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#### **Attendance**

At our meeting on November 26 Total attendance – 31 Guests – 2 Anita Albert and Jill McNellis.

Project hours MTD for November is 618.5

Wednesday Meeting
6:45 Social, 7:00 Meeting
4G's Restaurant
5950 S Platte Canyon Rd, Littleton, CO
80123

Links for signups and for reporting hours Scan OR or click on link



PROJECTS SIGN UP

**VOLUNTEER 4HOURS** 

Please report hours

## Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly newsletter for December 03, 2025

This Week's Presenter is Major Mike O'Brian
Topic: Salvation Army (p)

Greeter /Pledge: Connie McLaughlin Invocation: Mary Rome 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** 

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** 

Dec 02	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer- Colorado Credit Union
Dec 04	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris Forar
Dec 08	Mon	Blood Drive Tom Durkin
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
Dec 29	Mon	Project C.U.R.E. – George Kinzer
Jan 13	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer 303 Sports Bar 5:00

#### Nourish Meals on Wheels (Note - check with master list)

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
Dec 16	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Dec 17	Wed	Terri & Cleve Mckinney
Dec 18	Thu	Denny Brehm family
Dec 19	Fri	Don Buck & friend
Dec 22	Mon	Will Knoblauch & Mike Greunke
Dec 24	Wed	Cleve & Terri McKinney
Dec 26	Fri	Nancy Bierman & Janet Woodhull
Dec 29	Mon	Jim Johnstone & Ferris Forar
Dec 30	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith

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### **IFCS** food distribution

On Nov 22, the Kiwanis Club of Columbine had five club members and 7 family members volunteer for the IFCS Fresh Thanks food distribution at the Arapahoe Community College parking lot to help create Thanksgiving food boxes. We met there on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning and worked with 30 other volunteers on an assembly line forming boxes of carrots, potatoes, onions, canned beans and other things. These boxes are given out to people for their holiday meals.



### **Tutoring – Elementary Schools**

"If you haven't given volunteering at one of our elementary schools a chance, you're missing out on a heartwarming experience. This is my third-year volunteering at Columbine Hills Elementary, and I always leave with a smile. The staff is so appreciative and welcoming; the teachers are caring and professional; and the children argue over whose turn it is to sit with you. You will get to see what's happening in our educational system and will be surprised at how much these little minds absorb. Give it a try - you won't be disappointed." If you are interested talk to Geri – we will find an opportunity for you. - Geri

# **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.

### **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/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=ivmMbU%2FVYEQqkEYtc3fahB8UrvT1uxZKnjiaDZwKgPw%3D



Donate blood Dec. 1-13 and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$20,000 gift card! \*

Multiply your impact for patients with the Vitalant Refer a Friend Program.

When you join our Donor Rewards program you also get rewarded for each donation you make.

Save time at your visit by filling out your Fast Track Health History questionnaire online the day you donate. Or access Fast Track from your donor account on the day of your donation if you have an appointment scheduled.

Visit Vitalant's website for more information on preparing for your donation and the donation process.

Warmest regards,



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# **King Soopers Rewards Free Money**Who Likes Free Money?

Believe it or not, Kiwanis Club of Columbine can get free money, just by asking for it! If you shop at King Soopers and have a member rewards card, and if you don't already have a charity that you are linked to, please consider signing up to contribute to Kiwanis Club of Columbine through King Soopers Community Rewards. It's easy to sign up, and after you do, the contributions are automatically calculated and money is sent to our club!

#### To sign up:

- 1. You need to be signed up for member rewards. You will need to know the phone number attached to it or your member rewards number.
- 2. If you don't have the King Soopers app on your smart phone, you will need to download it (via the Google Play Store on Android or the App Store on your iPhone).
- 3. Sign into the app using your member rewards information.
- 4. Navigate to "My Account" via the little person icon in the upper left of the home screen.
- 5. Scroll down to "Community Rewards".
- 6. Press "View Community Rewards".
- 7. Under "Donation Summary", press "Enroll".
- 8. Search for "Kiwanis". Scroll down until you see "Kiwanis Club of Columbine".
- 9. Under "Kiwanis Club of Columbine", press "Enroll".
- 10. Make sure you see a confirmation message showing that you are now enrolled with Kiwanis Club of Columbine.
- 11. That's it! Now whenever you use your member card at King Soopers, our club earns money!

If you get stuck, please contact Mike Jepkes or one of your grandchildren. :-) - Mike Jepkes

Sign up for...
King Soopers
Community Rewards

### **Kiwanis After Dark**

Kiwanis After Dark will not meet on Tuesday, December 23. It will meet on Tuesday, December 9 as usual and will resume the normal schedule on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. From then on, we meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm at 303 Sports Grill on W Bowles Ave. All members and friends are welcome to join us. - George

### **Project Cure**

Six club members volunteered on November 24th at project cure. Project cure is a non-profit organization that receives donated medical supplies and redistributes them to regions outside the country. Our group members primarily do sorting tasks of one format or the other. Several of us went through boxes of donated items which were then grouped into piles of similar kinds. You put items that have tubing in one pile. You had gauze bandages or other wound care items in another pile. Things with wires in a third pile, and plastic thingama jiggies in another pile. You then sort out groups of items that are the same, put them in plastic bags and then they are passed on to other volunteers who enter them by serial number into the computer database. If you enjoy sorting, matching or grouping items, this is a volunteer opportunity for you! We meet once a month, typically the last Monday of the month. Lan Andrew

Our next visit to ProjectCURE is scheduled for Monday, December 29, 2025 from 9:30am to Noon. We will be working with minimal supervision (the warehouse is closed for the holidays) and doing sorting of supplies - either by date or by type. A SignUpGenius page is ready for volunteers.

### Medical supplies shipped to





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### **Sharing with Sheridan (Top Secret)**

- Your mission, SWs volunteers, should you choose to accept it, is to arrive at the Food Pantry sometime between 0930 and 1330 this Thursday to set up, package, sort, register, attend the drivers, support the walkers, and get everyone registered.
- Your job, as I understand it, is to let me know whether you are coming, and where you are planning to work, knowing that we will need extra people to set up this week, between 1000 and 1400.
- As always, should you or any of your volunteers be caught, distracted, teased or overworked, the Volunteer Coordinator will disavow any knowledge of your actions. This email will not self-destruct in ten seconds. Good luck, volunteers!

### **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.

## **Satellite Group**

Hi, Kiwanians -

The Satellite Group will meet next Tuesday, December 2nd, at 12:30 PM in the Community Room at the Colorado Credit Union, 10026 W. San Juan Way. Lane Andrews, our Club President, will be with us for an interesting presentation. Have a great Thanksgiving holiday! See you soon! - Charlie Boyer

# **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



## **Salvation Army Bell Ringing**

Bell Ringing is one of our biggest events that requires a lot of help. Hopefully from all able-bodied members and friends. Last year we collected about \$18,000. Sign up alone or with a friend. Youth are welcome to join us under supervision.

Singing and play8ing musical instruments is encouraged. We will be having help from the Key Clubs.

Our Club will be ringing at two King Soopers sites this year; Pierce and Coal Mine and Chatfield and Wadsworth. for 11 days starting Sunday, Dec 14 through the 24th. This is a major project that requires a lot of help. Last year we collected \$20,.000 for the Salvation Army. This is 84 2-hour shifts. WOW

Signup on signup genius. Or the spreadsheet at the meetings. It is easier for Tom McEwens logistics if we sign up on Signupgenious. - Ken

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44ABAA2EA2F5C43-60608115-salvation





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