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Attendance

At our meeting on November 12, 2025
Total attendance – 49
Guests – 13.

Wednesday Meeting

6:45 Social, 7:00 Meeting

4G's Restaurant

5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton, CO
80123

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Please report hours

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly newsletter for November 19, 2025

**This Week's Presenters are the area
Elementary School Teachers**

Greeter /Pledge: George Kinzer Invocation: Michael Jepkes
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.**



None This Week

Upcoming Club Programs

Nov 26	TBD
Dec 03	Major Mike O'Brian - Salvation Army
Dec 10	Student of the Month
Dec 17	Kerry Urbaniak - Senior Living
Dec 24	No Meeting
Dec 31	Chelsea Tegtmeier - South Metro Fire Rescue

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Nov 18	Tue	Satellite Meeting – Charlie Boyer Colorado Credit Union
Nov 20	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris Forar
Nov 24	Mon	Project C.U.R.E. – George Kinzer
Nov 25	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer 303 Sports Bar 5:00
Dec 02	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer- Colorado Credit Union
Dec 09	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer 303 Sports Bar 5:00
Dec 13	Sat	Christmas Party – Dawn/ McEwen,, Connie McLaughlin
Dec 14	Sun	Jefferson Symphony Orchestra – Jim Roos
Dec 14-24		Salvation Army Bell Ringing

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

Nov 19	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Nov 20	Thu	Mary Rome & Sandra Legge
Nov 21	Fri	Jim Foley & Mitch Waldman
Nov 24	Mon	Steve & Debbie Barnes
Nov 26	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Dec 01	Mon	Jerry & Jan Clayton
Dec 02	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Dec 03	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Dec 04	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Dec 05	Fri	Abe Baltazar & Geri Reinhart
Dec 08	Mon	Don Buck & friend
Dec 10	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Dec 11	Thu	Scott Story & Tom Durkin
Dec 12	Fri	Ken Sweet & guest
Dec 15	Mon	Steve & Debbie Barnes

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November Students of the Month

At the Nov. 12th Club Meeting, our guests included 3 Students of the Month family members and school administrators / teachers in a recognition program for students who demonstrate positive influence in their school communities through personal development, service to others and informal leadership.

Christina Wade, of Arapahoe High School is a busy, confident and articulate senior carrying a 4.2 GPA while working at a retirement home, mentoring elementary students and enjoying concerts with her friends.



She is involved in the Black Student Alliance and noted by the staff for being very outgoing and working inclusively across the school community. It was also noted that she overcame some medical challenges last year, having had diabetes since she was 5, and her internal motivation and hard work ethic has kept her at a straight-A level. In addition to AP Spanish (very fluent responding to a question asked by Rick in Spanish), she has added French to her language interests and excels across the academic spectrum – finding Physics very interesting. She is interested in a future that includes use of her language skills, possibly in international business and marketing, and is applying to colleges in California and Madrid Spain.

Megan Mnguyen is an 8th grader from Powell Middle School. She was accompanied by her parents, Brian and Mindy, who contributed observations as to their daughter's caring character and propensity to help others. Megan participates in orchestra at Powell and plays volleyball as well for her school. As her Vice Principal noted, she also is a member and primary contributor to a program called Pride that strives to assist 6th graders in acclimating and navigating the transition from elementary to middle school. She is an accomplished student and a fine representative of her fellow students.



Ivan Edwards is an eighth-grade student at Ken Caryl Middle School. Despite facing significant challenges—including a period of homelessness in Arizona—he has shown remarkable resilience since moving to Denver earlier this year. Now living with his uncle and grandmother, Ivan has quickly earned the admiration of his principal, counselor, and teachers. The staff were astounded by how easily he adapted to fitting into the new school community, focusing on his studies, and showing personal responsibility and respect for all. As his counselor shared, “I catch him doing the right and caring thing all the time.” Ivan consistently demonstrates academic excellence, a gentle and kind spirit, and speaks positively about everyone. He enjoys playing basketball, but his true passion is cooking. His dream is to become a chef.



Sweet Dreams in a Bag

Several Kiwanians had a fun morning at Sweet Dreams in a bag project. We were in a small gymnasium with about 70 people including many key clubbers and volunteers from other clubs. We folded sheets and other bedding items into bags to be distributed to children in need

Pictured Geri Reinhart and Kathy Athens

The bag has comforter, sheets, pillow, toy, hygiene pack. 12 Kiwanis members from our club attended. - Lane



Sharing with Sheridan

Thursday, November 13 was a beautiful day at Sharing with Sheridan. We were not sure how the interruption of SNAP benefits would impact the food distribution demand, as it turns out the numbers were up but not to overwhelming levels. What was cool was the surge of local donations - people in the community stepping up when the need arises. Pictured on the left is Eric Allert, pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Highlands Ranch. Eric and another volunteer brought a full pickup of



groceries collected by the church and their associated Boy Scout Troop. Many thanks to them and to the other folks who have donated food in this time of need.

Best regards, Mike.

IFCS

Helping Hands for the Holidays is an IFCS program that helps families add joy to the gift-giving season while maintaining tight budgets. Children aged newborn to 10 years old receive holiday **gifts through the generosity of community sponsors.**

This year, our Team processed over 700 applicants and, because we can rely on your help, we accepted **311 children from 152 families - all of whom are first time program participants.**

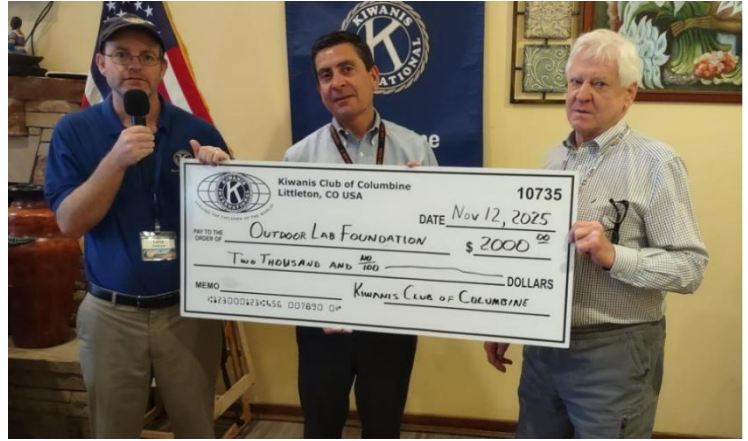
Both [Child Gift Sponsors](#) and [Food & Program Support Donors](#) are needed to make this year's program a success. **Thank you for any help you can provide!**

Satellite Group

The Satellite Group will meet next Tuesday, Nov. 18th at 12:30 PM in the Community Room of the Colorado Credit Union, 10026 W. San Juan Way. Charlie Boyer

Outdoor Lab Donation

Columbine Kiwanis donated \$2000 to the Ken Caryl Middle School for Outdoor Lab scholarships. President Lane is presenting the ceremonial check to Lance



Willians (principal). Rick is holding up the check. 😊

Blood Drive December 8th

Monday December 8th

10 AM – 2 PM

Riverwalk Clubhouse

2751 W. Riverwalk Cir

Littleton

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/>



<http://timeSlotsExtr?token=ivmMbU%2FVYEQqkEYtc3fahB8UrvTluxZKnjiaDZwKgPw%3D>

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Jared Project

Our club regularly purchases and delivers new items to the children at Children's Hospital-South Campus. This quarter, the hospital requested board books, teethingers, rattles and fidget toys for the kids. The process of selecting these items, especially the board books, was particularly enjoyable for us.

On Wednesday, November 12th, we brought three bags filled with the requested items to the hospital. A volunteer from Children's Hospital warmly received our donation and expressed sincere gratitude for our club's continued support.



Dayle Axman and Lori Conway

Columbine Key Club Food Drive

The Columbine HS Key Club Food Drive is under way. Generous Kiwanians have already donated food for several family meals. Karen will be collecting peanut butter, or any non-perishable food items you can spare at our next meeting. Put items in your car now, so you won't forget.



Karen Hunley

PEO Fundraiser

P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) raises money for the education of women is selling scone mixes for \$15 per bag or \$20 for gluten free for their big fundraiser. We will be taking orders later for December. The choices are Lemon Poppyseed, Craisin, Pumpkin Raisin, and Chocolate Chip. The mixes are in handmade fabric bags with the choice of Fall, Christmas, Non-holiday and NO bag. Directions are attached to the bag. The mix needs to be refrigerated or frozen when delivered.



Ask around and you'll hear how delicious they are! Thanks, Connie, Dawn, Geri, Sandy, Sally E., et al.

Project CURE - Kiwanis Friends -

We will be visiting ProjectCURE on Monday, November 24, 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 neither heated nor air conditioned so wear appropriate clothes for the current conditions.

Since this is a week with a holiday, some of our regular volunteers may not participate this session. New volunteers are always welcome. Contact me with any questions.

Anyone who desiring to contribute supplies for the "Kits for Kids" project there can give them to any of us. We do not work on this particular project, but we are glad to take items to the receiving point for Kits.

George Kinzer

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, November 18, 2025, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Peak Community & Wellness Center, 6612 S. Ward St., Littleton, CO 80127

we



How:

Please RSVP so we can plan for breakfast and seating.

JSO Holiday Concert

JSO Holiday Concert with Denver Children's Choir and Ambler Clarinet Choir

Sunday Dec 14, 2025, 3:00 -5:30 PM MST Mines Green Center - Golden, 80401

For decades, the JSO's concerts have become the area's favorite holiday tradition with families and friends gathering to listen to the magical sounds of Christmas that are sure to fill hearts and souls with goodwill throughout the rest of the Season. WWW.jeffsymphony.org.



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Meals on Wheels

Thanksgiving Week Deliveries and Closures

Thanksgiving is one of our favorite times of year at Nourish, and we are so grateful to have your help making it special for our clients. Here's what you can expect that week:

- **Delivery Day:** Wednesday, November 26
- **Closures:** Thursday, Nov 27 (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday, Nov 28
- **Special Delivery:** Each client will receive a full traditional Thanksgiving meal that includes turkey, sides, a piece of pie, and a dinner roll, and handmade tray favors, along with their regular breakfast package.

Frozen Meals: Up to four frozen meals will also be provided to help clients through the long weekend until our next delivery on Monday, December 1