

October & November 2025

Kiwanis Club of Dubois

Organized May 1992



Serving the
children of the world

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 am
First & Third Tuesdays November thru March, 6:45 am

Meeting Dates/Program Planning

Oct 7 Jennet Ballinger
Oct 14 Board/Business
Oct 21 Karen McCullough
Oct 28 NO Meeting



Nov 4 Kristi Perry
Nov 11 Board Meeting: 8:00 am (No breakfast)
Nov 18 Kyle Neary

Dec 2 Michele Burdick

Volunteers providing 50/50 treats:

Kyle Neary (October); Kristi Perry (Nov)
Michele Burdick (Dec); Karen McCullough (Jan)

News and Notices

~ **Highway cleanup** of our adopted 2-mile stretch was completed on Sept 24 by 10 energetic members.

~ **Four members assisted 1st graders** at their learning stations on Sept 25. Fun was had by all!

~ **Members are invited** to cheer on kids in the Speedy Rams Running Club at 3:30 pm on Wednesdays at the school and encouraged to participate in their Oct 29 Costume Run.

~ **WELCOME to our newest member,**

Dr Annette Walters!



*More hands mean more service
to kids & community!*

Congratulations and thank you to our elected leaders Oct 1, 2025 – Sept 30, 2026

President Michele Burdick, President-Elect Sheryl Epp
Secretary Jennet Ballinger, Treasurer Karen McCullough,
Directors Cyndi Dugan, Peggy Emanuel, Mike McCullough
Immediate Past President Pat Ballinger

Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

Oct 1 Start of New Kiwanis Year

Oct 5 Installation Dinner in Lander, 4:30 pm

October 6-10 Kiwanis Youth Protection Week

Oct 11 Cowboy Country Jamboree @ Rustic
Set up 5:30 pm, Event 7-9:30

Oct 15 WHF Monthly Wellness Screening
7:30– 10 am at Dubois Medical Clinic

Oct 24 Set up/Decorate at Dennison Lodge, 3:00

Oct 25 Halloween at Dubois Museum, 3-5 pm

Oct 29 Speedy Rams Costume Run, 3:30 pm
Dubois Elementary Playground

Nov 2 Daylight Saving Time Ends
Turn clocks back 1 hour

Nov 19 WHF Monthly Wellness Screening
7:30-10 am at Dubois Medical Clinic

TBA String lights at St. Thomas

Nov 27 A graphic with the words 'HAPPY THANKSGIVING' in a decorative font, with a pumpkin illustration.

Nov 30 Cowboy Christmas 4-7 pm (stores/vendors)
Parade 5:00 (line up 4:30), Lighting 5:30

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday ~

Oct 9 Pat Neary
Nov 1 Rita Foster
Nov 7 Kristi Perry
Nov 24 Cyndi Dugan

Happy Anniversary ~

Oct 8 Kristi & Jerry Perry



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Meeting Notes/Programs Aug & Sept 2025

Aug 5: Annette Walters, PhD, FCSD#2 Supt

Dr. Walters arrived with an extensive background in education to lead the Dubois school system. The mother of three believes in child advocacy and a holistic educational approach in support of students. She explained the role of a superintendent and spoke of celebrating DHS seniors and other objectives. She's eager to strengthen community partnerships and hosts "Chat with the Superintendent" on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 10-11 am in the administration building. Dr Walters is also the newest member of the Kiwanis Club of Dubois!

50/50 Ron, Pat N, Annette

Aug 12: Christine Mevissen

Chris provided a short history of *Stitch & Be Sewcial* and the struggle to find a permanent location for the group. Central Wyoming College's Dubois Outreach began offering the opportunity to all by creating a free class that meets at the Dubois Library on Wednesdays from 10 – 3. As many as 24 participants have attended sessions to socialize while working on crafts such as sewing, knitting, weaving, leatherwork and more.

Another free CWC Dubois offering taking place at the Dubois Branch Library is the *Never Sweat Readers Book Club* that meets the third Wednesday of the month from 6-7 pm. Anyone wanting to join discussions can drop by the library for information. *50/50 Cyndi, Sheryl, Kyle, Chris*

Aug 19: Board (minutes on file & emailed to members)

In addition to a preview of the 2025-2026 budgets, topics included Bear Aware campaign, Chamber of Commerce events and our Cowboy County Jamboree set for Oct 11.

50/50 Pat B, Ron, Michele, Brad

Aug 26: Mary Turney ~ the Art of storytelling

Having been born in Oklahoma in 1912, Mary's father lived through the Depression. Art Turney's perspective changed as he navigated a hard life and had to drop out of school. Following what Mary described as "Turney's Grapes of Wrath," he ultimately became a carpenter and was also a gifted story teller.

At the urging of his family, he began writing about his life at the age of 70. Stories were handwritten at first, then typed slowly on an old Olympia typewriter. A grandson was given the task of editing the 684 stories written by 2005. Four volumes of "The Stories of Art Turney" were published for family and friends.

As she shared one of the humorous stories, Mary encouraged everyone to write their own story and to "record yourself telling stories and singing"

Jennet also reported on the education forums she attended at the Rocky Mountain District Convention held in Greenwood Village, CO. She conducted an officer training for club secretaries and was awarded the RM District *Pat Rust Outstanding Secretary Award*.

50/50 Michele, Mary T, Reenie



Sept 2: Ron Blevins – A Bit of Kiwanis History

As a 50+ member of the organization, Ron shared stories of a few of his many Kiwanis friends. Originally from Powell, Ron was a member of a club with 50 businessmen that at one time grew to 65. They ultimately welcomed women into the group after the rule change in the late 80s.

He spoke of Walter Scott, a plumber, who once used a 2-team wagon to pick up Buffalo bones and Bob Fordam, an optometrist who was a singer and a WWII POW. Bob Bishop was an oil man who delivered to farmers and Ken Witzling was a pharmacist in Powell and a 65 year Kiwanis member. *50/50 Michele, Peggy, Reenie, Ron, Jennet*

Sept 9: Board (minutes on file & emailed to members)

Topics included review of financials, officer Installation dinner in Lander Oct 5, and upcoming projects.

50/50 Jennet, Brad, Peggy, Michele, Karen

Sept 16: Malinda Garcia, Dubois K-12 Principal

Having moved from Colorado at a young age, Malinda found her place as a student at the Wind River school, in part because of a mentor teacher who got her involved with History Day. As a first generation college graduate, she received a degree at the University of Wyoming and ultimately taught and coached at WR. She experienced 16 years in the classroom and moved to Dubois with her family following 3 years as a principal in Laramie. Malinda is a strong advocate for rural education and personalized learning experiences for students.

50/50 Kyle, Mike, Brad, Jennet, Malinda

Sept 23: Brad Lindsey – 1960 Greensboro Four

Brad began with the recollection of his time as an Air Force pilot during an important mission to Beirut with his friend Joe in 1982. While he hadn't mentioned it, Brad ultimately discovered that Joe was one of the Greensboro Four who, as a college student, initiated a non-violent sit-in at a North Carolina Woolworth's lunch counter in 1960 to protest the policy of service to whites only.

Those at the meeting saw a portion of an interview with retired Major General Joseph McNeil from the Armed Forces Heritage Museum, which is worth the watch.

<https://www.afhms.org/home/living-history-project/joseph-mcneil/>

50/50 Ron, Pat B, Reenie

Sept 30: Cyndi Dugan – All About Wyoming

Our brains were stimulated with a 12 page (104 question!) Wyoming Quiz. The first half was knowing historic dates and locations, plus facts about our state's heritage, economy and sports - with identification of wildlife and tracks thrown in. The second half covered state items, famous Wyomingites, geography, national sites, governors and chronology. It was a good reminder of the important role our state has played throughout history.

50/50 Pat B, Karen, Kyle, Brad, Peggy

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