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Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly newsletter for October 21, 2026

This Week is Ken Caryl & Columbine & Arapahoe HS Principals

Greeter /Pledge: Rick Sutton **Invocation: Brian Counterman**

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





Oct 26 Brian Counterman

Upcoming Club Programs

Oct 28	**Major Mike O'Brian**	**Salvation Army**
Nov 4	**Julie Wiltshire**	**AI**
Nov 11	**Student of the month**	

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Oct 20	**Tue**	**Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union**
Oct 20	**Tue**	**Jeffco Business Alliance Ken**
Oct 22	**Thu**	**Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris**
Oct 23	**Fri**	**Boo-B ash Halloween - Ken**
Oct 26	**Mon**	**Project C.U.R.E. – George**
Oct 27	**Tue**	**Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM**
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Nov 21	**Sat**	**IFCS Food Distribution – Rod**
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 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**
Nov 03	**Tue**	**Riggs & Bobbi Smith**
Nov 04	**Wed**	**Cleve & Terri McKinney**
Nov 05	**Thu**	**Scott Story & Jim Johnstone**
Nov 06	**Fri**	**Les & Mary Burns & Sally Kingman**
Nov 08	**Mon**	**Tom Durkin and friend**
Nov 11	**Wed**	**Cleve & Terri McKinney**
Nov 12	**Thu**	**Rick Sutton family**
Nov 13	**Fri**	**Abe Baltazar & Mitch Waldman**
Nov 16	**Mon**	**Ruthann Moomy & Kathy Athens**
Nov 17	**Tue**	**Riggs & Bobbi Smith**
Nov 18	**Wed**	**Terri & Cleve McKinney**
Nov 19	**Thu**	**Rod & Karen Hunley**
Nov 23	**Mon**	**Geri Rinehart & Sandra Legge**

Attendance

Attendance at the October 14 meeting were 53, including 17 guests: Three students were honored with Student of the Month: Chris Vaden from Powell MS, Kadence Enderby from Arapahoe HS, and Mercer Goman from Ken Caryl MS. They were joined by family, teachers and school administrators.

October volunteer project hours MTD are 228.

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

October Students of the Month

At the October 14th Club Meeting, our guests included 3 Students of the Month (SoM) and family members and school administrators / teachers in a recognition program for students that demonstrate positive influence in their school communities through personal development, service to others and informal leadership. The Club members enjoy getting an insight into the world of these young people that are evolving into contributors and leaders shaping the future. In all cases – the schools emphasized selecting students for their work ethic/dedication, focus on studies, kindness and empathy to others.

Chris Vaden is a hardworking and very kind 8th grader from Powell MS with a passion for Volleyball, Basketball, Gaming with friends, and Math – which he "just gets". Although his least favorite subject is Language Arts, due to coping with dyslexia. The Powell staff note how dedicated he is working on techniques and ways to accommodate this, asking for help and putting in extra time to excel on his studies. The teachers love working with him and he has shown great improvement while at Powell. Chris says he is excited reading the book "The Giver" about a dystopian society without emotion or color and lives dictated by assigned roles, and he loves fantasy/science fiction. Finding Math "easy", Chris often helps his friends with Math while they help him with his Language Arts. He considers himself a "chill dude" while the staff and his extended family say he is outgoing, one of the kindest kids, helps everyone and works hard on his studies. He loves to travel, Hawaii was great and is looking forward to the upcoming trip about 30 Powell students are taking to Washington DC to experience so much that ties in with his love of History which he will pursue next year at Arapahoe HS.



Kaydence Enderby is a super busy and empathic senior at Arapahoe HS. She was joined by her dad Dennis and siblings Jaylen and Avery, along with the AHS Counselor Rosalie DeMello. She is splitting her classes across Arapahoe and the LPS Epic campuses, where for 3 hours a week she is studying human Behavioral Healthcare & Wellness with ambitions towards being a counselor. Early in her HS days, she lost her mom and she worked hard at dealing with and overcoming family and emotional issues that arose and she displayed courage in sharing that with our membership. Seeing how her counselors and others helped her recover opened her eyes to what she felt is her life mission – helping others going though this kind of issues and crises. In her off hours, she works 20 or more hours at "Kids Strong" where she applies her talents in behavior communications towards developing relationships and emotional skills as part of coaching youngsters in physical activity, cognitive development, and life skills to help kids grow in confidence, resilience, and independence. All the counselors at AHS love seeing and spending time with her; and her growth over the years, commitment and skills in working with others. She is very competent and confident in her verbal skills and in relating to and interacting with others; a very strong and assertive but supportive personality that will help a lot of people now and in the future.



Mercer Goman was Ken Caryl middle school's SOM and a very special young man to be sure. He shared his many interests which included basketball and lacrosse and two favorite classes, US history and AP math. Of particular note is his devotion to the special needs program that KC hosts for regional middle school aged youth. Mercer voluntarily gives up two elective periods daily to support the 10 kids in that program who have significant physical and mental deficits, often severe autism related. He is able to apply his insight and empathy to effectively interact with them. He is so taken with this that he intends to pursue it as a career. His parents, Matt and Heidi, shared how his calm and cooperative manner at home helps with managing a family of five children. Mercer was supported by his paternal grandparents, his counselor Janell and assistant principal Aryriann. Janell described his wonderful interaction with other students, and particularly his amazing skill in working with the special needs kids. Mercer is a wonderful example of our local youth and an obvious standout at Ken Caryl. It was a pleasure to acknowledge his efforts.



Kiwanis Fall Picnic

Sixteen members gathered in Ruthann and Rod's backyard for a summer picnic on a beautiful day. We enjoyed lively conversation and a delicious meal featuring Karen's pulled pork and everyone's potluck dishes. —Ken



South Jeffco Business Alliance

A great place to network and possibly recruit new members Join Ken and help pulpitis Kiwanis. Thes month will be networking, a great chance to tell others about Kiwanis. Join Ken,

Topic: Colorado Green Business Network and other sustainability resources
Adrien Horton and Gabe Catenacci will present the free Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) resources that support businesses with sustainability and environmental compliance.

Adrien will cover the Colorado Green Business Network, which provides free sustainability coaching and the ability to participate in a statewide recognition program. Gabe will share his role and similar agency resources that provide free and confidential environmental compliance assistance for small businesses.

When: Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Where: Peak Community & Wellness Center
6612 South Ward Street, Littleton, CO, 80127

How: Please **RSVP** so we can get a breakfast head count and receive a map of the park to help you find us. Please respect our breakfast sponsor and only RSVP if you are going to attend.

South Jeffco Business Alliance meetings are always FREE and open to anyone who wants to meet local business leaders. Best to register but just show up. Ken Sweet

RSVP for October 20 Meeting

Boo-Bash

Friday, October 23, 2026 • 6 - 8 p.m.
Ridge Recreation Center
6613 S. Ward Street, Littleton, CO 80127

BOO-riflc 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. Please bring Candy to Ken.



Christmas Pary – Save the Date

Columbine Kiwanis Club will have our Christmas Party on Saturday Dec 12, at Columbine United Church. It will be potluck; the club will provide the main dish and drinks.



Elevator Speech

When I talk to people and tell them that I'm in the Kiwanis club, they often have never heard of the group and really have no idea what a service organization is. As you meet people in your daily life, it's never safe to assume they know what Kiwanis is. Have an elevator speech ready.

Our Kiwanis group is a club which volunteers in the community with a focus on young people. We raise money and donate financially. Our club meets on Wednesday morning, but also on some Tuesday evenings, or Tuesdays at noon. We have about 70 members, both men and women, some retired, some in the midst of their careers. Spouses and friends and visitors are well done to join volunteer projects without becoming members. If you are looking for volunteer opportunities and or social opportunities, joining our club is a great way to meet people and provide service at the same time. - Lane

Kiwanis After Dark - Good Turnout

On October 13, we had 12 members and friends engage in a wide variety of interesting topics at our Kiwanis After Dark Social Time. These lively sessions are held the second and fourth Tuesday evenings each month at the 303 Sports Grill on W Bowles Avenue, starting at 5:00pm. We have a private room for this gathering, so we are not distracted by the other customers nearby. This is a great opportunity for our members to get better acquainted with fellow members - and find many topics of mutual interest. Come next time on October 27 or in November on the 10th or 24th. It's fun! - George



2027 Kiwanis TopGolf

We have started preparing for our TopGolf Fundraiser next April. To make it a bigger success we are looking to add sponsors.

We encourage you to share this information, especially with businesses and potential donors who may be interested in supporting the event. Columbine Kiwanis provides an outstanding audience for advertisers. Businesses looking to promote their products or services can benefit from engaging with event participants.

2027 Kiwanis TopGolf Sponsorship Levels

Bronze - $500

- Featured in Columbine Kiwanis newsletter
  - Circulation of over 600 potential consumers
- Logo placement on event materials
- 2 event tickets
- Table at event
  - Company visibility, and audience access and meet participants
  - Company Representative access to distribute company literature, etc.

Silver Golf Bay Sponsorship - $750

- **All** Bronze benefits
- 6 Sponsor Members Participate in Tournament
  - Great Team Building Experience

Gold - $2500

- **ALL** Silver and Bronze benefits plus
- Naming rights for part of the event
- Banner at event
- Newsletter featured for 4 weeks
- Time dedicated before the event for Sponsor to address participants
- One year Kiwanis Columbine Membership

