



# Kiwanis®

## SCOTTSBLUFF CLUB

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### President's Corner

Happy Holiday's, everyone! December marks the end of the first quarter of our Kiwanis Year and also the end of 2025. What a year it's been!

January: We honored Derek Deaver with our 24-25 Youth Service Award

February: We helped Charmaine make her Valentine's bags for Veterans

March: Raul, Angie, Crissy, Rosie, Cinda, and Mariha attended the Rocky Mountain District Spring Rally in Ft. Collins, Members helped Builder's Club fill Easter Eggs for the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt

April: We hosted Crabby Tax Night

June: We hosted the Golf Tournament, served concessions at the East/West All Star Game, and sponsored the Camp Scott Barbeque

July: Raul, Angie, and Crissy attended the Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh and we hosted the Aktion Club 20th Anniversary dinner

August: We attended National Night Out, Raul and Crissy attended the Rocky Mountain District Convention, Bev and Charmaine received their Legion of Honor awards

September: Susan received her Legion of Honor award and we participated in our annual planning retreat

October: We attended the Aktion Club Halloween Party

November: We hosted our annual Kiwanis Family bowling party, enjoyed a social at Flyover, and participated in the Scottsbluff/Gering Christmas Parade

December: We will finish where we started by honoring Dr. Thom Van Boskirk with our 25-26 Youth Service award (accepted posthumously by his wife LaRita), we are helping Britta complete her Christmas Families project, and we are partnering with the Zoo for milk and cookies with Santa

Looking back, we have been busy Kiwanians. If I forgot anything, please feel free to correct me. There was just so much going on, it was hard to remember it all. My hope for this year is to keep up the good work and to increase not only our activity, but also the number of members who are giving of their time and talents to make our community a better place. The reinstatement of committees will help us to move our club forward through planning, communication, and engagement.

With that being said, let's all take a moment to say goodbye to 2025 and to welcome the promise of leadership and fellowship opportunities that 2026 is sure to bring.

Happy Holidays,  
Angie Aguallo  
25-26 President

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# 2025-2026 Youth Service Award

## **Dr Thom Serrin Van Boskirk** **September 15, 1944 – October 2, 2025**



Thom's dental practice was more than a vocation; it was part of his lifelong commitment to serving others. He cared for thousands of patients over his 45-year career, including the disadvantaged, shut-ins and uninsured, at times settling-up in kind or when the harvest was in.

Thom was committed to Scouting, serving as Scout Master for Troop 3 in Gering and in leadership roles for multiple national and international jamborees. He was a Wood Badge trainer and an executive board member for the Longs Peak Council, later the Adventure West Council. He was awarded the Silver Beaver award in 2019, and he and LaRita were recognized with the Scouting Distinguished Citizens Award in 2022.

Thom was also active in Kiwanis serving as President of the Scottsbluff Club and Lt. Governor of the Rocky Mountain District. He Co-Chaired the Scottsbluff United Way, was President of the Hasting College Alumni Board, initiated the Clean Communities Foundation in Gering/Scottsbluff and helped bring the welcome statue to the Gering Civic Center.

Thom studied, taught, and witnessed God's Word throughout his life, in small group studies, while mountain climbing with friends, via monologues to patients in the dental chair, and as an active member of The Church at Bryant, West Way Christian Church, and the Vine Methodist Church, all in Scottsbluff, Central Church of Christ in Gering and an associate member of the Allenspark Community Church in Allenspark, CO and The Presbyterian Community Church of the Rockies, in Estes Park, CO. Thom had just finished day 273 of Father Mike's Bible In a Year Podcast – a study he was doing with LaRita and Shar -- the day before he died.

# DECEMBER CALENDAR

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Crissy Olsen Club Anniversary; Wrapping Party 5-7pm	11 Kiwanis Meeting 6pm: Youth Service Award and Acapella	12	13
14	15 Kiwanis Board Meeting 6pm Runza; Raul Aguallo Birthday	16	17	18 Ann Koehler Birthday	19	20 Derek Manley Birthday; Gift Delivery
21 Milk and Cookies With Santa 5-7pm	22 Jeff Wolfe Club Anniversary	23	24	25 Christmas Day, No Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			



## MISSION

Kiwanis helps kids around the world. Local clubs look out for our communities and the international organization takes on large-scale challenges, such as fighting disease and poverty.

## IMPACT

We are creative with our ideas. Whether rolling up our sleeves or opening our wallets, Kiwanians make transformative changes in communities around the world. On average, members of the Kiwanis family host approximately 150,000 service projects and complete more than 19 million service hours a year. Every year, our clubs raise more than US\$100 million to support community causes – in addition to supporting the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

## HISTORY

Kiwanians have a smile so big, you could say it stretches more than a hundred years. What started as a way to bring people together for the greater good has grown into a global network of do-gooders – connected by a love of people and possibilities.



## VALUES

We are passionate about making a difference. Helping kids grow and succeed is at the heart of everything we do. But how we do it is just as important. We believe our neighborhoods and our world are best served when people of all ages and different backgrounds work together to share their time and talents.

## STRUCTURE

Kiwanis International is organized into clubs, divisions, districts and international. This multi-leveled leadership hierarchy means members are supported by a larger network of leaders who are prepared to help clubs be successful while improving communities.

## Club & District Leadership

### 2024-2025 Club Leadership

**President** Angie Aguallo  
**Vice President** Gretchen Foster  
**Past President**  
**Secretary** Shawna Manley  
**Treasurer** Britta Skavdahl  
**Board Members**  
Kendra Laruhn (26)  
Roger Russell (26)  
Crissy Olsen (26)  
Raul Aguallo (27)  
Jeri Goodman (28)

### 2023-2024 Foundation Board

**Chairwoman** Jeri Goodman  
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