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Attendance

Attendance at the October 21 meeting were 34, including 4 guests: These included Scott Christy-Principal at Columbine HS, Steve Sisler-Principal at Arapahoe HS, and Lance Williams-Principal at Ken Caryl MS.

Project hours MTD for October is 371.5.

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 October 28, 2026

This Week's Presenter is Major Mike O'Brian
Topic "Salvation Army"

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.



Nov 04 Tom & Dawn McEwen



Nov 02 Mike Greunke

Upcoming Club Programs

Nov 04	**Julie Wiltshire**	**"AI"**
Nov 11	**Student of the month**	

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Oct 27	**Tue**	**Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM**
Oct 29	**Thu**	**Sharing with Sheridan - Ferris**
Nov 03	**Tue**	**Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union**
Nov 10	**Tue**	**Kiwanis After Dark – George Kinzer, 303 Sports Bar 5:00 PM**
Nov 17	**Tue**	**Satellite Meeting - Charlie Boyer– Colorado Credit Union**
Nov 21	**Sat**	**IFCS Food Distribution – Rod**
Niv 21	**Sat**	**Sweet Dreams in a Bad Shavon**
Dec 07	**Mon**	**Columbine Kiwanis Blood Drive – Tom D**
Dec 12	**Sat**	**Christmas Party - Pot Luck**

Nourish Meals on Wheels (Please check master list}

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**	**Bob Bushacher and Mike Grunke**
Nov 18	**Wed**	**Terri & Cleve McKinney**
Nov 19	**Thu**	**Rod & Karen Hunley**
Nov 23	**Mon**	**Geri Rinehart & Sandra Legge**
Nov 25	**Wed**	**Terri & Cleve McKinney**
Nov 27	**Fri**	**Nancy Bierman & Janet Woodhull**

Principals Visit

Scott Christy of CHS. The focus on career ready paths through Career and Tech Ed (CTE) classes has resulted in a change of those going on to traditional 4 yr colleges from 85% to 50% reflecting more students being ready to earn a living right out of high school. With the long waitlist at Warren Tech, CHS has added its own set of CTE classes in collaboration with Community Colleges. The goal is for every student to graduate with some college credits from CTE and AP classes. He also noted CHS's commitment to Veterans and invited any Vets to their upcoming celebration.

Lance Williams of KCMS thanked us for our Student of the Month program which he has often attended and noted the strong educational integration of the area schools leading to Columbine HS, mentioning students wearing "Lions to Rebels" T-Shirts (Columbine Hills ES to CHS). As the primary MS feeding CHS, he and Scott work closely to shape the KCMS program to prepare the students for their HS days, including offering career related experiences as they explore their interests. He talked about the JPS Outdoor Lab program in the mountain camps where they will be taking all of the 6th graders for an enriching week of outdoor education in a mountain environment. It's fun to see prior KC students come back as HS or Post-Grad Leaders and Interns working with the 6th graders. **Our Club presented Lance with a $2000 check** that can go to providing scholarships so all students can attend without regard to financial needs.

Steve Sisler of AHS is an AHS grad, over 20 years teaching social studies, coaching wrestling and other duties and is just the 3rd principal in 41 years. He's carrying on after his dad who also taught and coached wrestling at AHS. Side note, our member Rick Sutton was one of his coaches/refs back in the day. AHS has a proud tradition and recognition for academic excellence and has embraced offering a wide range of career-oriented education both in-house with CTE classes at AHS, at the LPS Explorative Pathway for Innovative Careers (EPIC) near Littleton HS, and CTE programs at Douglas County, Englewood and Sheridan schools. Nearly all graduates continue their education at the academic or trade path, leveraging their credits from AP and Concurrent Enrollment opportunities. Belonging as part of the AHS Tribe is an important part of the school culture through the large offerings of sports and clubs. This is accentuated by the unique relationship established in 1993 with the Arapahoe Tribe in Wyoming. The original version of the "Arapahoe Warrior" logo is the design of Wilbur Antelope, a Northern Arapaho artist and is endorsed by the Arapahoe Nation and is protected and respected by the AHS community. This has been a continuing relationship and sharing of cultures with Nation members, bringing their culture to AHS and our students visiting their schools in Wyoming.

Don Buck





Dues are Due

Your club fiscal year ended 9/30/2026. As we begin our new fiscal year, I want to remind you to pay the first quarter dues. Because of your cooperation and prompt dues payment, your board will not be increasing the dues for this fiscal year – Regular dues will remain at $175 per quarter, and the Satellite/Project dues will be $60 per quarter. Thanks to those members who have already paid and to the other one-third please remit them by month-end. - Tom Durkin





BLOOD DRIVE SAVE THE DATE

DATE: Monday, December 7, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Riverwalk Clubhouse
Littleton, CO 80123
Because of you, life doesn't stop

vitalant
Blood Donation

Jefferson Symphony Concert

A big THANK-YOU to our Kiwanis volunteers for a wonderful turnout! JSO kicked off its 74th year with a fantastic season opener. An incredible season awaits, featuring an amazing lineup of talented musicians and guest artists!



Mark your calendars and join us for our Holiday Concert on Sunday, Dec 13th! We look forward to celebrating the holidays with you! - Joann



Jefferson Symphony Holiday Concert
with
Denver Children's Choir

Sunday, Dec 13, 2026 3:00 - 5:30 PM MST
Mines Green Center - Golden, 80401

Sharing With Sheridan

We were grateful the rain held off as we gathered to serve 174 families (589 neighbors). For the coming week, we can use:

- canned veggies
- canned beans
- canned fruit
- dry pasta
- dry macaroni & cheese

Thank you for your continued care of our neighbors.
Stephanie

Boo-Bash

On Friday Foothills had it's Boo-Bash party. Bouncy toys, and gobs of candy for kids. It was a chance for vendors such as Kiwanis to meet parents, and kids. Ken, Chuck, Karen, and Rod handed out candy and talked to kids and parents. Chuck gave one piece of candy to kids when he could guess who they were, two if he could not guess their custom.

We made some good contacts with parents and other vendors. Some interest in Kiwanis, perhaps some new members.





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.

JA Program October 30th

I'm excited to offer a new JA program called JA Dream Accelerator. This is a new program that is designed to help high school students' plan for their future. This self-guided program helps them with careers, open a business, and prepare a budget. It is truly remarkable to guide them through this course. It is fun to witness their reactions as the outcomes change with each of their decisions. This is a one-day program and I will provide transportation. We will start at 4G's at 7:30 and carpool to JA office in the tech center. We should be back to 4G's sometime after 2pm. If you (two members) are interested there is a signup genius page. Thanks Tom Durkin

Triad-Making sense out of Medicare

For October, the program is Making Sense of Medicare on Tuesday, October 27th at 1:30 PM. Medicare open enrollment begins October 15th and now is the time to get the updated information to assist you with any changes you may want to make. Connie Ward with Optimal Aging Medicare Solutions will guide you through the Medicare proposals that are sometimes hard to understand. Please join us with all your questions!

For November, the program is "The Star Spangled Banner" on Tuesday, November 24th at 1:30 PM. We will have another history lesson presented by our favorite historian, Riggs Smith, the former guide at the Colorado State Capitol who has a passion for history. He will take us through the history of our National Anthem, from the beginning to the final Anthem we sing today, "The Star Spangled Banner". This will be a great way to kick off the Thanksgiving holiday! As always, please join us the 4th Tuesday of every month (except December) at the Jefferson County District Attorney's Conference Room (500 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden).

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

Veterans Day

Several of the schools have veterans' day celebration. Great opportunity to meet and talk to students. I will list them in the newsletter when I hear about them. Send me any information.



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

