have three. If we fall short by the end of the 25–26 service year, we risk becoming undistricted, which would significantly reduce our resources and support.

To ensure this doesn't happen, our focus this year will be on **membership recruitment, retention, and strengthening club engagement**. We want to create transformational CKI experiences for students across Colorado, Wyoming, and the Nebraska panhandle, and we'll need your help to do it. Your support, mentorship, and collaboration are essential to our district's success. Whether it's through sponsoring a club, attending our events, or helping out financially, your help creates a significant difference in the lives of our CKI members. Please check out the SOAR brochure attached to this email on ways to contribute financially.

I look forward to working with you all to build a stronger, more united Kiwanis Family. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if there's ever anything I can support you or your club with! Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of our members and the communities we serve.

Rising higher in service, reaching beyond the peaks,

Ann Margaret De Guzman