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Attendance Last Meeting

At our meeting on October 08

Total attendance – 43

Guests: 10

Chloey Carter - Student of the Month

Carrie Carter - Chloey's Mom

Scott Cormils - Clair's Father

Andrea Weule – Kiwanis Governor Elect

AHS Key Club Officers Claire Cormils,

Molly Manning and Chris Dishong

Project hours MTD for Oct 179

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



[PROJECTS SIGN UP](#)

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Please report hours

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly Newsletter for October 15, 2025

This Week's Presenter is Larry Borger
Topic "City Ditch"

Greeter /Pledge: ???

Invocation: ???

We need people to signup – Sign up Genius or contact Lane

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



Oct 16 George Kinzer

Oct 17 John Marchetti

Oct 21 Gary Householder

Upcoming Club Programs

Oct 22	Sandy Austin	"Empowering Kids to Care"
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Future Club Events and Service Projects

Oct 14	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00
Oct 16	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris
Oct 18	Sat	Sweet Dreams in a Bag - Savon
Oct 21	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie – Colorado Credit Union
Oct 24	Fri	BOO-refic Bash and Splash – Lane/Ken
Oct 27	Mon	Project CURE - George
Oct 28	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark - George / Abe 303 Sports Bar 5:00
Nov 03	Tue	Columbine Kiwanis Board Meeting - Lane
Nov 04	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie – Colorado Credit Union
Nov 15	Sat	Sweet Dreams in a Bag - Shavon
Dec 13	Sat	Christmas Party – Dawn/Connie

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

Oct 15	Wed	Cleve & Terri McKinney
Oct 16	Thu	Ken Sweet & Scott Story
Oct 17	Fri	Ken Sweet and Geri Reinhart
Oct 20	Mon	Mike Greunke & Bob Bushacher
Oct 21	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Oct 22	Wed	Cleve & Terri McKinney
Oct 23	Thu	Les & Mary Burns & Sally Kingman
Oct 24	Fri	Janet Woodhull & Nancy Bierman
Oct 27	Mon	Les & Mary Burns & Sally Kingman
Oct 29	Wed	Cleve & Terri McKinney
Oct 30	Thu	Jim Foley & Scott Story
Oct 31	Fri	Abe Baltazar & Mitch Waldman
Nov 03	Mon	Tom Durkin & friend
Nov 04	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Nov 05	Wed	Terri & Cleve Mckinney

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Welcome Donnie Thompson

Today we inducted Donnie Thompson into the Columbine Kiwanis Club. He has been attending meetings and has worked at the Longer Table Project. Mike Jepkes and I spend a pleasant 1 ½ hours telling him about our club and learning about him. He will be a real addition to our club.

Try to visit him, perhaps sit with him during the meeting and invite him to join our projects. - Ken



Student of the Month

The first Student of the month from KC Middle School is Chloey Carter, 13 and an 8th grader. After meeting her, the club was literally astonished by her maturity and ability to communicate. She comfortably described her 4 years of Karate training where she will soon earn a black belt. She shared that she had been picked on early in her school life and mom Cari suggested Karate as a way to help. Chloey is now slated to be an instructor and yes, at age 13. She clearly demonstrates the discipline and respect for others learned in those classes and modeled by her mom.

KCMS Counselor Jessica and Principal Lance were effusive of Chloey's outstanding participation at school via grades and interaction with schoolmates. She is hoping to pursue engineering in the future or possibly being a pilot. (Why not an astronaut?) What a pleasure for the club to learn about Chloey and marvel at her character and confidence.

Mike Greunke



Arapahoe HS Key Club Officers

Key Club officers Claire, Molly and Evelyn, along with 2 dads, were introduced at the 10/8 meeting and discussed some of their Key Club projects, especially the upcoming 10/25 Trick or Treat Street event. They described examples of the decorated thematic rooms with games, crafts, activities and treats, such as kids making their own "potions" with the Good Witches. These rooms enable the visiting kids to experience fun interactions with the high school students. They are very excited that the AHS Art Club jumped at the invitation this year to provide face painting, always a favorite of the little ones.

Arapahoe KC Trick or Treat Street - 10/25

This is designed for families that have small children that want a smaller, more individualized safe trick or treat experience and special needs kids are especially welcome. If you know of any families that would like this - please invite them: **Sat. 10/25 from 8:30 - 11 am** at Arapahoe HS.
Don Buck



Junior Achievement

Tom Durken sent a list of opportunities for volunteering. If you are interested in working with JA, contact Tom Durkin.



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IFCS Donation Pickup

On Oct 3, I was involved with one of the most unusual food donation pickups to date. Four of us volunteers made three round trips from IFCS to four gas station/convenience stores to pick up the donations. Murphy Oil purchased four former Stinker Gas stations that were to be rebranded as Murphy after remodeling. Our task was to pick up all non-perishable items from the four stores. Murphy employees boxed up most the items, but we had to deal with bottled sports drinks and soft drinks. Eleven hours and six van loads later we finished cleaning out the stores. The estimated value(etail) of the donation was between \$75,000 and \$100,000. Although it is not the healthiest food items, it will help those who need a helping hand. - Rod Hunley



South Jeffco Business Alliance

A networking opportunity to talk to prospective Kiwanis members that are already involved in the community.. Free coffee and often other food.

When: Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: [Peak Community & Wellness Center](#), 6612 S. Ward St., Littleton, CO 80127

How: Please [RSVP](#) so we can plan for breakfast and seating.



Visit by Gov Elect

Last week we had the pleasure of a visit by our Governor Elect, Andrea Weule. She often shows up when we have our student of the month.

Thank you, Andrea. Please visit again. - Ken



Sweet Dreams in a Bag

The following dates, help us.

Littleton Public Schools East Community Center

5933 S Fairfield Street

Littleton, CO 80120

(Just west of Orchard & Broadway)

10:00 AM-noon

October 18, 2025.

November 15, 2025

Shavon



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Trick or Treat

There is an opportunity for anyone from Columbine Kiwanis to participate in a Trunk or Treat at the future home of the South County Library.

Event: Trunk or Treat at South County

Date: Friday, October 17th

Time: 4-6pm

2:00-3:45pm - Arrival time for community partners and people with vehicles / trunks to decorate may arrive from 2pm-3:45pm.

Please bring treats / stickers for 200.

Flier:

<https://jeffcolibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/68cb0cdd023ff3280079b346>

Need ideas? Here are a few:

<https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/holidays-celebrations/g37157570/trunk-or-treat-ideas/>

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Celebrate Hispanic Heritage at South County, Sugar Skulls - Saturday, October 4th - 11am-12pm

- o <https://jeffcolibrary.bibliocommons.com/events/68a4c5194fe01d1a0ccb9636>

This program is for Adults, School Age, Teens and Tweens

Thanks René

Littleton High School Key Club

We had 35 kids at the Littleton High School Key Club on Friday. They decorated canvas bags for Urban Peak and filled each bag full of toiletries. Urban Peak provides a full convergence of services solely focused on one of the most vulnerable populations in our community: youth ages 12 through 24 who are experiencing homelessness.

Thanks and Peace!

Brian Dee Counterterman (and Denny Brehm)



BOO-terific Bash and Splash

BOO-rific Bash & Splash is a fun, indoor event for the whole family that includes trick-or-treating, bounce houses and swimming. Kids get to show off their costumes while parents interact with local businesses.

Friday, October 24, 2025 • 6-8 p.m.

Set up 4:00-5:15

Ridge Recreation Center

[6613 S. Ward Street, Littleton, CO 80127](https://www.foot hills.org/locations/ridge-recreation-center)

We will have a 6-foot table and hand out candy or some such. We will hand out brochures and let people know about Kiwanis. It will be a fun event.

I need several people to help at the booth and to pick up candy or treats. Let me know if you can help, I will try to put it on SignupGenius.

Ken / Lane



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