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Attendance

Attendance at the Aug 26 meeting was 39,

Project hours MTD for August are 620

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 September 02, 2026

This Week's Presenters is Gabriel Guillaume
Topic "Second Wind Fund"

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.



Sep 03 Ruthann & Roderick Moomy
Sep 07 Mary & Ron Rome

Sep 05 Abe Baltazar
Sep 07 Mike Jepkes

Upcoming Club Programs

Sep 09	Stan Moore David "Moffat and Colorado RR's" (p)
Sep 16	Elementary School Principals
Sep 23	Riggs Smith "The Star Bangled Banner" (p)
Sep 30	Bill Worthington – Lt, Gov Installation of Officers
Oct 07	Social time
Oct 14	Student of the Month

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Aug 09-Sept 12	Action Center food drive -food to meetings – Ken / Lil
Aug 31 Mon	Celebration of Life Hazel Kinzer 1:30
Sep 01 Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union
Sep 03 Thu	Sharing with Sheridan – Ferris
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 20 Sun	Second Wind Walk/Run – Jim Roos
Sep 21 Mon	Columbine Kiwanis Blood Drive – Tom D
Sep 22 Tue	Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Sept 26 Sat	Bike Helmet Distribution – Jim Roos

Nourish Meals on Wheels (Please check master list)

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
Sep 16 Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney

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Action Center Community Food Drive Challenge

Kiwanis Div 5 (Columbine Kiwan is part of Div 5) has volunteered to the challenge of donating 1000 pounds of food to the Action Center. Ken Sweet and Lil Cowe will lead Columbine Kiwanis.

Please bring food donations to any meeting, Ken and Lil will store the food and get it to the Action Center on **Sept 12**. (Note: if you would rather donate cash give it to Lil or Ken, Lil will buy food with the money)

This is a joint effort of Division 5 Kiwanis. 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. WE are trying for 1000 items (pounds).

Why Join the Challenge?

Food Drive Details

- Benefiting: The Action Center's Free Grocery Market
- Donation Drop-Off: Saturday, September 12th
- Drop-Off Location: Kiwanis meetings, or ask Ken or Lil

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.

Got Questions? We've got answers! Reach out to Claire Castellanos at CCastellanos@theactioncenter.org. - Ken and Lil

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

Last Week Speakers

We benefited last week at our Wednesday morning meeting from having two speakers from our club address two different topics. The first was George Kinzer who shared his experiences at the Rocky mountain district meeting that he recently attended. It was interesting to hear more about the structure of the larger Kiwanis club organization.



Following George was Mike Greunke who gave a short talk on banks from the position of a retired bank president. He gave a wonderful overview of how banks make money, how problems arise and answered many club members' questions. - Lane



Membership Publicity Help

We need a few volunteers to help with publicity and membership. Recruiting members would involve helping by sending emails to prospective members, perhaps phone calls and visits. Mostly it would be people who have requested information or dropped in at a meeting.

Publicity would be posting on social media, newspapers and whatever. We need to quit being a secret society. The posting would be of some of our events such as Project Cure, Sharing with Sheridan, Meals on Wheel plus more, I think people would volunteer to help and perhaps join if they knew about us.

Let Ken know if you are willing to help or have questions.

Ken

KenSweet@gmail.com

Kiwanis Satellite Group

The Kiwanis Satellite Group meets next Tuesday, Sept. 1st at 12:30 PM at the Colorado Credit Union, 10026 W. San Juan Way. Jim Johnston will chair the meeting. Our guest speaker will be Kerry Urbaniak with some real estate insights. All are welcome to join us.

REMINDER: Please bring your canned goods donations for the food drive, as many cans as you wish to donate. We'll take them! Lil will be collecting them. If like most guys (sorry guys) you would rather donate cash give the cash to Lil or Ken, Lil will buy the canned goods. - Charlie Boyer

Leawood Elementary School – Can use help

Leawood needs 2 library volunteers, one for Thursdays and one for Fridays. Volunteers come in every week and many of us travel or have other commitments occasionally and that is okay. You would simply let the librarian know. The hours are flexible, most come in from 9-12 with one coming in the afternoon. Your job would be to check in books that have been returned, reshelve books and help the teachers and students when they come in for their library time. All teachers are proficient in checking books in and out, so if you are not there, they will do it all. Training is provided by the librarian.

We are delighted to have 2 of your wonderful Kiwanis volunteers already, Dayle and Lori. Anyone interested can contact me directly, Charlene Warneke, Leawood Volunteer Coordinator at 303-656-0881. We would love to have you and the teachers and librarian are so appreciative. Our librarian is split between 2 schools, so she is only at Leawood on Mondays and Wednesdays and half days on Fridays. Charlene Warneke

PROJECT C.U.R.E.

PROJECT C.U.R.E is a Kiwanis effort that you can join to make a difference in 138 countries in the world. We participate on the 4th Monday morning of the month from 9:30 to 12:00. George Kinzer is the project leader and we carpool from 4G's to the warehouse at 9:00. We sort medical supplies donated by hospitals, medical clinics, doctor's offices, etc., to benefit those in need.

Dr. James Jackson, an economist, real estate developer and author, after achieving his most audacious financial goals, realized that "just because you're rich doesn't mean you're happy." While in Brazil in the 1980's, Dr. Jackson visited a small medical clinic in Mesquite. He witnessed communities without access to basic health-care, doctors and nurses without resources to do their jobs, and people needlessly dying. When he returned home to Colorado. Jim and his wife Anamarie began to collect medical supplies to send to Brazil, and the foundation of the project was laid in 1987. Now, under the leadership of Jim's son, [Dr. Douglas Jackson](#), Project C.U.R.E. has delivered over \$1B in medical supplies and equipment around the world.

On the 4th Monday of each month, we Kiwanians are energized by the same vision that Drs. Jackson embrace, that a committed and dedicated group of individuals can save lives & change history, one container at a time.

Lynn Wetzel



Second Wind Fund

The Second Wind Fund is asking if Columbine Kiwanis would please help again at their Walk/Run Event fundraiser Sept 20, 2026. We've been helping them out with parking for several years and this year again it's at Clement Park (and they always feed us).. If so, they ask if we could show up at the covered picnic area by 6:30 AM. They will have vests for us to wear for directing traffic; the event itself will start at 8, release of doves at 9, and should end around 11 or 12 that morning. Thanks, Jim Roos



The Second Wind Fund decreases instances of suicide in youth by removing financial and social barriers to treatment. Founded in 2002, this organization refers youth to therapists and pays for 12 sessions of in-person therapy. Since 2022, SWF has served more than 4000 with access to therapy. In the past 3 years, SWF has experienced a 72% growth rate in referrals. In their entire history, Second Wind Fund has reached more than 10,000 youth with 75,000 hours of therapy, invested more than \$7 million in community donations, and reached 44 of CO's 64 counties with in-person therapy. From Wheatridge Kiwanis Newsletter

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

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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>

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 Sheridan

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Wow, it was a busy day as we served 182 families, 623 persons.

For the coming week, we can use (Bring them to Abe or Ferris)

- egg cartons
- clean plastic grocery and newspaper bags

Thank you for your continued care of our neighbors.

Stephanie

Dinosaur Ridge Tour



GUIDED BUS TOUR TO DINOSAUR RIDGE

Join us for a guided bus tour to Dinosaur Ridge on Friday, 9/25/26.

The bus stops at the main fossil sites and the tour guide, Kiwanian Kerry Urbaniak, will discuss the details of the site.

This is a great way to see the wonders of Dinosaur Ridge without walking!



TOUR TIME
10 AM to 12 noon



COST
\$8 per person



DATE
Friday, 9/25/26

CONTACT KERRY URBANIAK TO SIGN UP



Email
Kerry.urbaniak@cbrealty.com



Text
303.748.7796

Boo Bash

<https://mailchi.mp/fhprd/sjba-boo-rific-2026?e=d1b8c17a93>



kids,

This is a Halloween Event at Foothills. Last year there were several hundred families attended. It is great chance to show what Kiwanis is. There is \$25.00 fee for a table plus bring candy for 350

I will lead this if we have any interest.

Ken