



# Rocky Mountain Round Up

## Mid-Year Rally

### Day of Inspiration, Recognition, and Renewed Purpose

Kiwaniis leaders from across the district gathered recently for the Mid-Year District Rally, a dynamic and energizing event that brought together club officers, members, Trustees Amy Zimmeran, Tim Sheppard, and Chris Martz from Kiwanis International for a full program of professional development and heartfelt recognition. From the first session to the final applause, the convention reaffirmed what Kiwanis has always stood for: service, community, and the belief that what we do truly matters. The Longmont Club was honored for celebrating its 100th year. The following clubs, Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis, Wheat Ridge, and

Foothills Boulder, were awarded the Distinguished Club Award for 2024/25. Josephine Young received the Hixson Fellowship Award. James Martin was awarded a Bert West Fellowship. We closed with a motivational talk by CKI's Hyungyu Kim. It matters because... The speaker challenged every person in the room to finish that sentence for themselves – because a child in our community needs a champion. Because one act of service, multiplied across hundreds of clubs and thousands of members, has the power to change the arc of a life, a neighborhood, and a future.



## District Convention

Pueblo - August 14 - 16

### Save the Date!

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## Community – Bringing in the Lunar New Year



The Longmont Kiwanis Club celebrated the Year of the Horse at the Asian-Pacific Association of Longmont Lunar New Year 2026 a multi-cultural festival. The festival is free to the public featuring live performances of the iconic Lions Dance, Taiko Drums, authentic foods, games and interactive cultural and educational booths. Over 300 children decorated the handmade cut out wooden horses to take home provided by the club. Through the ten years of the Longmont Kiwanis Club being invited to participate in this festival, hundreds of the year symbols from the Chinese Zodiac Calendar have been colored by the children in attendance.

## Circle K – One Circle, Endless Impact

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Learning begins with the right school supplies

The Write Stuff is a program that distributes basic school supplies to students at Jefferson County Elementary Schools who are identified as having the highest percentage of free and reduced-price lunch participants. Started in 2006 by retired Alameda West Kiwanis Club teachers, the program began with two schools to address students' need for new supplies after winter break, as supplies received in the fall were often used up or broken. With support from Belmar, Columbine, Lakewood, Wheat Ridge, Arvada-Jefferson, and Golden Kiwanis Clubs, the program now serves thirteen schools. Clubs contribute funding in accordance with their resources, supplemented by private donations. In 2025, a \$2,500 grant was received from the Rocky Mountain District Foundation.

We are always looking to expand our program, and you can help! Host a Fundraiser, Request a Grant, Ask Community partners for a monetary donation, or make an individual contribution. Donations are tax-deductible. Contact us for more information [belmarkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:belmarkiwanis@gmail.com)





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## ICON Manila – It’s Not Too Late



Have you registered for the convention? Late registration is until - April 13 - US \$509

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

- Some hotels may sell out
- Register as early as possible, important if you need special accessibility requirements.
- Seating is limited for special events that require ticket purchases

To register: [Kiwaniis ICON - Manila](#)

## Little Ones – Big Need!

In February the NEDM Kiwanis Club hosted a WeeCycle Baby Gear drive. They collected a van full of gear for needy families. These items included car seats, stroller, pack & plays, formula. All donated items will be inspected then distributed with in the greater Denver metro during diaper distribution events. NEDM volunteers each month at various distribution events.



## Rocky Mountain Strong

### The Parable of the Summit Trail

This parable was read by Kiwanis International Trustee Amy Zimmeran at the recent Rocky Mountain District Mid-Year Rally. This describes Rocky Mountain Strong.

A hiker once set out to climb a high Rocky Mountain peak. The trail was steep, the air thin, and the weather unpredictable. Along the way, the hiker met others—some experienced, some new, some weary, some determined.

One traveler said, “No one climbs a mountain alone.”

Another added, “And no one reaches the summit without helping someone else find their footing.”

They shared water. Encouraged each other. Pointed out loose stones. And step by step, together, they reached the top.

That is what it means to be **Rocky Mountain Strong:**

*We don't climb because it is easy. We climb because it is worth it—and because we climb together.*



## Well Wishes for Bert!

Well Wishes for Bert West from Mid-Year Rally.

