



Rocky Mountain Round Up

Crabs, Corks and Community

The Kiwanis Club of Scottsbluff knows how to turn Tax Day into a celebration. Crabby Tax Night, the Club's signature annual fundraiser, takes place on the Saturday before or after April 15th and has become one of the most anticipated events in the community.

The evening features a single seating for 250-300 guests, complemented by a live and silent auction, a 50/50 drawing, and a popular wine cork pull. Corporate support continues to grow, with 24 tables this year, a number that climbs annually.

The results speak for themselves. For the past two years, Crabby Tax Night has raised approximately \$14,000, with every dollar going to serve children in and around Scottsbluff County throughout the year.

It's one night of fun with a year's worth of impact, and the Kiwanis Club of Scottsbluff wouldn't have it any other way.



Be Sure to Attend DCON 2026! District Convention - Pueblo Aug 14-16!

Get ready for an incredible weekend as we head to Pueblo, Colorado for DCON! The fun kicks off with the Interclub Luncheon on Friday, August 14th, a great chance to connect

with members from across the district. Plan to arrive early, join in, and proudly represent your club. Bring the whole family and make it a memorable getaway!

Have something for the newsletter?
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Lights, Curtains, Scholars: All Valley Talent Show

The Glenwood Springs Kiwanis Club proudly hosted another outstanding All Valley Talent Show, bringing together student talent from Aspen to Parachute and Vail. High school students from five schools competed in Vocal, Instrumental, Dance, and Drama. Promising performers were selected through auditions, then paired with coaches to develop their skills, build confidence, and gain real-world stage experience. Students also learned technical and organizational skills behind the scenes. With over 50 volunteers and generous support from local businesses, the show was a true community celebration. Nearly \$6,000 in scholarships recognized the region's outstanding young performers, Kiwanis service in action.



District Office Candidates

Hello Rocky Mountain District,

On behalf of the District Board and as the chair for Bylaws and Resolutions, may this second communication be another 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.kiwanis.bp@gmail.com with questions or for further information.

Yours in service,
Derek Manley
RMD Bylaws & Resolutions Chair



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Chasing Storms, Inspiring Students

Monument Hill Kiwanis Club was recently featured in *The Tribune* for a visit by club members Dr. Ed Tomlinson and Steve Sutherland to Bear Creek Elementary School. Both retired U.S. Air Force meteorologists, the pair spoke with sixth-grade science students about how hurricanes and typhoons affect weather and the tools used to monitor them. Tomlinson, president / chief meteorologist of Atmospheric Science

Consultants, LLC in Monument, once flew with the Typhoon Chasers in the western Pacific Ocean. Students learned that geography, math, and physics are essential for a career in meteorology. "It was great to see their interest," Tomlinson said of the enthusiastic class taught by Valerie DeLello. Just another example of how Kiwanians are inspiring today's youth. To read the full article, [The Tribune](#)



Building Stronger Clubs, One Member at a Time



Membership Month is in full bloom across the Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District, and there's never been a better moment to invite someone into the Kiwanis family. Every new member brings fresh energy, new ideas, and another caring heart committed to serving kids and strengthening communities from the plains to the peaks.

This month, challenge yourself to share your Kiwanis story, bring a guest to a meeting or service project, and help expand the ripple effect of kindness that makes our district shine. One invitation can spark a lifetime of service, friendship, and impact.

A round of applause for our membership leaders:

- Anthem Ranch – up 14 members
- Up 10 members
 - Ute Pass
 - Woodland Park
- Up 6 Members
 - Grand Junction
 - Grand Valley–Parachute
 - Arvada Jefferson

Thanks to efforts like these, the Rocky Mountain District is up a net 21 members and growing.

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From Club to Court - Pickleball Tournament

Broomfield North Metro Kiwanis Club recently partnered with Chicken-N-Pickle for a fun-filled 24-team pickleball tournament that proved to be a rewarding community outreach event.

The 2-person team format drew a fantastic mix of players; half the participating teams had never connected with the club before. Chick-N-Pickle made the whole event a breeze, managing the bracket,

overseeing play, and even supplying equipment for those who needed it. All the Club had to do was show up and enjoy the game!

The event resulted in two new members joining the club and six promising new contacts. Beyond the numbers, the energy was electric, and everyone left with a smile.



Key Club's 74th Annual DCON - YMCA of the Rockies

The Rocky Mountain District Key Club's 74th District Convention came to life April 10–12 at the beautiful YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park. High school students from across the district gathered to celebrate a year of service and leadership, capping the weekend with the election of their new officers for 2026–27. Jackson Majerus of Columbine High School was

elected Governor. The weekend's highlight was a keynote address by astronaut Nicole Ayers, a former Woodland Park High School Key Club member, who inspired the next generation of servant leaders. Mark your calendars for the 75th Annual Convention, April 9–11, 2027, back at YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park!



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Berts West Birthday 2026 - Donation Matching



In honor of International President Bert West, the Rocky Mountain District Foundation proudly established the Bert West Fellow award – a tribute to his leadership, service, and impact. For Bert’s 2026 birthday, he and Sandy are celebrating in the most generous way possible: they’re matching every Foundation donation, dollar for dollar, up to \$1,200. Your gift goes twice as far. Your impact doubles. Let’s honor Bert’s legacy together.

[Link to Donation Page](#)

RMD Day of Service

More than 30 Rocky Mountain District Kiwanians served at the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs on May 2. Volunteers tackled yardwork, window washing, and baking while the RMD Foundation donated an outdoor grill station worth almost \$5,000. Former Kiwanis International President Bert West cheered on the crew, which also installed a new outdoor kitchen.

