



Rocky Mountain Round Up



GALLERIES

Wrestling icon Rulon Gardner joins Casper Kiwanis to kick off inaugural Youth Empowerment Night

by Klark Byrd January 22, 2026



Casper, Wyoming Wrestling Up Some Good!



As featured in Oil City News - Before he was an Olympic gold medalist or a survivor of near-death experiences, Rulon Gardner was a Wyoming farm boy who refused to yield. Now a resident of Casper, the wrestling legend stood before a new generation of local leaders, sharing a harrowing yet hopeful story of resilience to anchor the Kiwanis Club of Casper's Youth Empowerment Night.

His message to the gathered students, their families, and others was as simple as his victory in Sydney: Success is found not in the win, but in the refusal to give up.

The event, held to support the service organization's youth programs, focused on fundraising efforts to assist local high school Key Club members with travel costs for their upcoming district conference in Estes Park, Colorado. By Klark Byrd, for the full story visit: [Oily City News](#)

Dates to note:

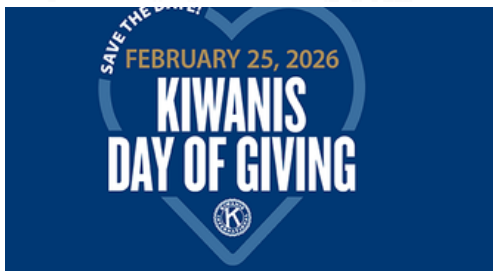
February 9-13 KKids Week
[Kkids Week](#)

March 2-6 Aktion Club Week
[Aktion Club](#)



Mid Year - DCON

Sign up today for our Rocky Mountain District Mid-Year Rally, which is on Saturday, March 7th. Come show your Kiwanis spirit, meet up with others from the District and be a part of our day! Learn what other clubs are doing to increase their membership and learn more about what awards are available for your members. Also, we are excited to have our Kiwanis International Trustee presenting about Fundraising ideas, as well as Chris Martz from Kiwanis International speaking on Motivating your Members. We will have the CKI District Convention happening at the same time and looking forward to working with them. Look forward to seeing you there! [Mid Year District Conference](#)



February 25th Kiwanis Day of Giving!

The countdown begins! The fourth annual Kiwanis Day of Giving is on February 25. We need your help to reach our most ambitious fundraising goal yet: US \$125,000. With that amount we can help more than 55,000 kids through the Kiwanis Children's Fund. See how you can join the effort — with tips for participating and for inspiring other members, stories of the service your money supports and more. [Kiwaniis Gives Day](#)



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CKI Fall Rally – Team Building



ICON Manila – Register Now



Have you registered for the convention? The deadline to register at the lowest price for the 2026 Kiwanis International Convention in Manila, Philippines, has been extended to **March 2**.

DON'T WAIT — there are good reasons to sign up as soon as you can:

- Some hotels may sell out before the deadline.
- Early reservations are important if you need special accessibility requirements.
- Seating is limited for special events that require ticket purchases

Late registration until - April 13 - US \$509

To register: [Kiwaniis Manilla](#)

Official Notice

Hello Rocky Mountain District,

On behalf of the District Board and as the chair for Bylaws and Resolutions, may this communication be your reminder that all candidates for District office must submit their written statement of intent to the District Secretary no later than 90 days prior to the District Convention. For this year, the deadline for statement submissions is Friday, May 15th, 2026. Furthermore, the deadline for clubs wishing to propose resolutions are due to the District Secretary no less than 60 days prior to Convention, which would be Monday, June 15, 2026. Interested candidates and/or clubs may email me directly at rmd.kiwaniis.bp@gmail.com with questions or for further information.

Yours in service,
Derek Manley
RMD Bylaws & Resolutions Chair

RMD – Grants Available



2024-25 is the year we awarded the more grants that before. The district has money to grant! Link to grant guidelines and/application: [RMDK Grants](#)