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Attendance

At our meeting on December 03

Total attendance – 33

Guests – 3

Anita Albert, Jill McNellis and Mike O'Brian
- Salvation Army, speaker

Project hours MTD for December is 89.5

Wednesday Meeting

6:45 Social, 7:00 Meeting

4G's Restaurant

5950 S Platte Canyon Road, Littleton, CO
80123

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Please report hours

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly newsletter for December 10, 2025

This Week is Student of the Month

Greeter /Pledge: Connie McLaughlin Invocation: Mary Rome
We need people to signup – Sign up Genius or contact Lane Andrew

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



Dec 14 Bill & Barbara McElroy

Upcoming Club Programs

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 08	Mon	Blood Drive Tom Durkin
Dec 09	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Dec 11	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris Forar
Dec 13	Sat	Christmas Party – Dawn McEwen, Connie McLaughlin 5:00 to 8:00 Columbine Untitled Church – All Welcome
Dec 14	Sun	Jefferson Symphony Orchestra – Jim Roos
Dec 16	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Dec 14-24		Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Dec 29	Mon	Project C.U.R.E. – George Kinzer
Jan 06	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Jan 13	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM

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

Dec 10	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Dec 11	Thu	Scott Story & Tom Durkin
Dec 12	Fri	Ken Sweet & Sandy Legge
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 Johnston & Ferris Forar
Dec 30	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Dec 31	Wed	Terri & Cleve Mckinney

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Induction Anita Alberts

We had the pleasure of inducting Anita last week. She has already attended several meetings and been active with Serving with Sheridan and Meals on Wheels. Please welcome her to the club. Geri Reinhart and Ken Sweet had a long orientation session with her. She will be a great addition to our club, my humble opinion.



Pictured Ken Sweet, membership chair, Geri Reinhart, Anita Alberts, Mike, Jepkes, Secretary.

Salvation Army Donation

Last week, Major Mike O'Brian provided an insightful update on the history of the Salvation Army and its iconic "kettles." The presentation began on a festive note, as Major Mike sang a Christmas song. His performance was very enjoyable and highlighted his remarkable vocal talent.

During the event, a ceremonial check was presented to Major Mike, representing the donations collected last year. The presentation included Mike Jepkes, Secretary, Ken Sweet, who serves as the Bell Ring Chair,, and Major Mike, all pictured together to commemorate the occasion.



Christmas Party

Saturday

Columbine United Church

5:00-8:00

Pot Luck =bring a dish to share

Meat is provided

Sign up on SignUpGenius or just come.

Call Dawn McEwen 303-903-4851 for

questions

All are welcome

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Bell Ringing:

We need a lot of help. First week's schedule shown below. Signup on SignUpGenious

Or call Ken Sweet 303-910-0084

Time	Sunday 14 December - Money Pickup: Ruthann Moomy	
10-12	Bunny & Ron Delongchamp	Chuck Anglin
12-2	Jim Feldhake	Kathy Athens
2-4	Jim Johnston	Jim Johnston
4-6	Tom Powis	John Marchetti, Jake Truesdale
Time	Monday 15 December Money Pickup: Abe Baltazar	
10-12		Mike Jepkes
12-2	Rick Sutton	George & Hazel Kinzer
2-4		Frank & Noly Novatski
4-6		Abe Baltazar
Time	Tuesday 16 December - Money Pickup: Jim Foley	
12-2	Mary Rome	Dave Devanney
2-4		Mike Greunke
4-6		Karen Hunley
Time	Wednesday 17 December - Money Pickup: Ken Sweet	
12-2	Jim Roos	Mike Jepkes
2-4	Pat McNellis	Tom Powis
4-6	Denny Brehm & Family	Karen Hunley
Time	Thursday 18 December - Money Pickup: Will Knoblauch	
12-2	Jim Feldhake	George & Hazel Kinzer
2-4		Jim Foley
4-6	Laura McKinley & Monica McKenna	
Time	Friday 19 December - Money Pickup: Jim Foley	
10-12	Jim Roos	
12-2	Ruthann Moomy	Geri Reinhart
2-4		Abe Baltazar
4-6		John Marchetti, Jake Truesdale

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On November 20th, a regional DECA competition took place at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds. High school students from dozens of local Jefferson, Arapahoe and Douglas County schools made presentations to volunteer "judges" typically in pairs.

The judges including Lane Andrew, Don Buck and Rick Sutton (from Columbine Kiwanis) would typically represent/impersonate managerial positions at various types of industries with ambitions that were purposed to enhance their various company objectives. The students would advocate tasks revolving around numerous business situations that required that they use their imagination and knowledge and to collaborate on accomplishing their missions.

The scores of volunteers that met afterwards were unanimous in how impressed we all were with the effort and courage that was required for them to present themselves to a bunch of adult strangers in a stressful situation.

Our schools are succeeding in educating and equipping our youngsters to better be able to navigate the economy and society. - Rick Sutton

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

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

Toy Donation – Key Club

Columbine High School Key Club is hosting a toy collection event in the school cafeteria, lower-level parking lot, on Sunday, December 14, from 9-11 a.m. Pancakes, cookies, Santa, silent auction, or just drop off unwrapped new toys. Karen will accept toys at the meeting this week.

King Soopers Rewards Free Money

Who Likes Free Money?

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

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.

Sharing with Sheridan

On our first wintery day of the season, our undaunted volunteers gathered to serve the 108 families (350 neighbors) who braved the cold. This is the lowest number of families we've seen in more than a year and a half.

Our pantry continues to overflow with the generosity of donated food we've received over the past month, and we are fortunate to be fully stocked for the coming week. Thank you for your continued commitment to fighting hunger in our community. - Stephanie

Charitable Contributions from Retirement Accounts

If you are faced with taking Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA, 401(k) or similar account, or you just want to make a charitable donation, please consider the Kiwanis Club of Columbine Foundation. Be sure to talk to your financial advisor or tax advisor to make sure your donation will be tax-free.

As an example of contributions, we make from the Kiwanis Club of Columbine Foundation, here are the donations from October:

^ Funding support / Money Donated

Please provide amounts raised by your club this month

Amount given	Where was money given?
2000 USD	Ken Caryl Middle School
1000 USD	Normandy Elementary Sschool
1000 USD	Columbine Hills Elementary School
1000 USD	Governor's Ranch Elementary School
1000 USD	Dutch Creek Elementary School
1000 USD	Leawood Elementary School

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

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



Singing and playing 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 SignUpGenius. Or the spreadsheet at the meetings. It is easier for Tom McEwens logistics if we sign up on SignUpGenius. - Ken



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

South Jeffco Business Association

To sign up use this link [RSVP](#)

The meeting will be on December 16. 9:00AM. It will be a networking session at the Foothill Golf Course. This is a fun and a good place to talk to potential Kiwanis members. For information contact Ken Sweet at 303-910-0084 or kensweet@kencomineral.com

Join us Tuesday, December 16 at 9 a.m. at [Foothills Golf Course Clubhouse](#) for a networking-only meeting and Holiday donation drive. Bring NEW socks, underwear and warm clothing (gloves, hats, scarves, etc.) to support [The Action Center!](#)

Breakfast graciously provided by Foothills Park & Recreation District. - Ken



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Our equipment is a red bucket, a bell, a Salvation Army apron, and a **BIG KIWANIS SMILE**. This is a good chance to tell people about Kiwanis, invite them to meetings, and get their name and phone number. There will be brochures to hand out.

In order to fill all the bell ringing time slots, we usually have one person per slot. However, if you have not done this before or just want the company, sign up with someone else. With two people you have someone to visit with and can have a coffee or other breaks as required. With one person you spend more time visiting store customers. Most of us will need to ring more than one shift. It is fun to ring with friends or youth.



Security: Please stay close to the bucket. Club members will pick up the money several times a day. We try to limit the money in the bucket to about \$300. Sometimes it can be more depending on the pickup schedule. There will be NO pickups by the Salvation Army or any other groups. Do not give the money to anyone you don't know. If you cannot stay to cover the shift, put the money in a bag and take it home with you.
Do not leave the money at the store

If no one comes to relieve you and you can stay a little longer, it would be greatly appreciated. Store the bucket and bells with the customer service desk; leave the stand in front of the store, **take the money home with you**. The daily contact number will be given to you. If you don't have it, call **Ken Sweet, Jim Foley, or Tom McEwen**. If there is more money in the bucket than you are comfortable with, put some of the bills in a bag and put it in a safe place, inner coat pocket. Don't put it where you can't keep track of it.

We will be having help from the Key Club. Let them participate even if it means you need to sit back and watch. The amount of supervision necessary depends on the ages; it is okay to take a break and get a cup of coffee. Perhaps buy them hot chocolate. We will also be having help from family members, friends, and potential Kiwanians. If you don't recognize someone, introduce yourself and visit with them. The bell ringing is open to friends and neighbors. Ask if they want to help. When they visit with you when you are ringing, ask if they would like to help. They can ring with you or call Ken Sweet or Tom McEwen to get on the schedule.

In addition to ringers, we need some runners. They will pick up the money at the stores at about 2 hour intervals, and sort and count the money. We need a courier to take the money each day to the Salvation Army. The runners will bring the courier the money each day, the courier will recount the money and bring it to the Salvation Army.

To make a schedule change, call **Ken Sweet 303 910-0084, Jim Foley 720-220-6415, or Tom McEwen (303) 903-4365**. You can make changes online, but if you are leaving a slot open, call us.