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Attendance

Attendance at the August 12 meeting was 38, including three guests, Trent Hawkins (guest of Ken), Sally Douglass, and Naomi Andrew (Lane's daughter).

Project hours MTD for August is 258

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](#)

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Please report hours

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly newsletter for August 19, 2026

This Week's Presenter is Pat McNellis
Topic "The Federal Reserve"

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.



Aug 20 Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Aug 22 Lee & Yvonne Seaman

Aug 20 Dave Devanney
Aug 23 Ruthann Moomy

Upcoming Club Programs

Aug 26 TBD

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Aug 09-Sept 12	Action Center food drive -food to meetings – Ken / Lil
Aug 18 Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Aug 20 Thu	Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris
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 08 Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Sept 11-12	Write Stuff Packing - Abe
Sep 15 Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Sep 21 Mon	Columbine Kiwanis Blood Drive – Tom D
Sept 26 Sat	Bike Helmet Distribution – Jim Roos

Nourish Meals on Wheels (Please check master list)

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
Sep 03 Thu	Karen & Rod Hunley
Sep 04 Fri	Don Buck & Jim Foley
Sep 09 Wed	Cleve & Terri McKinney
Sep 10 Thu	Ken Sweet & Scott Story
Sep 11 Fri	Janet Woodhull & Geri Reinhart
Sep 14 Mon	Tom Durkin & friend
Sep 15 Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith

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District Convention

Your club was represented at the 2026 Rocky Mountain Kiwanis District Convention in Pueblos this past weekend by Susan Markley, Ken Sweet, George Kinzer, and Rick Sutton. District Officers were elected for the 2026/27 Kiwanis Year.

Steve Otto, District Treasurer, reported on the financial health of the district, which is good. Current dues are sufficient to fund district activities.



Sessions were held covering a broad range of topics including membership, strategic planning, Service Leadership Programs, Artificial Intelligence, and many more.

Rick Sutton gave a presentation describing our own Student of the Month project.

George Kinzer joined Past Governor Bob Garretson for a session to recall significant past events that illustrated the broad value of Kiwanis to members and clubs worldwide. George described Kiwanis support given at the time of the Columbine High School shooting in 1999 in which the Kiwanis world provided support to our community.

Key Club Governor, Jackson Majerus from Columbine High School, reported on district Key Club activities.



Ken Sweet was recognized with a Kiwanis Ruby Award for the 15 new members he has brought to our club recently.

At the House of Delegates memorial session on Saturday, the recent passing of our three members - John Marchetti, Don Nelson and Hazel Kinzer - were recognized with the presentation of a white rose for each.



Andrea Weule was confirmed as District Governor for the 2026/27 years, and Jason Roshek of the Ute Pass - Woodland Park club was elected Governor elect, both being installed by Past Kiwanis International President Bert West.



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

Write stuff Packing Dates

Looks like Friday Sept 11, and Saturday Sept 12 works for most. Let's go with that. Shifts will be 9 - 11:30 and 12:30 - 3, Saturday afternoon only if needed. Here is a link to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B4BAFAE2FA1FF2-65116154-write> - Shirley Otto

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](#)

Sharing With Sherdan

It was a scorching Thursday, and perhaps too hot for some of our neighbors as we served just 142 families (421 neighbors). For the upcoming distribution, we can use:

- canned beans
- dry pasta
- pasta sauce
- clean plastic grocery & newspaper bags

Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors.
Stephanie

Satellite Meeting

The Kiwanis Satellite Group meets next Tuesday, August 18th at 12:30 PM at the Colorado Credit Union, 10026 W. San Juan Way. George Kinzer will give us a review of the District Convention, and Tom Durkin, Treasurer, will present an overview of Club finances. All are welcome to join us!
Charlie Boyer

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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.

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

Where to Donate Books

In cleaning out our home library, I found it difficult to find a way to get books into the hands of people who would use them – the libraries, schools, used bookstores, etc. are selective these days. After a lot of visits and calls around, I found a great non-profit organization for donations – BookGive - a volunteer centralized free book hub meeting the book needs of other non-profits that put books directly into the hands of readers spanning all ages and situations.

They are Denver's non-profit free book resource partnering with over 200 organizations including other book centric groups like "Reach Out and Read" and "Dream Books" along with family service organizations like IFCS, Salvation Army, Senior centers/associations, health practices/services, little libraries, early learning centers, laundromats, etc.

That means a one stop path to donate most of your library to ensure they get used and read again, instead of ending up being recycled. For example, my 120+ Perry Mason paperbacks will easily find a welcome home with the elderly or the incarcerated, my 1930 era hardbacks that were rejected by the used bookstore folks will still find a home with someone, my children's favorites will be owned and inspire another generation. BookGive operates out of a retro service station in the Berkeley/Lakeside area of Denver at 4890 Lowell Blvd.

Website www.bookgivedenver.org. What a great way to get our book collections back into the hands of those who need them – give them a try and clean out some of your shelves.
Don Buck

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