

February 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
*Subject to change to align with projects

Meeting Dates/Program Host

February 3 Peggy Emanuel
February 10 Reenie Roe
February 17 **NO meeting** (WHF school draw)
February 24 Board Mtg 8:00 am (all welcome)

March 3 Ron Blevins
March 10 Board Mtg 8:00 am (all welcome)
March 17 Sheryl Epp

To make a difference is not a matter of accident, a matter of casual occurrence, of the tides. People choose to make a difference.
Maya Angelou

News & Kudos

~ **Salvation Army Bell Ringing** shifts were covered by a few members in December
~ **Christmas Cheer** was spread through the purchase of toys and treats for over 100 Santa Bags that were delivered to Dubois Preschool -5th Grade students
~ **Kiwanians in the classroom** have assisted with Learning stations in 1st and 4th grades.
~ **Hunger Initiative Funds** (\$1,000) received from Wyoming First Lady's Hunger Initiative were used to provide a bag of groceries to each of the 19 families whose children attend Pre School and to purchase canned meat for RamPaks. Gift cards for food purchase were given to Little Lambs Daycare Center and Dubois Boys and Girls Club.

Upcoming Events/Projects/Activities

Feb 14-20 Random Acts of Kindness Week
Proclamation signed by Mayor RAK to selected organizations

Feb 17 WHF Wellness Screen @ FCSD#2
For school employees only

Feb 18 WHF Wellness Screen/Blood Draw
Dubois Medical Clinic, 7:30 – 10

Feb 19 Provide treats during Bingo at the Rustic
Details TBA

March 8 Daylight Saving Time begins
Move clocks ahead 1 hour

March April Fool's Non-Dinner Letters



Kiwanis Vision Statement
Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide so that one day all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

Celebrate~

Happy Birthday ~

Feb 1 Butch Burdick
Feb 22 Judy Johnson

Happy Anniversary ~

Feb 11 Pat & Kyle Neary
Feb 20 Pamela & Mark Dix



Volunteers providing 50/50 treats include
Kristi Perry (FEB); Kyle Neary (MARCH);
Michele Burdick (APRIL); Karen McCullough (MAY);
Rita Foster (JUNE)

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December & January Notes ~

Minutes of board meetings are emailed to members

Dec 2: Sara Domek

Little Lambs Childcare Center (LLCC)

Sara apprised us of the 2024-2025 accomplishments and future opportunities with a presentation that included introduction of the staff and photos of children learning through educational and fun real world and hands-on experiences. With a mission to *collaborate with families to provide a caring, nurturing, and safe environment for children in the Dubois and Crowheart communities*, LLCC was formed in March 2024 as a nonprofit organization with charitable status. Policies and procedures were developed for daily operations, staff guidance and parent handbook. Updates and repairs were necessary to meet licensing requirements in two leased locations and staff members were trained to meet state accreditation. Funding through grants, individual donors, events, raffles and sponsorships is ongoing.

The Board is striving to obtain consistent enrollment, a sustainable fundraising model, growing their partnership base and finding a more permanent home. Sara encouraged everyone to spread the word that enrollment is open, with more information available at littl lambsdubois.org

50/50 won by Sara, Pat N, Peggy, Little Lambs staff

Dec 9: Board Meeting Highlights (*minutes on file*)

Santa treats, Cowboy Christmas door contest and club party details were reviewed. Ideas for distribution of the Hunger Initiative Funds were also discussed.

Dec 10: Club Christmas Party

Members, spouses and guests enjoyed delicious food (including yummy cookies sent from Pamela), crazy gifts, fun games and lots of laughs while playing kazoos at our annual gathering. A centerpiece received from Wyoming Health Fairs, in appreciation of our volunteer efforts, added to beautiful decorations.

Dec 16: Pat Neary ~ Sea of Cortez adventure

Pat and his daughter Jessica attended a NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) Alumni sailing school on the "Sea of Cortez" (also known as the Gulf of California) in November. The adventure began in Loreto, Mexico, founded in 1697, on the Baja Peninsula. After a couple of days in Loreto enjoying the vibrant cultural celebrations of Dia de Muertos (Day of the Dead), they traveled north along the Desert Coast to Conception Bay where the NOLS Base is located. There they joined eight other NOLS alumni (aged 28 to 75), met three instructors and outfitted themselves and three sailboats for their week long excursion.

The group slept on the beach the first night before a morning castoff. According to Pat, they learned as they sailed with hands on experience. Camping and cooking

were on the beaches. They enjoyed desert hikes, during which they learned about the ecology, flora and fauna, and had a large scorpion emerge from under a sleeping pad. The father-daughter duo had an unforgettable and educational experience on and around the Sea of Cortez, dubbed "the aquarium of the Pacific" by French Oceanographer Jacques Cousteau.

50/50 won by Brad, Pat N, Reenie, Michele

Jan 6: Cyndi Dugan

Using sheets, jeans, wool and any other new or used available fabrics, Cyndi is continuing her Grandmother's legacy through rug weaving. She demonstrated how pieces are cut and tied together with a special knot, noting piece sizes don't have to be precise. She uses a Twining Loom to weave beautiful rugs that can last a lifetime. Cyndi occasionally offers classes through CWC Outreach for those interested in the art of weaving.

50/50 won by Brad, Mike

Jan 13: Board Meeting (*minutes on file*)

In addition to regular business, reports on Hunger Initiative and Random Acts of Kindness were shared.

Jan 20: Traci McClintic-Hargrave

A member of Region V BOCES (Board of Cooperative Education Services), who serves as the strategic systems manager, Traci joined us to explain a proposal to pursue the purchase of Warm Valley Lodge as the new home for a residential home for unaccompanied students.

There is a need to educate transition-aged learners who are generally recommended by school districts. The program targets 16-18 year olds who struggle to function in a regular classroom and are in need of social, emotional and behavioral skills, academic support, vocational & career readiness and independent living skills.

The goal is to secure funding through the State Loan and Investment Board's Unmet Housing Needs Grant Program. The facility would require remodeling to establish independent living units for each student and apartments for staff as supervision is required 24 hours per day, seven days a week. The Town of Dubois approved providing a letter of support for the project and county commissioners were initially receptive to acting as a "pass-through" agency for grant funds.

50/50 won by Mike, Jennet (given to Traci)



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