

December 2025 – January 2026

Kiwanis Club of Dubois



Serving the
children of the world

Organized May 1992

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
6:45 a.m. on 1st & 3rd Tues, November thru March
Weekly on Tuesdays April – October
**Schedule may be adjusted to accommodate projects*

Meeting Dates/Program Host*

**Please let program guests know to plan for no more
than a 15-20 minute presentation & to bring a beverage*

December 2 Michele Burdick
December 9 Board Meeting, 8:00 am
December 16 Mike McCullough



January 6 Pat Ballinger
January Board Meeting, 8:00 am
January 21 Pat Neary



February 4 Peggy Emanuel

News & Kudos

~ **Nine members enjoyed the Installation dinner** in Lander on Oct 5. It was an honor to have Carol Chiarito, Rocky Mountain District Governor, and Darci Andersson, Div 9 Lt Governor, conduct the ceremony.

~ **Cowboy Country Jamboree** was well attended at the Rustic Pine. Thanks to Peggy's idea and the music of award winning fiddle player Erica Flom (who was once a RMD Kiwanis Stars of Tomorrow winner) and her band, the evening was a rousing success!

~ **Scholastic Book Fair** donation of \$650 from our club allowed each child in grades K-5 to purchase a book.

~ **5th Annual Halloween at the Museum** was a unique and fun event for approximately 100 attendees. Many thanks to our 12 members and 8 other helpers who decorated & manned games in the Dennison Lodge.

~ **Thank you to all who represented Kiwanis** in the community over the past couple of months by volunteering in classrooms, helping at WHF wellness screenings, cheering Speedy Rams, organizing tables at the Boys and Girls Club and watering trees in Kiwanis Park at Taylor Creek.

Volunteers providing 50/50 treats:

Peggy Emanuel (January); Kristi Perry (Feb); Kyle Neary (March); Michele Burdick (April)
Karen McCullough (May); Rita Foster (June)

Upcoming Events/Projects

Dec 5 - 21 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Schedule w/Mary Ellen 455-2182

Dec 10 Club Christmas, 5:00 p.m.
St Thomas Community Room
Details on invitation!

Dec 12 Deliver Santa treats to the school

Dec 17 WHF Monthly Wellness Screening
Dubois Clinic, 7:30-10 a.m.

Dec 17 Speedy Rams Jingle Run
Dubois Elementary, 3:30 pm

Dec 25 *Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah!*

*In our perfect ways. In the ways we are beautiful. In the
ways we are human. We are here. Happy New Year.
Let's make it ours. – Beyoncé*

Jan 21 WHF Monthly Wellness Screening
Dubois Clinic, 7:30 – 10 a.m.

Feb 9- 15 Random Acts of Kindness Week

Celebrate!

Happy Birthday ~

Dec 14 Jerry Perry
Jan 1 Pamela Dix
Jan 21 Kiwanis Int'l – 111th
Jan 31 Michele Burdick
Feb 1 Butch Burdick

Happy Anniversary ~

Dec 21 Rita & Ken Foster



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October & November 2025 Meeting Notes

Oct 7: Stacey Larsen talked of the life changing experience with Casting for Recovery (CfR). After extensive cancer treatments, Stacey applied and was selected as one of 16 women who participated in the 2025 Wyoming retreat, held at the Absaroka Ranch west of Dubois. Stacey described an emotional and meaningful week of bonding with other women in various stages of breast cancer during specially designed activities who realize “fly fishing becomes your freedom.”

As an active community volunteer, Stacey serves on the boards of two non-profits: Needs of Dubois (NOD) and the Headwaters Conference Center. NOD’s mission is to *relieve poverty and distress within the Dubois and Crowheart communities through charitable donations.*

Several updates have been made to the Headwaters kitchen, flooring, tables and chairs. Although the building is owned by the Town of Dubois, the Headwaters is responsible for utilities and maintenance and the board has been reworking the rental structure to meet needs. The Board Room is available to non-profits for meetings at no charge. 50/50 Stacey, Michele, Pat B, Pat N, Kristi

Oct 14: Board Meeting (Minutes emailed to members 11/10)
Kiwanis International background check renewal notices are being emailed to those whose 2-year check has expired. Members were reminded to read the *Youth Protection Policies & Procedures* document, which was emailed to all on 10/11/25. A report was shared about the successful and fun Cowboy Country Jamboree, held at the Rustic Pine on Oct 11. 50/50 Brad, Rita, Cyndi, Karen

Oct 21: Mike Tornesello, DART

Dubois Association of Recreation & Trails

In addition to creating an extensive bike trail system on the Dubois Overlook in 2015, DART volunteers assist Kiwanis with an annual Safety Roundup & Bike Rodeo at the school and work with the Forest Service to remove timber. Mike teaches ski lessons to kids through CWC outreach, with rental skis available at Big River Float Trips. With expansion efforts west of Dubois in the Deception Creek and Falls Campground areas over the past several years, approximately 4,000 skiers annually now enjoy 11.5 miles of trails. The monthly moonlight ski and bonfire are a bonus. The current goal is to obtain funds through grants and donations for operating expenses and more equipment, such as a snowmobile, a small groomer, and large roller. Various support options are available at dubois trails.org/programs

50/50 Mike T, Pat B, Ron, Peggy

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Nov 4: Thanksgiving Trivia and School Update

Kristi tested turkey-day smarts with her “Super Fun Thanksgiving Trivia Quiz” even though the Pilgrims probably ate deer, fish and duck rather than turkey at the first celebration. Some knew Ben Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the U.S., that Snoopy is the float most often appearing in the Macy’s Parade, and that turkeys can blush.

FCSD #2 Superintendent Annette brought us up to date on school activities, including the upcoming Veteran’s Day program, and praised the success of sports teams.

50/50 Karen, Peggy, Ron

Nov 11: Board Meeting (Minutes emailed to members 12/7)

In addition to regular business, ‘tis the season to discuss the club’s involvement in the Dubois Chamber of Commerce Cowboy Christmas parade and door decorating. The date was set for our annual Christmas party at which some of our volunteer helpers will be invited.

Nov 18: Beth Cable, Education Director National Bighorn Sheep Center

A student conservation assistant at the Center in 1994, Beth recently returned to Dubois with a BS degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science and a MS in Teaching and Environmental & Natural Resources. Her role is to help fulfill the mission of “providing education and outreach for the national conservation of wild sheep, wildlife, and wildlands.” She does this by educating and connecting with volunteers, visitors, students in and out of the classroom, and events in the field. Beth provided a recap of the year with photos and stories about Camp Bighorn, Wild Sheep Webinar series, Internship program, Citizen Science initiatives and K-12 resources in and out of the Center – including weekly visits to the local Boys and Girls Club. The recent Bighorn Bash is a major fundraiser as are BHSC memberships. More information is available at bighorn.org.

50/50 Beth, Mike, Sheryl, Pat N

*A new year is a blank
canvas, ready to be painted
with the colors of your
dreams. Strive to make this
year a masterpiece of
service and positive change.*

– Author Unknown

