



Changing Times

Changing the World Through Service, Friendship & Fun
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Kiwanis SEMD Newsletter – Summer 2026

NEXT MEETING DATE - Check Happy Hour time and place

2025-2026 Kiwanis Club of Southeast Metro Denver

Dave Rich	President
Mel Schupp	Immediate Past President,
	Treasurer
Jack Forhan	Secretary
Mary Forhan	Assistant Secretary
Lizzie Coombs	Director
Gail Coombs	Director
Skylar Gattengo	Newsletter
Mary Forhan	Club History
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Committee Heads

Colorado Feeding Kids
Dave Rich, Gail Coombs
Sweet Dream in a Bag
Shavon Forte
Kiwanis One Day – Gail Coombs
Website - Melissa Schupp
Parker Days – Mel & Keith Schupp,
Ronald McDonald House – Jim Terpstra,
Melissa Schupp
Denver Children's Home – Mel Schupp

Websites

KiwanisInternational <http://Kiwanis.org>

Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District
<https://www.rmdkiwanis.com/>

Kiwanis DTC and SEMD
Kiwanissemd.org

[kiwanissemd.org](http://Kiwanissemd.org)

Together we can change the world, one child and one community at a time.



President's Message

In Dave's Words:

The baton was passed at a terrific Installation Dinner where Mel Schupp provided a slideshow of me as different historical or cultural figures. Very clever. It matches Mel's creativity, energy, and enthusiasm as our President and one of the Founding Mothers of our Club. And special recognition also goes out to Gail Coombs as the other Founding Mother. We are a club because of the hard work and dedication of these two ladies. Thank you!

In addition to myself, the Board this year is comprised of Mel Schupp (past president), Jack Forhan (treasurer for life), Mary Forhan (secretary), Gail Coombs (member-at-large), and Skylar Gattegno (member-at-large). Sixteen of seventeen last year's members have paid their Kiwanis dues for this coming year and we are working on the seventeenth member. Our Club is financially strong. After dues payment to Kiwanis International and other expenses, we will have over \$5000 in the operating account and the foundation account has \$10,206.

Our projects for the next year will continue to be Ronald McDonald House, Colorado Feeding Kids, Denver Children's Home, Parker Days, and of course Happy Hour. If you have other projects focused on kids that you would like our Club to volunteer for, and are willing to be the project's sponsor, please bring it to the attention of the Board.

Lastly, the Board approved a \$500 donation to Colorado Feeding Kids to be presented at the October 3 packing.

Let's have a fun year!

SAVE THE DATE

Happy Hour - Thursday, October 22, 5:30 Metropolitan Bar and Grill, 10111 Inverness Main Street Unit H – Just across from Marco's where we had our last Happy Hour.

Ronald McDonald House – Breakfast with Santa, either Saturday December 5 or 12.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Time and date to be announced, join us a King Soopers at Holly for a fun time singing, bell ringing, and collecting donations.

Christmas Party – Thursday, December 17 at Keith and Melissa's Home, lots of good food, fun and games – Details TBD

SEMD Installation Dinner

Tuesday, September 29, 5:45

Forhan Home – 4491 E. Perry Parkway, Greenwood Village 80121



Thanks to the outgoing board 2025-26
Keith & Mel Schupp, Gail Coombs, Dave Rich



Welcome to the incoming board for 2026-27
Gail Coombs, Mel Schupp, Dave Rich, Jack & Mary Forhan

President Mel's Farewell remarks:

As my year as President comes to an end, I want to take a moment to say **thank you**.

This year has been filled with so many great experiences, but what I will remember most is the incredible support from all of you. Our club is only as strong as the people who are willing to show up, lend a hand, and make a difference.

We had some wonderful volunteer opportunities throughout the year. At the **Ronald McDonald House**, we served breakfast to families who were going through a difficult time. Together we could make someone's day a little better. We'll be doing breakfast with Santa in Dec. 5 or 12.

At the **Denver Children's Home**, we prepared a home-cooked meal and had the opportunity to sit down and spend time with the kids. We also had a special painting event, which was a lot of fun. They want us to come back and do another painting event.

We also had a great time **serving beer at Parker Days**. It was a fun way to raise money for our club while getting out into the community and enjoying some time together.

And at **Colorado Feeding Kids**, we rolled up our sleeves and packed meals that would go to children and families in need. It always amazes me how many 1000's of bags we get packed in a short period of time. Special Kiwanis Packing Event Oct 3rd.

I truly appreciate every person who volunteered, donated, helped organize an event, brought a friend or family member, or simply encouraged our club throughout the year. Your support made my year as President a very special one.

Being President has been an honor, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such a wonderful group of people.

Thank you for trusting me, supporting me, and most importantly, for continuing to make a difference in our community.

I'm proud of what we accomplished together this year, and I'm excited to see what our club will accomplish in the year ahead.

Thank you, everyone, and cheers to another great year of Kiwanis!

Mel



Introducing Our New Kiwanis President — Dave!



Dave has been a member of Kiwanis for more than **15 years** and has been a dedicated volunteer and past board member. It only took him retiring from his career as a lawyer to finally convince him to take on the role of President!

Dave is always willing to lend a hand. He enjoys volunteering at the **Ronald McDonald House**—although, for some reason, he is no longer allowed to make the cinnamon rolls in the oven!

He's not afraid of a little adventure either. Dave has **dived with sharks**, so we know he's not easily intimidated. He's also a **twin**. Dave is also a **longtime Denver Broncos fan**.

At **Help and Hope**, Dave isn't afraid to get down to business—and yes, that includes using the vacuum cleaner! He also poured beer at **Parker Days**, and somehow managed to do it without even getting a glass for himself!

There's just one volunteer challenge we haven't conquered yet: getting Dave out to **ring the Salvation Army bell during the Christmas season**. We're working on it!

Dave has given many years of service to Kiwanis, and we're excited to have him lead us into another great year of serving our community.

Please join me in welcoming our new Kiwanis President—Dave!

Mel



Mel passed the ball to Dave. It's up to him to take it and run with it! SEMD Kiwanis supporting team is ready to back up their quarterback!





Dave's leadership is crucial to the continued success of our club!



Founding members and incoming board are ready to help!



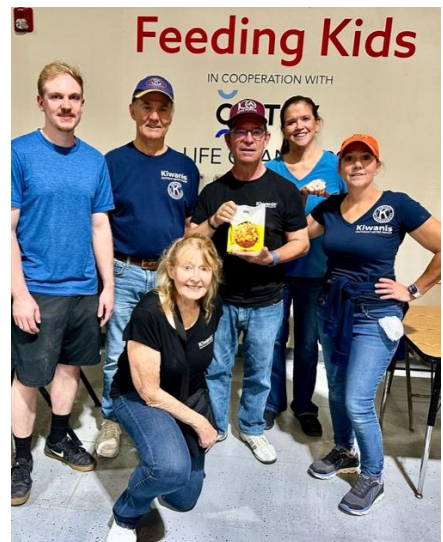
Outgoing board may take a well-deserved vacation.



Here's to a great new year with Kiwanis SEMD!

Colorado Feeding Kids -Kiwanis Packing Event Saturday, October 3

20,000 meals packed



Happy Hour – Marco's Coal-Fired Pizza – September 10

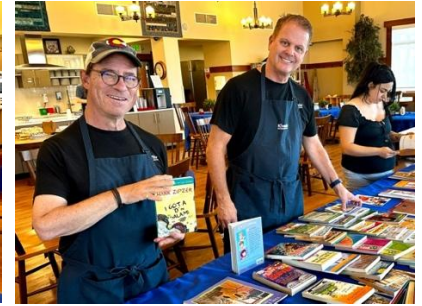


Looking back on some of the past highlight events

Denver Children's Home Taco Dinner August 22



Ronald McDonald House Breakfast July 11



Ronald McDonald House Breakfast May 2



Parker Days



\$47.31 Amount received from King Soopers
Cards used in Community Rewards. Sign up if you
haven't already. See below.

If you have a King Scoopers Card - select **Kiwaniis Southeast Metro Denver Club Community Rewards** recipient

How to do this:

Go to the Kings Scoopers app on your phone.

Click on the three red lines on the upper right corner.

Select Rewards.

Select Community Rewards.

Search for **Kiwaniis Southeast Metro Denver Club**

Save it.

\$80 accrued in 4th quarter 2023 -More people involved means more earnings for the club!



#Kids Need Kiwanis

