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Attendance

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Attendance at the September 30 meeting was 36, including two guests: Rick Baldessari - Division 5 Lt. Governor, and Stephanie Ratke - Shiloh House.

Project hours MTD for September was 543.5.
October MTD is 39.5.

Wednesday Meeting

6:45 Social, 7:00 Meeting

4G's Restaurant

5950 S Platte Canyon Road, Littleton, CO 80123

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[PROJECTS SIGN UP](#)

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Please report hours

Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly newsletter for October 07, 2026

This Week's Presenter is Stan Moore
Topic "Moffat and Colorado RR's" (p)

Greeter /Pledge: Connie McLaughlin

Invocation:

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



Oct 08 Ron & Lorri Zinter
Oct 09 Rick & Bette Sutton

Upcoming Club Programs

Oct 14 Student of the Month
Oct 21 Ken Caryl & Columbine HS Principals

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Sep 29	Mon	Project C.U.R.E. - George Kinzer
Oct 06	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer- Colorado Credit Union
Oct 06	Tue	Kiwanis Board Meeting - all welcome - Lane
Oct 08	Thu	Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris
Oct 13	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark - George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Oct 17	Sat	Columbine Kiwanis Fall Picnic - Ruthann
Oct 18	Sun	Jeffco Symphony Orchestra - Jim R
Oct 20	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer- Colorado Credit Union
Oct 26	Mon	Project C.U.R.E. - George
Oct 27	Tue	Kiwanis After Dark - George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM
Nov 03	Tue	Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer- Colorado Credit Union
Dec 12	Sat	Christmas Party - Pot Luck

Nourish Meals on Wheels (Please check master list)

Oct 07	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Oct 08	Thu	Scott Story & Jim Johnstone
Oct 09	Fri	Abe Baltazar & Mitch Waldman
Oct 12	Mon	Don Buck & Jim Foley
Oct 14	Wed	Cleve & Terri McKinney
Oct 15	Thu	Rod & Karen Hunley
Oct 16	Fri	Ferris Forar & Ken Sweet
Oct 19	Mon	Mike Greunke and Bob Bushacher
Oct 20	Tue	Riggs & Bobbi Smith
Oct 21	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Oct 22	Thu	Rick Sutton and family
Oct 23	Fri	Nancy Bierman & Janet Woodhull
Oct 26	Mon	Mike Freunke & Bob Bushache
Oct 28	Wed	Terri & Cleve McKinney
Oct 30	Fri	Steve & Debbie Barne

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Kiwanis Fall Picnic

Save the date

October 17, Saturday

12-3pm

Potluck

Ruthann's House

Kiwanis members, family and friends' welcome. Bring a potential new member. Sign up SighUoGenius.

BBQ pulled pork will be provided.

Please bring a chair, and a dish to share. - Karen



IFCS

Fresh Thanks is an annual IFCS Food Distribution event that provides families with fresh, seasonal foods during the holiday season - so that tight budgets can still manage meaningful celebrations around the table.

Fresh Thanks volunteer opportunities are now available! This year's event will provide 500 families with seasonal groceries. Join us **November 21** at Arapahoe Community College for a day of giving!

Shifts are first-come, first-served and always go quickly. This is a high demand volunteer event, and volunteers must:

1. Contact Tara, our Volunteer Engagement & Training Manager, using the [contact form](#), then
2. Sign up through VolunteerHub in order to attend. (Once you've submitted the form to Tara, she will reply by email. If volunteer roles are still available, she will provide a unique VolunteerHub link for this event, so you may sign-up.)

Contact Ken or Rod for more information

2026 Induction

New officers for next year starting Oct 1. Left to right. Ken Sweet, past president; Mike Jepkes, secretary; Lane Andrew, president; Scott Storey; president elect Tom Durkin, treasurer. The ceremony was conducted by Rick Baldessari



Incoming Board of Directors

Pat McNellis, Kathy Athens, Rod Hunley



Jeffco Symphony

Join Us!

See Signup Genius for info*

Season Opener: Great American Composers

Sunday, October 18th, 2026 3:00 pm

Mines Green Center, Golden CO



Jefferson Symphony Orchestra
"Great American Composers"

Sunday October 18th
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Mines Green Center - Golden, 80401

jeffsymphony.org

Boo Bash

Friday, October 23 / 6 - 8 p.m.
Ridge Recreation Center
6613 S. Ward Street, Littleton, CO 80127

BOO-rific Bash & Splash is a fun, indoor event for the whole family that includes trick-or-treating, bounce houses and swimming. Kids get to show off their costumes while parents interact with local businesses.

Kiwanis will have a sponsor table and hand out literature and candy. We need 350 pieces of candy to hand out. Bring them to Ken if you are interested. We will need 2-3 helpers. Contact Ken



Columbine Key Club Blood Drive



Columbine Key Club

September was a busy month. On teachers' workday, Sept. 18, Key Clubbers provided childcare for teachers' children. Four members and two staff members had the opportunity to attend Vitalent's leadership program. Plans for school blood drive on October 20, and Trick-or-Treat Street, October 24, are under way.

Dues collection is under way. - Karen Hunley

Meals on Wheels Emergency

Don Buck is often able to fill in Meals on Wheels driving if there is a no show or an emergency cancellation.

Thank you Don. - Ken

Satellite Club

The Kiwanis Satellite Group will meet next Tuesday, October 6th at 12:30 PM at the Colorado Credit Union, 10026 W. San Juan Way. Our guest presenter will be Isaac Andrew, son of our club president, Lane. All are welcome to join us. Charlie Boyer

Shiloh House

It was great to have Stephene visit us last week. She was the big winner of the 50-50 drawing, \$2.00 which she put it the happy bucks can.

Here is a little more info on the events she was telling you about. Possible projects we have done these in the past.

1. Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat - We are hosting a community event on Friday, October 23rd in partnership with our neighbor, Front Range Christian. Please find the flyer attached with more details. We would love to see you there! Free for the Kiwanis (except for the treats you would want to hand out).
2. Holiday Gift Drive - We know it feels early, but our favorite time of year is quickly approaching! The holidays will be here before we know it, and we need your help to make it special for our kids. We serve those in our community that need the most support, and it takes a village to give them the holiday season they deserve.

Every year we collect wishlists from our kids and partner with local businesses, faith groups, and organizations who donate gifts. If you are interested in partnering with us, let me know and we will follow up with details (including timeline, gift parameters, and request details)! Thanks again!

Stephenie Ratke
www.shilohhouse.org

Sharing with Sheridan

We had 154 + seven newly registered neighbors come through the Pantry last week. Can you help out this week?

Also, a note to those who work in the I Dream room to repackage:

Please try to arrive at 11:30 and plan to stay until 1:30 or 2:00. Lately we are getting later shipments to repackage at 1:00 or 1:15; then there are few left to help out. Last week Dorie and Karen did the work of 12 strong men when a late supply of Brussels sprouts arrived!

Thanks to all of you who make this opportunity possible.

We will have some additional volunteers on Thursday; about eight kids and four adults from Sheridan HS from about 10-3). Once I get the list of volunteers I will start assigning placements.

Please let me know if you can help. We really need help in Registration. - Galen Wiese

World Traveler and Ph.D - Ruthann Moomy

Ruthann is quite the world traveler. Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, she studied International Economics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She then returned to Pennsylvania to pursue a master's degree in Mineral Economics. While there, she met her husband Rod, who was studying geochemistry. Love blossomed, and soon after Ruthann and Rod married, they both found employment doing research for a grant project in Vienna, Austria. Their time in Vienna was marvelous, and during the winter they skied over 35 times in the Italian and Austrian Alps and took many trips to other cities and countries within Europe, including Prague, Budapest, Munich, Moscow, and Greece. The grant funding ended and alas, Ruthann and Rod needed to find new employment. At that time, it was difficult to find employment in the mining industry, so Ruthann decided to pursue a PhD in mineral economics. Ruthann's particular area of study was a microeconomic focus on the natural resource business.

Upon the completion of her PhD, Colorado came calling for both Ruthann and Ron in the form of job offers – Rod at the Colorado School of Mines as a professor, and Ruthann with Cypress Minerals. She worked in Treasury and Finance at Cypress Minerals until 1994. Ruthann then worked as an investment consultant for corporate pension plans.

Ruthann and her husband have traveled to China (Shanghai and Beijing), Tibet, Japan, Torino Italy, South Africa, Chile, and Alaska. There is a picture below of Ruthann holding a koala during a trip they took to Australia. Rod is often invited to give speeches about his expertise in minerals, and he has also traveled to Peru, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, and India.

Ruthann has 2 children – a son, Matthew, who lives in New Jersey and has 3 girls, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who lives in southwest Jefferson County and has a baby boy. Ruthann often gets to babysit her grandson and makes trips back East to babysit her granddaughters. Interestingly, Ruthann's son played Little League baseball with the sons of Pat McNellis and Les Burns.



Kathy Athens

Ruthann is a former board member for our club and is currently helping to coordinate speakers for our breakfast meetings. (Her husband Rod gave a very interesting speech on rare earth minerals). She is a regular volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Ruthann has also graciously offered her beautiful home as the venue for our upcoming fall picnic on Saturday, October 17th at noon.