

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly newsletter for May 13, 2026

This Week is Student of the Month

Greeter /Pledge: Kathy Athens Invocation:

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

Club Officers:
President Lane Andrew
President Elect
Secretary Mike Jepkes
Treasurer Tom Durkin
Past President Ken Sweet

Directors:
2024-2026: Jim Foley, Susan Markley, Rick Sutton
2025-2027: Shavon Forte, Gary McCombs, Geri Reinhart

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Division 5 Lt. Governor Rick Baldessari
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May 14 Scott & Lila Storey

May 18 Lane Andrew

Attendance

Attendance at the May 06 meeting 25, including one guest: Stephanie Ratke from Shiloh House, our speaker.

Project hours MTD for May is 93.5.

Best regards, Mike.

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



[PROJECTS SIGN UP](#)

[VOLUNTEER 4HOURS](#)
Please report hours

Upcoming Club Programs

May 20	Election of Officers
May 27	Jackson Majerus - Key Club RMD Governor
Jun 03	George Kinzer - Normandy Invasion Site today
June 10	Connie McLaughin – TP
June 17	Scott Storey - Being the District Attorney

Future Club Events and Service Projects

May 12	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
May 14	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris
May 17	Sun	Jeffco Symphony Concert – Jim R
May 17	Sun	Colfax Marathon – Rod
May 19	Tue	Southy Jeffco Business Alliance - Ken
May 19	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
May 26	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Jun 02	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Jun 09	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM

Nourish Meals on Wheels (Please check master list)

May 13	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
May 14	Thu	Sandy Legge & Geri Reinhart
May 15	Fri	Denny Brehm family
May 18	Mon	Mike Greunke & Bob Bushacher
May 19	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
May 20	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
May 21	Thu	Rick & Bette Sutton
May 22	Fri	Abe Baltazar & Mitch Waldman
May 25	Mon	Memorial Day
May 27	Wed	Terri & Cleve Mckinney
May 28	Thu	Scott Story & Mitch Waldman
May 29	Fri	Les & Mary Ann Burns & Sally Kingman

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Chuck Anglin, Alligator Wrestler

On his second visit to our Kiwanis club breakfast, Chuck asked if he'd ever told me how he wrestled an alligator. Instantly fascinated, I asked him for details of his exploits. Chuck told me he was on an airboat tour of the Everglades when the pilot began throwing marshmallows into the water for the alligators to eat (who knew they liked marshmallows?). The pilot then encouraged Chuck and the other tour participants to wrestle an alligator into the boat. Chuck was the only one who took the bait (pun intended!) and leaned over to grab a gator. The other tour participants were all moving to the other side of the boat as Chuck put his hand down into the water. Chuck then dramatically pulled his hand out with the terrifying alligator that you see below. (You can just imagine the theatrics that Chuck displayed when he pulled that thing out!)

Chuck always has delightful stories like that. He spent his early life in Michigan until he was "almost" drafted into the Vietnam War. Many will recall the lottery system draft in place from 1969 to 1972 that was televised on TV. Chuck's birth date was chosen early in the lottery drawing, so he knew he would be one of the first young men drafted into the Army. He did not want to serve in the Army, and since he had not yet received his formal draft notice yet, Chuck immediately went down and volunteered for the Air Force. The ultimate irony was that President Nixon suspended that particular draft call, so Chuck would not have had to report to serve. But because he had enlisted, he ended up in Vietnam. Luckily, he worked on electronics for airplanes and did not take part in active military conflicts. Chuck received a compassionate discharge from the Air Force when his brother, also in the Air Force, was shot down and killed during a mission.

Chuck then went to Las Vegas and worked as a security guard and police officer for several years before returning to his home state of Michigan. Chuck went on to start several businesses, including a print shop, deli and meat market, paintball arenas, and a home remodeling and construction company.

He was in the back of his print shop one day when he heard a giant explosion that sounded like a jet engine. A bulldozer was doing road work on the median in front of his office and hit a gas line. As he ran to the front of his building, he noticed all his ceiling tiles had blown down, the front on his building was blown off, and flames were shooting 200 feet in the air. The flames were so intense that they melted the awnings on

the front of businesses that were 30 feet away. Using his experience in police work, Chuck cleared the neighboring businesses and got other business owners to safety. He also directed other volunteers to help in evacuating other businesses and homes in the immediate area of the fire. Chuck received a proclamation from the City of Warren for his brave volunteerism.



This was not to be Chuck's only brush with fire. One of his homes in Michigan burned down in 2009. He ran out to do an errand and left a big print job going on his laser printer. Evidently, the printer overheated and he returned home to find flames shooting out of his roof and most of the house structure damaged. Here's hoping he has good fire insurance on his new home in Denver!

Chuck has been a member of Kiwanis for 44 years and held several offices including distinguished Past President and Past Lt. Governor. He volunteered for many community activities, including Habitat for Humanity and Boy Scouts. Chuck served as a board member for the Police Athletic League, Salvation Army, City of Warren Zoning Board, Warren Board of Education, and various state and national associations of school boards.

Chuck has a son living in Michigan and a daughter here in Colorado. Although he loved his home in Michigan, he and his wife moved here to be closer to his two grandchildren here. He is renovating his new home here in Denver and developing warm, close relationships with the Denver County licensing and permitting folks.

Jefferson Symphony



Music of the Spheres: Sunday, May 17, 2026 3pm
Guest Artist:
Denver Children's Choir Smetana The Moldau Holst The Planets

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Heritage HS Key Club

Heritage HS Key Club wrapped up another successful year and received Distinguished Club Award Recognition from the Rocky Mountain Kiwanis District. Congratulations.



Colfax Marathon Service Project

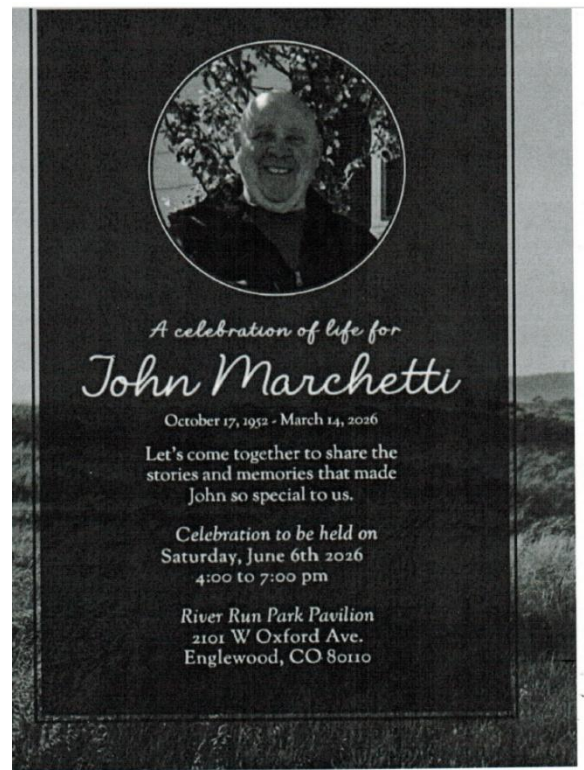
Colfax Marathon Service Project and Fundraiser

UPDATE - The 20th annual Colfax Marathon is Sunday May 17. Our club has volunteered for this event since its inception by handing out water and energy drinks at a waterstation on the full marathon route. Our waterstation location is in front of the Burger King on West Colfax near Casa Bonita. What has changed this year is the registration process. In order for the event organizers to be better informed about the number of volunteers, they elected to use Volunteer Local(similar to Signup Genius) to manage the registration process. *Each person that wishes to volunteer has to fill out their own registration.* The **link(below)** goes to a signup page specific to our club. Besides the basic info, you will need to indicate our Organization name(Kiwanis Club of Columbine), Group Captain(Rod Hunley), number of years group has participated(5+years), and T-shirt size. The volunteer will also have to accept the waiver in order to register. After the volunteer submits the registration, they will receive an email acknowledging the registration. Our club as provided about 25 volunteers in past years and we will need at least that many again this year since the number of runners is expected to increase. Any questions about the registration process either prior to or during, contact Rod Hunley @ rod_hunley@comcast.net or 303-519-0758 .

[https://colfaxmarathon.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=110268&job_password=KIWCOLUMBINE26&shifts_filter=\[8774656\]](https://colfaxmarathon.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=110268&job_password=KIWCOLUMBINE26&shifts_filter=[8774656])

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RSVP to Barb Marchetti by 5/23/2026
Text - (303) 916-1911

[View & RSVP](#)

South Jeffco Business Alliance

A great place to network and possibly recruit new members
Join Ken and help pulpitis Kiwanis.

Please **RSVP** using the link below!

When: Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Peak Community & Wellness Center, 6612 S. Ward St., Littleton, CO 80127

How: Please RSVP so we can plan for breakfast and seating.

South Jeffco Business Alliance meetings are always FREE and open to anyone who wants to meet local business leaders.

[RSVP for May 19 Meeting](#)

Project Cure

On Monday, April 25th, seven Kiwanis members volunteered at project cure. We go there once a month and sort donated medical supplies for placement in shipping containers sent to needy parts of the world. No prior medical knowledge or experience is needed for volunteers. Just the ability to stay focused for a couple hours doing sorting tasks either standing or sitting. For more information contact George Kinzer.



Shiloh House

Last Wednesday morning Stephanie Ratke from Shiloh House talked to us about their non-profit program. We appreciated her braving the weather and telling us about the children they work with. Their program does a lot, but in summary, they work with foster care children who have many complex and painful challenges going on in their life. Ways, we can support them include donating items for students or staff. Raising money for them. Or even attending some of their functions as an outside group.

Club Elections

Our Kiwanis Club Elections for officers will be on May 20 at our regular morning meeting. The new officers will start next October 2026. The present officer sill serves until September 2026.

The nominating committee has selected some candidates for the new positions. Nominations for the positions are open; you can also self-nominate. If you nominate someone else, make sure you have their permission. Present officers are allowed to be reelected.



Candidates for officer positions as of May 9 are:

(1 selected for each position)

President	Lane Andrews
President Elect:	No candidates
Secretary	Mike Jepkes
Treasurer	Tom Durkin

Candidates for board of directors 2026-2027

(3 selected)

Kathy Athens,
Rod Hunley
Steve Sandifr
McNellis Pat
Chuck Anglin

Our present club officers are:

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President	Lane Andrews
President Elect	vacant
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Board members:

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