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Attendance

Attendance at the August 07 meeting was 32, including two guests, Sally Douglass, who was also our speaker, and Melanie Hood.

Total volunteer hours for July was 584. Volunteer hours MTD for August is 131.5.

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

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly newsletter for August 12, 2026

This Week's Presenter is Tom Durkin
Topic "Update from Treasurer"

Greeter /Pledge: Geri Reinhart Invocation:

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



Aug 15
Aug 18 Mary Rome

Sandy Legge

Upcoming Club Programs

Aug 19 Pat McNellis - The Federal Reserve

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Aug 9-Sept 12	Action Center food drive -food to meetings – Ken / Lil
Aug 11 Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Aug 13 Thu	Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris
Aug 15 Sat	Sweet Dreams in a Bag Shavon
Aug 15 Sat	Texas Hold'em – Jim F
Aug 15 Sat	Celebration of Life Don Nelson
Aug 18 Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Aug 14-15-16	Kiwanis District Convention Ken
Aug 24 Mon	Project CURE – George Kinzer
Aug 25 Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Aug 30 Sun	Jeffco Symphony Summer Concert – Jim R
Aug 31 Mon	Celebration of Life Littleton United Methodist Church 1:30
Sep 01 Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Sep 15 Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Sep 21 Mon	Columbine Kiwanis Blood Drive – Tom D

Nourish Meals on Wheels (Please check master list)

Aug 12 Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Aug 13 Thu	Kathy Athens & Will Knoblauch
Aug 14 Fri	Janet Woodhull & Nancy Bierman
Aug 17 Mon	Jerry & Jan Clayton
Aug 18 Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Aug 19 Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Aug 20 Thu	Ken Sweet & Scott Story
Aug 21 Fri	Rick & Betty Sutton
Aug 24 Mon	Tom Durkin & Friend
Aug 26 Wed	Terri & Cleve Mckinney
Aug 27th	Les & Mary Ann Burns & Sally Kingman
Aug 28 Fri	Farris Forar & Jim Foley
Aug 31 Mon	Jerry & Jan Clayton
Sep 01 Tue	Geri Reinhart & Jim Foley
Sep 02 Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney

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Kiwanis of Columbine Community Blood Drive



Monday, Sept. 21

10 AM - 2 PM

Riverwalk Clubhouse

2751 W Riverwalk Cir, Littleton

vitalant.org or call 877-25-VITAL

Use blood drive code: 0572

Celebration of Life for Hazel Kinzer

A Celebration of Life for Hazel Kinzer has now been scheduled for Monday, August 31 at 1:30 pm MDT. It will be held at Littleton United Methodist Church at 5894 S. Datura St. in Littleton. This service will be live streamed via the Internet at <http://www.LUMC.TV> for those who are unable to attend in person. A Reception with light refreshments will follow in the church Grant Fellowship Hall.

A full updated Obituary can be

viewed at <https://www.horancares.com>

Project CURE

Our next visit to Project CURE is scheduled for Monday, August 24 at 9:30am. Carpooling will be available from the 4Gs parking lot, leaving promptly at 9:00am. Volunteers can use the Signup Genius site to indicate their planned participation. Please note that we have adjusted our planned visit schedule for this project to the fourth Monday of each month, rather than the last Monday of the month. We hope this eliminates confusion for months with five Mondays.

George Kinzer

JSO Summer Concert

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Sunday, August 30, 2026

6:00 pm

Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park

Signup to volunteer on SignUpGenius

Speaker Last Week

Sally Douglass – Speaker last week

She suggested watching the following YouTube

<https://youtu.be/gstI93tsafM?is=nsDeFIyWxoEEVCET>

SMILES

Sally

LegUpCoaching, LLC

www.Legup.coach

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303-564-3126 (text)



Sweet Dreams in a Bag

Cozy bedding package for a child in need.

The next Sweet Dreams in a bag project will occur August 15th, Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 at the community center in Lakewood. - Lane

Support Sweet Dream in a Bag

Our Mission Sweet Dream in a Bag is a 501 (c) (3) Public Charity that gifts children living in poverty with a new bedding package. The children usually reside in a temporary home or attend a head start school as their family is attempting to rebuild their lives. Sweet Dream's passion is to offer the entire family acceptance, love, encouragement and hope. Donate today! Every \$50 donation will provide a warm cozy bedding package for a child in need. www.sweetdreaminabag.org
<http://www.sweetdreaminabag.org>

Needed

Twin Sheet Sets (Target has them for \$10.00 per set)

- Toothpaste-any size tubes will be great!
- Crib fitted sheets (Ikea)
- Gift cards for Target or Walmart, so we can purchase new bedding
- Beanie Babies

(From Castle Rock Kiwanis Newsletter)

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Action Center Community Food Drive Challenge

Kiwanis Div 5 (Columbine Kiwanis is part of Div 5) has volunteered to the challenge of donating 1000 pounds of food to the Action Center. Ken Sweet will lead Columbine Kiwanis (A back up volunteer would be appreciated). Please bring food donations to any meeting, Ken will get them to the Action Center on Sept 12.

Hunger Action Month: The Ultimate Food Drive Challenge! Did you know that September is Hunger Action Month? What better way to make a real difference in our community than with a community-wide food drive benefiting The Action Center!

But hold onto your grocery carts, because this is like no other food drive, it's a competition! The organization that brings their A-game (and the most cans) will take home a trophy and ultimate bragging rights.

We need YOUR help to reach our massive goal of collecting 10,000 canned food items to fully stock The Action Center's Free Grocery Market. With your participation, we can ensure local families facing food insecurity have access to the nutrition they need.

Why Join the Challenge?

When your organization registers, you'll receive:

- A special Social Media shout-out to highlight your amazing team!
- A chance to compete for the prestigious 2026 Action Center Hunger Partner Award (and a shiny trophy!).

Food Drive Details

- Benefiting: The Action Center's Free Grocery Market
- Donation Drop-Off: Saturday, September 12th between 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- Drop-Off Location: The Action Center -8745 W 14th Ave
Lakewood, CO 80215

Items Most Needed Right Now:

- Cereal / Oatmeal
- Rice
- Canned Fruit
- Cooking Oil
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Canned Meats
- Canned Soup
- Any food items will be accepted

Important Packing Notes: Standard 15/16 oz containers are preferred. No glass containers, please! All items must be within one year of their "best by" date.

Sharing With Sherdan

Yesterday our dauntless volunteers gathered to serve 172 families (589 neighbors). For the coming week we can use clean plastic groceries and newspaper bags

We are also in need of folks who have pickups and are available to pull one of our trailers and haul food from Food Bank of the Rockies, or folks who are willing to use Stephanie's pickup to do so. If you are interested, please contact Gaylen Rapp or Stephanie Otto.

Thank you for your continued support.
Stephanie

South Jeffco Business Alliance

Meet potential members

The South Jeffco Business Alliance is organized by the Foothills. It consists of business owners, NGO's like Kiwanis, and others. It is a great place to network and tell people about Kiwanis. They always have coffee and some food.

I usually attend and I have introduced several members to Kiwanis. Some have come to meeting and may join.

Please RSVP using the link below!

When: Tuesday, August 18, 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.

[RSVP for August 18 Meeting](#)

We can carpool or I will meet you there. Bring brochures and a copy of our newsletter. - Ken

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District Convention

Always a fun time

If you plan to attend signup on Signup Genius. This is for information only and possible carpooling, you will still need to register for the convention.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-rocky-mountain-district-convention>

August 14-16

Pueblo Convention Center

Our district event of the year. Find out what other clubs are doing, meet old and new friends.

Friday, August 14

- Registration: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Daytime: Opening & Inter-Club Lunch (Noon – 2:00 PM), followed by Breakout Sessions
- Evening: Enjoy a DaVinci Museum tour, cocktails and non-alcoholic beverages at 5:00 PM, leading into the Boathouse Dinner from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Wrap up the night in the Family Room (Hospitality Suite).

Saturday, August 15

- Morning: Kick off with a Meet and Greet and Service Project at 8:30 AM, followed by morning Breakout Sessions.
- Afternoon: Foundation Lunch at Noon, Division Caucus at 1:30 PM, and House of Delegates from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
- Evening: Celebrate at the Governor's Dinner from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, followed by the Family Room (Hospitality Suite).

Sunday, August 16

- Morning: CLE Training from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Fire Muster

The 31st Annual Family Fire Muster; 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Saturday, Sept 26.

We are currently coordinating logistics and the transfer of project responsibilities with the Kiwanis Club of Alameda West. We anticipate needing approximately 10–12 volunteers to assist with the project. All volunteers will be required to complete a waiver provided by West Metro Fire.

More information to come.

Thanks,

Jim

Here is the website-

[Family Fire Muster - West Metro Fire Protection District](#)

Celebration of Life for Don Nelson

Don passed away on July 5. Due to declining health, he had not attended our meetings for several years. He was an active member and longtime treasurer, and many of us remember working with him on Wilderness on Wheels.

Memorial Service



Saturday, August 15, 2026

10:30 - 11:30 am (Mountain time)

[Add to Calendar](#)

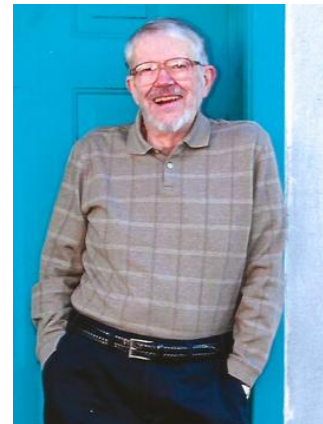


Ascension Lutheran Church

1701 W Caley Ave, Littleton, CO 80120

[Link to obituary](#)

<https://www.crematesimply.com/obituaries/donald-nelson>



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Columbine Kiwanis Club



Poker Party Fundraiser!

Help Us Raise Funds to Help Your Local Community

For 2024-2025, Kiwanis Club of Columbine worked on over 60 service projects, volunteered 8270 hours, and donated \$21,655 to local schools and community organizations

August 15th Saturday

Registration 5:00

Cards Fly 6:00

\$50.00 Donation

For the Columbine Kiwanis Foundation

Nobody under the age of 21 allowed

Location:

The Mirage Sports Bar

8340 W. Coal Mine Ave.

Littleton, CO 80123

303.979.9220

www.themiragesportsbar.com

[Preregistration Link](#)

