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Attendance

Attendance at the March 04 meeting was 33, including 2 guests:
Carolyn Alexander from the Action Center - our speaker, and Brittany Riley

Project hours MTD for March is 88

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 11, 2026

This Week is Student of the Month

Greeter /Pledge: Kathy Athen **Invocation:**

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



Mar 14 Chuck & Rebecca Anglin

Mar 13 Jim Foley
Mar 14 Ferris Forar
Mar 16 Lynn Weitzel

Upcoming Club Programs

Mar 18 David Boysen – “Ethiopia” (p)
Mar 25 Mike Jepkes – “Small Metal Discs” (p)
Apr 01 Social Time – “How to Stay in Touch”
Apr 08 Student of the Month

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Mar 09—13		Jr. Achievement – 3 rd grade - Tom Durkin
Mar 12	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris
Mar 16	Mon	Blood Drive – Tom D -Please register
Mar 17	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Mar 17	Tue	Terrific Readers and Writers Don Buck
Mar 19	Thur	Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris
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 07	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Apr 14	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Apr 26	Sun	Top Golf fund raiser – Jim F

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

Mar 11	Wed	Non-Kiwanis
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	Non-Kiwanis
Mar 19	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Mar 20	Fri	Jim Johnstone & Abe Baltazar
Mar 23	Mon	Jerry & Jan Clayton
Mar 23	Tue	Non Kiwanis
Mar 25	Wed	Non Kiwanis

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The Action Center

Carolyn Alexander, representing the Action Center, provided updates regarding their upcoming expansion. The organization will be relocating to a larger facility, which will allow them to broaden the range of services they offer. This move is aimed at better accommodating the needs of the community and enhancing their support capabilities.

Columbine Kiwanis has announced plans to partner with the Action Center. As part of this collaboration, Kiwanis members will assist with clothing sorting activities once a month, specifically on Saturdays.



Jared Project

Our club buys and delivers new items for the kids at Children's Hospital-South Campus. This quarter, the hospital asked for infant toys, Hot Wheels cars, small stuffed animals, slinky toys, adult coloring books for older children, and small fidget toys. We especially enjoyed picking out the coloring books.

On Wednesday, February 25th, we dropped off three bags filled with these requested items at the hospital. A volunteer greeted us warmly and thanked our club sincerely for our continued support. - Dayle and Lori



Blood Drive

Be Cooler Than The Average Donor

Thank you for being a loyal donor!

We think you deserve to be rewarded!

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



Give Blood 4 Times
& Get A Backpack Cooler!

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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Sweet Dreams in a Bag

At the meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Columbine, we had a service project instead of our typical guest speaker. Our club has supported Sweet Dream In A Bag for a number of years, and we decided to have a packing event to support the organization. Sweet Dream In A Bag was formed in 2010 by Susie and Wayne Fox and are on a mission to spread joy and comfort to children in need by delivering vibrant, cozy, and personalized bedding packages. Thanks to club members and Sweet Dream In A Bag board member Shavon Forte for organizing this service project. -Rod Hunley



We also made a donation to Sweet Dreams in a Bag to help them continue their wonderful project. President Lane presented Susie and Wayne Fox a check to help continue their great mission



Ollie Spring Session

Anything from science, movies, games, a little bit of everything. A chance to take interesting classes. Many of our members are Ollie members and have taken some classes. To sign up see link below. For information ask Ken or any other Ollie member. - Ken



[Visit Our Website](#)

Meals on Wheels

Riggs is making up the list of drivers for April-June. Those of you that have been driving have received his email. If you have not driven Meals on Wheels let Riggs know that you are interested. He will team you up with an experienced driver and you can decide if you want to drive more. OR look at the drivers list in the Newsletter and talk to one of the drivers, - Ken

RMD Division #5 elections

Just giving a 30-day notice for our RMD Division #5 elections.

Elections will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 pm. The location is the same place, hosted by the Wheat Ridge Chamber Visitor Center, 7230 West 38th Avenue.

Our current Lt. Governor Elect Bill Worthington (Lakewood) will be the sole candidate for Lt. Governor. If Bill decides not to run for election, then the position will be an open election as per the rules listed below.

The position of Lt. Governor Elect is open, as per the requirements listed below.

Each club is entitled to three delegates. Any Kiwanis member is eligible to attend, but only delegates can vote.

Rick Baldessari
Lt. Governor
RMD Division #5

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Terrific Readers and Writers

Tues - Mar 17th at 4:00 pm - at Field Elementary (LPS) - A Terrific Readers and Writers recognition event will be held to recognize K-5 students who have succeeded in acquiring skills and/or have made significant efforts to improve their literacy (ie., reading and writing). Kiwanis has sponsored this project with Field Elementary (a Title-1 school) for over 4 decades. With an audience of family members, Kiwanis members, AHS Key Clubbers and school staff, students from each K-5 class nominated by their teachers as most deserving of being recognized for their improved literacy and writing will be introduced and recognized by the Key Clubbers. They are presented with a certificate, a decorated journal for their writings prepared by the Key Club, and help selecting a book to keep from a set donated by Key Club. Siblings also get to select books to take home. Cookies and drinks follow, enabling time for the Key Clubbers and our members to chat with the students and families about their reading and writing interests and giving them an opportunity to read out loud. The students are very proud and excited, and their families expressed a lot of appreciation for the event. **Club members, especially if bi-lingual, are encouraged to attend to celebrate their achievements and to encourage them to reinforce their literary skills and ambitions.** Field is close to Broadway and Belleview - southeast behind the water tower.

Don Buck

Project Cure

Last Monday, February 23rd we had a great time sorting medical supplies to be shipped overseas to countries in desperate need. Half of our group sorted supplies by date. Three full containers (3'x3'x3') were sorted. At first a lot of medical supplies were not expired and a lot was saved. Later in the bin much of it expired and had to be thrown away. It just depends on what hospitals are donating at the time. The other half of our club had a special task of breaking down boxes of surgical masks into their different types. Counting them and putting them in bags. This fast-paced work involved a lot of mental math and multiplication and understanding of volume. All together it was a great time volunteering. Special thanks to our new member, Lynn who joined us. - Lane



From Fuicelli & Lee, P.C.'s Newsletter

For this month's Community Partner of the Month, we're proud to highlight the Columbine Kiwanis Club

@kiwanisclubofcolumbine

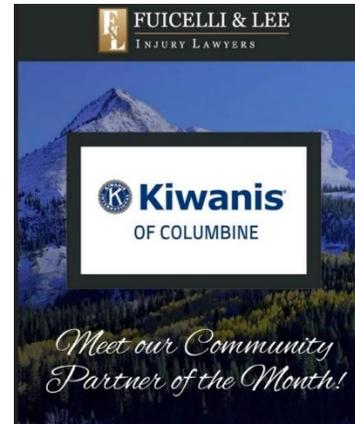
The Columbine Kiwanis don't just talk about making a difference-they do it.

Through programs supporting youth education, scholarships, and community service projects, they empower young people and families to thrive. They also sponsor events, provide mentorship, and create opportunities for kids to grow, learn, and succeed. In just one recent year, the Columbine Kiwanis volunteered 8,270 hours, completed over 60 service projects, and donated more than \$20k to local schools and community organizations.

Each month, we donate a portion of our fees to a selected

Community Partner as part of our commitment to giving back. Supporting organizations like Columbine Kiwanis is one small way we invest in the community that trusts us to serve them.

We're proud to support such an incredible local organization that puts service and community first -making Denver a stronger place for everyone. - Tom Durkin



Sharing with Sherdan

On a beautiful, sunny first Thursday of March, we gathered to serve 190 families (622 neighbors). For the coming week, we can use; canned fruit; canned beans

Thank you for your continued support.
Every Thursday. morning and afternoon shifts/

Best,
Stephanie

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COLUMBINE KIWANIS GOLF TOURNAMENT AT TOPGOLF CENTENNIAL



TICKETS ON SALE NOW
\$125 / PERSON

Kiwanis Top Golf 2026 Tournament Auction

BUFFET LUNCH
DRINK TICKETS
SILENT AUCTION



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

**CHANGING LIVES, ONE SWING AT A TIME THROUGH
THE KIWANIS CLUB OF COLUMBINE FOUNDATION**