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Attendance

At our meeting on January 7

Total attendance – 41

Guests – Lee Seaman (new member)

Terry Kipp

Jamie Sorrells, Arapahoe County DA Office, Speaker

Erica, Arapahoe County DA Office (Lori's daughter)

Project hours MTD for January is 121.5

Wednesday Meeting

6:45 Social, 7:00 Meeting

4G's Restaurant

5950 S Platte Canyon Road, Littleton, CO 80123

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



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Please report hours

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly newsletter for January 14, 2026

This Week is Student of the Month

Greeter /Pledge: John Marchetti Invocation:

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



Jan 11 Scott Storey

Upcoming Club Programs

Jan 21 Kristy Tolan - Corn Hole Tournament

Jan 28 Topic – Traffic City of Littleton

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Jan 13	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Jan 15	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris
Jan 17	Sat	Sweet Dreams in a Bag -Shavon
Jan 20	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Jan 20	Tue	South Jeffco Business Alliance 9:00 Ken Sweet
Jan 23	Fri	Normandy Elementary Science Fair – 7:45 AM-1:00PM
Jan 24	Sat	Optimist Brain Bown -Rick Sutton / Don Buck
Jan 27	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Feb 01	Sat	Seeds of South Sudan Brian Counteman
Feb 03	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Feb 15	Sun	Jefferson Symphony Orchestra – Jim R

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

Jan 14	Wed	Kathy Athens & Rick Sutton
Jan 15	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Jan 16	Fri	Abe Baltazar & Jim Foley
Jan 19	Mon	Tom Durkin & friend
Jan 20	Tue	Bobbi & Riggs Smith
Jan 21	Wed	Nancy Bierman & Ken Sweet
Jan 22	Thu	Les & Mary Ann Burns & Sally Kingman
Jan 23	Fri	Mary Rome & Geri Reinhart
Jan 26	Mon	Jerry & Jan Clayton
Jan 28	Wed	Sandy Legge & Geri Reinhart
Jan 29	Thu	Ken Sweet & guest
Jan 30	Fri	Janet Woodhull & Ruthann Moomy
Feb 02	Mon	Ferris Forar & Rick Sutton
Feb 03	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Feb 04	Wed	Les & Mary Ann Burns
Feb 05	Thur	Need Driver
Feb 06	Fri	Janet Woodhull & Geri Reinhart

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Normandy Elementary Science Fair

Hello!

I hope this finds you well and that you had a happy holiday season! I wanted to reach out to you to see if you and the Kiwanis Club might be interested in helping with our Science Fair. We are in need of judges to spend time with our kiddos on Friday, January 23rd from 7:45-1:00. Judges typically ask kids to tell them about their science fair project, ask a few questions, and help decide upon our winners. We have breakfast, go over the process with the judges and then the fun begins. We'd sure love to have some extra help with this. It's always fun to see and hear what kids came up with and what they learned. It would be awesome to have a few Kiwanis members join us! Is this something you might be able to present at your meeting? Or is there another way for me to reach out that might be better for your group?

Thank you for your help and continued partnership. I so appreciate your encouragement for our kids and school.

Warmly,

Andrea Cosens
Principal
Normandy Elementary



Kiwanis after Dark – do join us

Our fellow Kiwanis Members are our friends. Wouldn't it be great if we had regular social time to get together and just talk? We could attempt to solve all the world's problems! Maybe we could eat a snack or have a drink of our favorite beverage.

WE DO THAT TWO TIMES EACH MONTH!

That is Kiwanis After Dark for our club members and friends. On the second and fourth Tuesdays, 5:00P M. we gather at the 303 Sport Grill at 8025 W Bowles Avenue and do just that. We meet in the small private room near the main entrance. All members and guests are invited to join us. Friendship and conversation are good. The food and drinks are good. It's a good time! You are invited. Join us! - George Kinzer

Jefferson Symphony Orchestra

Shall We Dance?

Sunday, February 15, 3pm

Get ready to tap your toes and clap to the rhythm of a variety of dance music! Experience a variety of traditional, familiar and contemporary music from Argentine Malambo to Russian ballet, Austrian waltzes to Slavic folk dance, and more!

Also hear the world premiere of Synchrony for Silver by local composer Cherise Leiter featuring JSO Principal Flute Elizabeth Hicks-Kimmey.



Optimist Brain Bowl

Saturday 1/24/26

Heritage HS in Littleton

Volunteering for this event is not only fun and satisfying but includes a lot of interaction with the students and members of the different Optimist clubs and other volunteers in the community.

The Optimist Brain Bowl (locally originated in 1982) is a team quiz competition for middle school students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades from schools in Colorado and Wyoming. Teams compete by grade level and play 4 team-to-team rounds and one written round in the morning to qualify for elimination rounds in the afternoon. The 1/24 event held in Littleton encompasses the "southern half" of the schools, the event for "northern" schools will be on 2/7 in Aurora and the Finals will be on 2/21 in Denver.

Remember the old television game "College Bowl" ? The rounds consist of general knowledge questions in math, science, technology, history, geography, literature, and the arts. The questions are academic in nature and it's fun to see if you really are smarter than a middle schooler! The knowledge these kids have is truly impressive & fun to watch.

They are looking for volunteers for the following positions:

- Reader (reads the questions - requires additional training sessions)
- Timekeeper
- Scorekeeper
- Score Runners (takes score sheets from the room to the Score Room)
- Score Room Volunteers
- Concessions

More information

at: <https://optimistbrainbowl.org/optimists-volunteers-2/>

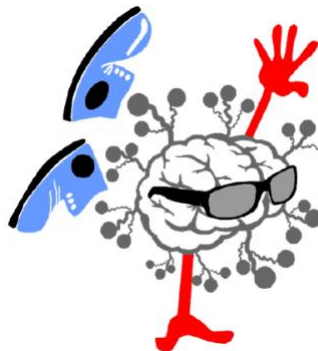
Shavon Forte, Ken Sweet, Rick Sutton, Don Buck, & Jim Feldhake have been volunteering for the past few years and have had a blast ! There are morning and

afternoon rounds; you can do both or just in the morning.

All are welcome to sign up! - must register on the Brainbowl volunteer site below:

<https://optimistbrainbowl.org/brain-bowl-volunteer-registration/>

Note: the volunteer organization field has a pick for Kiwanis International.



Seeds of South Sudan

VALENTINES for SEEDS of SOUTH SUDAN
~A Party with Heart~



Teaching sewing to Seeds of South Sudan Students in Kenya

Alan and Linda Farb welcome you to their Westminster home to raise funds to nurture and educate refugee orphans from the UN's Kakuma camp through your generosity.

SAVE the DATE: Sunday, February 1, 2026 from 1-3 pm
Learn how Sponsors give Hope, a Home & Education to the "Seeds" 2pm

WHAT: LUNCH! Wine, Non-alcoholic Drinks, Treats and Valentines
SILENT AUCTION~ Bid on local business gift certificates, wine, candy, gift baskets~
All proceeds go to students' room, board, and tuition costs

DONATE: Suggested \$30 Charitable Contribution to Seeds of South Sudan
Can't Come? Make a secure tax deductible donation online at www.seedsofsouthsudan.org

RSVP: Alan Farb alanafarb@gmail.com text: 303-668-6433
Linda Farb lfarb@centurylink.net text: 303-625-3509

Seeds of South Sudan has a **Charity Navigator 4 STAR Rating**

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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, January 20, 2026
9:00AM - 10:30 a.m.

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

How: Please [RSVP](#) so we can plan for breakfast and seating.

Join me – a great place to meet people and let people know about Kiwanis. Ken Sweet



Sweet Dream in a Bag is a public Charity to gift children living in poverty with new bedding packages.



The children receiving bedding usually reside in a temporary housing during the time their family is attempting to rebuild their lives. Each child is screened for bedding needs by the case workers, teachers or agency managers.

Sweet Dream new bedding packages are artfully assembled by volunteers in a vinyl plastic bag to look like a present. The bedding package consists of an exciting new twin comforter, pillow, twin sheet set, twin fleece blanket, tooth brush and tooth paste, wooden toy, personalized book and a stuffed toy.

Sweet Dreams in a Bag

The next packing event for Sweet Dreams in a Bag project is

Saturday, Jan 17.
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
East Community Center
5933 South Fairfield Street
Littleton, CO, 80120