



## Rocky Mountain Round Up

# Tomorrow's Stars are Rising, Kiwaniis is Lighting the Way!

Stars of Tomorrow is a program that was started by the Greeley Kiwanis Club in 1947. Past winners include pop stars such as Judy Collins and Gordon Lightfoot. This year, three clubs brought the Stars of Tomorrow program to life: Monument Hill, Greeley, Sheridan and Cheyenne. This beloved Kiwanis tradition gives young people the chance to showcase their talents before a live audience of family and friends – parents, grandparents, and siblings cheering them on.

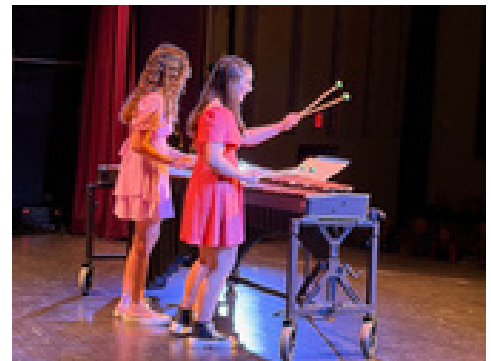
True to its name, Stars of Tomorrow is a genuine variety show. Recent contests have featured drum solos, vocal performances, dance acts, magic, instrumental solos and

ensembles, gymnastics, and much more. Every year brings fresh surprises.

The program is an International Kiwanis project with a global reach – thousands of clubs host their own local contests. Winners advance to division and then district competitions, where scholarship awards recognize the most outstanding young performers.

At each local show, judges drawn from the community – teachers, performers, and fellow Kiwanians – evaluate the acts and award first, second, and third place in each division. They also select an overall "Best of Show" from among the three first-place winners.

Beyond the trophies and scholarships, Stars of Tomorrow is something more: a chance for our communities to celebrate the talent and potential of our youth – and a great fundraiser for your club. If your club hasn't hosted one yet, it's worth a closer look.



### District Convention Pueblo - August 14 - 16



DCON will start with an Interclub luncheon on Friday, August 14th. Please plan to arrive early and take part in the opening ceremonies and represent your club! Visit Pueblo and bring the family!



Have something for the newsletter?  
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# LEGO Builder's Competition Celebrates Year Four



The Kiwanis Club of Wheatland's LEGO Builder's Competition wrapped up a fantastic fourth year, welcoming 34 builders across four age categories. Thanks to our generous community, People's Choice voting alone raised \$1,976 – every dollar staying in Platte County to fund shoes and boots for local kids, senior scholarships, Discovery Day, and sponsored family events.



Builders competed for three honors: the People's Choice Award (exclusive Master Builder hoodies, voted by the community), Presenter Awards (recognizing kids who confidently shared the story behind their build), and the Judges Awards – the top honor, with \$100 for first place and a LEGO kit for second.



This event is made possible by the hard work of the Kiwanis Club of Wheatland and the support of local businesses who provide space, logistics, and sponsorships. They are grateful to everyone who participated, voted, and showed up for the kids.



## Future Ready – Skills Sharpened at Kiwanis International

Four RMD Lieutenant Governor Elects—Debbie Weule (Div 6), Cora Zaletel (Div 1), Bill Worthington (Div 5), and Scott Ross (Div 4)—attended the first-ever Lieutenant Governor

Membership Summit alongside 90 incoming Lt. Governors, and covered topics including mentoring, recruiting, and club evaluation.





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## Supporting Music Education

For the first time, South Denver Kiwanis applied for a Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis Foundation grant – and it paid off.

The club has long supported “Inside the Orchestra”, a Denver nonprofit that brings orchestral music to young audiences. This year, they took the next step: funding this music education program at Ellis Elementary School.

The \$2,500 program was made possible through a partnership: “Inside the Orchestra” raised \$1,000 from the community, the Rocky Mountain Foundation approved a \$750 matching grant, and South Denver Kiwanis contributed the final \$750.

For many Ellis Elementary students, it was their first experience with live orchestral music.

A first grant. A deeper partnership. Music in the hands of kids who needed it most.

Interested in learning more about Rocky Mountain District Foundation Grants: Here are the grant guidelines:

[RMD Foundation Grant Application](#)



## May 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Service!

Join us for an impactful, fun-filled Saturday on May 2, 2026, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs. We will be helping the RMDH with yard work, spring cleaning, a little bit of painting, and many other projects. We will be breaking in the new Kiwanis Grill station donated by the Foundation, so food will be served. To sign up [RMDK Day of Service](#)



## Kiwanis Key Leader 2026

Kiwanis Key Leader is a weekend leadership retreat for high school students (including graduating 8th graders) centered on service, personal growth, and community. Through workshops, team-building, and reflection, students discover what it means to lead with confidence and compassion.

Our 2026 dates are set – don't miss out!

- Casper, WY | June 12–14
- Estes Park, CO | October 16–18

All high school-aged students are welcome. Registration is now open!

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