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Attendance

Attendance at the February 25 meeting was 36, including 2 guests:
 Brad Bridgewater, our guest speaker and Sue Counterman

Project hours MTD for February is 551.5

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 March 04, 2026

This Week's Presenter is Carolyn Alexander
 Topic "Action Center" (p)

Greeter /Pledge: Rick Sutton

Invocation:

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



Mar 04 Frank & Nolly Novatski

Upcoming Club Programs

Mar 04 Carolyn Alexander- Action Center (p)
 Mar 11 Student of the month
 Mar 18 David Boysen – Ethiopia (p)

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Mar 03	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Mar 05	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris
Mar 07	Sat	Mid-Year Rally Kiwanis Division
Mar 07	Sat	Brainbowl - Don
Mar 09—13		Jr. Achievement – 3 rd grade - Tom Durkin
Mar 10	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Mar 16	Mon	Blood Drive – Tom D
Mar 17	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Mar 21	Sat	NHDC judging Mitch
Mar 24	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Mar 29	Sun	Jefferson Symphony Spring Concert – Jim R
Apr 26	Sun	Top Golf fund raiser – Jim F

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

Mar 04	Wed	Terry & Cleve McKinney
Mar 05	Thu	Denny Brehm family
Mar 06	Fri	Don Buck & Rick Sutton
Mar 09	Mon	Sandra Legge & Mary Rome
Mar 11	Wed	Terry & Cleve McKinney
Mar 12	Thu	Scott Storey & Jim Foley
Mar 13	Fri	Ken Sweet & Jim Foley
Mar 16	Mon	Don Buck & Ferris Forar
Mar 17	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Mar 18	Wed	Terri & Cleve Mckinney
Mar 19	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Mar 20	Fri	Jim Johnstone & Abe Baltazar

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2026 Rocky Mountain District Rally

Get ready to be uplifted, empowered, & connected at this year's Mid-Year Rally with CKI DCON - a celebration of service, leadership, and community impact! Every session is designed to spark new ideas, strengthen bonds, and fuel your passion for Kiwanis.

Why Attend?

This isn't just a conference, it's a movement. It's where stories of service come alive, where leaders are made, and where communities are transformed. Whether you're a seasoned Kiwanian or brand new to the family, you'll leave with fresh ideas, renewed energy, and a deeper sense of purpose.

Event Includes:

- Construction Project
- Speed Recruiting
- Amy Zimmerman - Keynote and New Look at Fundraising
- Chris Martz - "Rethink how you Motivate Your Members"
- Distinguished Club awards
- Kiwanis Voices
- How Clubs are Growing Membership
- Understanding Kiwanis Awards
- Connecting with Circle K
- 100 Year Old Clubs
- Other Awards and Recognitions
- Closing Presentation - "Kiwanis runs deeper than Blue and Gold" by Chris Martz

and much more. . .

Register

[Register](#)

Ken's opinion - I attend the Rocky Mountain District Rally because I find it exciting to meet fellow Kiwanians from other clubs who are also highly motivated. I value the opportunity to connect with these members and the chance to exchange ideas with them.

Use SignupGenius so we know who is going. It is still necessary to register.



Blood Drive

Be Cooler Than The Average Donor

Thank you for being a loyal donor!

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Exclusive Gift for Loyal Donors Like You

. Step 1: Donate Give blood with Vitalant 4+ times between January 1,

2026 and December 31, 2026.

. Step 2: Redeem Log into your Donor Rewards acct to claim your exclusive

Vitalant backpack cooler.

. Step 3 Celebrate! Proudly plan a picnic, head to a tailgate or enjoy a day at the pool with your new backpack cooler,

knowing that you've made a real difference for trauma patients. Plus, you'll earn 200 points in the Donor Rewards

program for each blood donation. After four donations, that's enough to redeem for a

\$10 gift card of your choice!



SAVE THE DATE for your first donation at the Riverwalk Clubhouse 2751 Riverwalk Circle

March 16th

Link for registration

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=ivmMbU%2FVYEQqkEYtc3fahEtUhJRzqoEEJdj5%2BMLbwHA%3D>

TopGolf Fundraiser April 26

Tickets are now available for purchase on-line.

The price of a ticket includes

- 3 hours of TopGolf
- Buffet
- 2 Drinks

Kiwanis Top Golf 2026 Tournament Auction



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NHDC

National History Day in Colorado

NHDC is a national competition and needs judges. There are 2 age groups (6th-8th grade) and 9-12. They can choose from 5 categories to compete in - one is 1 person only; the others can be teams of 1-5. There is an annual theme - this year it's Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History.

I am thinking that anyone interested in joining me, we would judge at the DPS competition on 3/21 at DU. It's most of the day - breakfast and lunch provided. You must have a laptop with charger.

There is online training and forms for scoring. We must register at least 10 days before the event.

I think this could be fun

Mitch

Jefferson Symphony Save the Date

Spring Concert - Whether you volunteer or join us as a patron, you won't want to miss percussionist Daniel Gostein and a line-up of great music on Sunday, March 29.



Water Rights Presentation

We had a speaker give us a talk on water rights. He discussed legal issues and court cases. Things are very complicated, to say the least. Our speaker was a lawyer who represented different groups. He did a masterful job of summarizing such a complex subject. One important part of his talk was when he talked about how water rights begin through local court cases that meander through the court system for years. If not decades until eventually, the two parties settle on something. However, that case then needs to go up to Congress to get legislation which then gets sent back down to the courts and go through more litigation until hopefully everything is settled. Given these realities, court cases can easily last 50 plus years. Although we didn't leave the meeting fully understanding water rights, I think all of us appreciate people who do work in the field.

Optimist Brain Bowl - Saturday 3/7/26 @ Heritage HS in Littleton

The Final for the Optimist Brainbowl competition for Colorado-Wyoming will be held on 3/7 at Heritage HS (originally planned at a Denver school) - Timekeepers and Scorers volunteers are needed. 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 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.

Volunteer check-in begins at 6:45 am for new volunteers and 7:30 am for those previously trained this year during one of the 2 Regional events. There is a morning session followed by lunch, and then a reduced number of afternoon sessions. 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.

Nibbles and Sips Gala

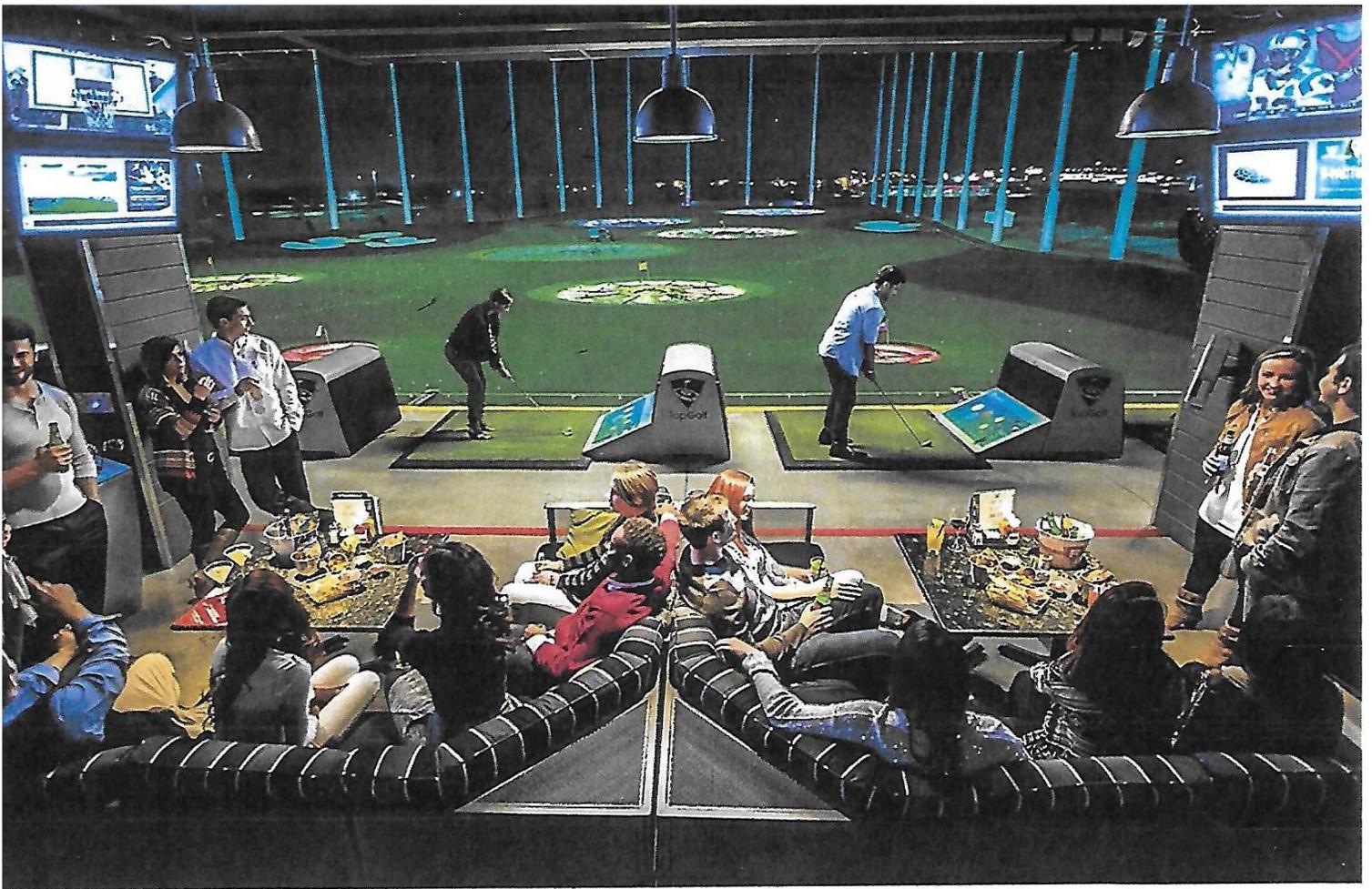
The Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) Nibbles and Sips Gala was once again a great success. \$265,000 was raised before expenses. I hope to have the final numbers soon. My Band, Jazz Hands Foundation Band played the Nibbles and Sips portion of the program to a great Ballroom crowd, before the Live Auction took place. I want to thank Rod Hunley for helping me load and unload my equipment, as well as drive me to the event. Rod, I couldn't do it without you!! I also want to thank Abe, Ferris, Kathy, and any other Kiwanians who helped the band get our equipment off of the stage for the transition to the Live Auction. It was a blur for me. Literally!! This is a great event for a great cause to help feed our community and help many get back on their feet from unfortunate circumstances. I have been involved with IFCS for over 20 years, helping them raise thousands of dollars.



Thanks and Peace to
All! Cannonball Brian Dee Counterma

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\$125 / PERSON

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DRINK TICKETS
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Silent Auction

SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2026
12:00 – 3:00

- Most donated dollars go directly to the local community. **0% Administration fees**
- For the 2023-2024 fiscal year
- Kiwanis Club of Columbine worked on over **60 service projects**, **volunteered 8270 hours**, and **donated \$21,655** to local schools and community organizations.
- Columbine Kiwanis Club Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization

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