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Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly newsletter for June 17, 2026

This Week's Presenter is Scott Storey
Topic "Being the District Attorney"

Greeter /Pledge: Lynn Weitzel Invocation:

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



Jun 22 Tom & Karen Econopouly

Jun 18 Logan MacMillan

Attendance

Attendance at the June 10 meeting 36, including one guest: Dave Beattie.

Project hours for May was 604. Project hours MTD for June is 194.5.

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

Jun 24	Arok Garang – Seeds of South Sudan (p)
Jul 01	Charlie Boyer – The Long Goodbye (p)
Jul 08	Social Hour
Jul 15	TBD
Jul 22	Lane Andrew & Sons - Visit to the Philippines (p)

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Jun 16	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Jun 18	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris
Jun 23	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Jun 29	Mon	Project CURE – George
Jul 03	Fri	Red White and You - Mike
Jul 04	Sat	4th of July Party - Ken
Jul 07	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Jul 14	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Jul 21	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Jul 29	Mon	Project CURE – George

Nourish Meals on Wheels (Please check master list)

Jun 15	Mon	Steve & Debbie Barnes
Jun 16	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Jun 17	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Jun 18	Thu	Les & Mary Ann Burns & Sally Kingman
Jun 19	Fri	Janet Woodhull & Nancy Bierman
Jun 22	Mon	Tom Durkin & friend
Jun 24	Wed	Terri & Cleve Mckinney
Jun 25	Thu	Don Buck & Rick Sutton
Jun 26	Fri	Will Knoblauch & Kathy Athens
Jun 29	Mon	Mike Greunke & Bob Bushacher
Jun 30	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith

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It's a Small, Small, World After All

Karen was born in Denver and raised in Broomfield, Colorado. Coincidentally we both went to Broomfield High school (albeit 6 years apart) and enjoyed reminiscing about our time there. Karen became a teacher and taught science at East Arvada Jr. High, Bear Creek, and Columbine High schools. Karen said her students particularly appreciated when she took them on stargazing field trips in the evening to learn the constellations. She put a hiatus on her teaching career to raise her son and daughter and returned to substitute teaching when the children were in school. It truly is a "small world," because occasionally Karen would substitute in Connie McLaughlin's science classes at Ken Caryl Middle school. Karen and Rod met when they lived across the street from each other in an apartment complex. He was a small-town boy from Hudson, Kansas and drove a combine and cut wheat on his family's farm, where they also raised sorghum and had jersey cows for milking. He was member of 4H and one year his Angus cow won reserve Grand Champion at the Kansas State Fair. He was the valedictorian of his 12-person graduating class. After graduating from college, Rod was drafted to serve in the Army.

He was supposed to go to Vietnam, as a combat engineer but ended up in Germany in 1969. Since the Soviet bloc countries invaded Czechoslovakia, there was concern that the Soviets would take over other adjacent countries. Instead of being deployed close to the border to potentially defend the German/Czechoslovakian border, he ended up in Heidelberg Germany doing computer programming because of his college math and computer programming classes. In another "small world" coincidence, Sandy Legge was there in Germany at the same time and faced the same concerns as Rod did about a possible invasion.

When Rod returned to the United States he pursued his master's degree at the Colorado School of Mines. He was a graduate teaching assistant while there. He met Karen and started his career working for oil, gas, and mineral companies. He went to work writing computer programs for Wyoming Mineral Corporation and, in yet another "small world" coincidence, met this guy named Ken Sweet. Karen and Rod have known Ken and Peggy Sweet for over 40 years, and Karen recalls bringing their newborn over to Ken and Peggy's home when the baby was only a week old. Rod continued to work in IT for the remainder of his career.

Karen and Rod are super volunteers and are critical to the success of the Key Clubs at Columbine (Karen) and Dakota Ridge and Chatfield High schools (Rod). Rod has been involved with Integrated Family Community Service (IFCS), helping families with food insecurity and they both volunteer for Meals on Wheels on a regular basis. Rod and Karen also coordinate our water station for the Colfax Marathon. If that was not enough, their volunteerism in the past has included serving on the board of the club, Karen obtaining Kiwanis branded T-shirts for members, and Rod has been Secretary and President of the club. I am sure there are many other projects for which they have volunteered, but they are both so humble it was hard to get them to brag about their contributions! We are truly thankful for their wonderful service to our community.

In a side note, we take no responsibility that if this article planted the Disney song, "It's a Small World After All" in your head.



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4th of July Party

Mike and Cindy Tanner will be hosting a 4th of July party on Saturday the 4th. Come about 6:00 and stay for the fireworks.

Bring your own food, eating utensils, and chairs. Mike and Cindy will provide drinks, BUT it's good to bring drinks to share. Mike will provide a large cake for dessert. It is not a potluck this year. If you choose to, bring a nonperishable item to donate to a local food bank. - Ken

South Jeffco Business Alliance

A great place to network and possibly recruit new members. Join Ken and help pulpitis Kiwanis. This month will be networking, a great chance to tell others about Kiwanis.

When: Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Clement Park, 7306 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton, CO 80123

Shelters O, P & Q, near the lake. [RSVP](#) to receive a map of the location.

How: Please [RSVP](#) so we can get a breakfast head count and receive a map of the park to help you find us.

Please respect our breakfast sponsor and only RSVP if you are going to attend.

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

[RSVP for June 16 Meeting](#)



Project Cure

We are planning on our monthly visit to ProjectCURE on Monday, June 29 at 9:30am. Carpooling is available at 9:00am (Leaving promptly at 9:00) from the 4Gs parking lot. Our activities typically include sorting medical and surgical supplies by expiration date or type. These items are later shipped to provide essential medical care in developing countries. This time we will be delivering supplies that have been donated by a Columbine area resident - he heard about our participation in ProjectCURE and was able to assist this way. Members and friends are welcome to join us for these visits, and instructions will be provided for all participants. A number of members have already signed up on our SignupGenius site for ProjectCURE - you are welcome to add your name.

George Kinzer



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