

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Busy Time...

The new year is here and we are looking forward to a busy spring. But there is a lot to celebrate from the holiday season. Thank you for the many hours of volunteering for Santa House and bell ringing, all the while keeping up with packing food for students at Thomson Elementary and reading with and to students at Swanson Elementary. The Christmas Family Breakfast was a great success with more than 80 in attendance. Santa was a big hit with his caroling and story telling.

We have a lot going on this spring. Be sure to check out the *Coming Up* and *Mark Your Calendar* information below and make sure you get signed up for the projects and activities that are of interest.

For our Sweetheart Valentine Breakfast, Brian Rose and Marilyn Sterrenberg-Rose are going to share with us their musical journey in retirement. Please join us on Feb. 8th. Please join me in welcoming our newest AJK members, Arvada Police Department's Don Wick, Ed Brady, and Link Strate, and the return of Don Vecchio who were all inducted on January 25th. Please remember to wear your name tag at breakfast to help Don, Ed, Link, and Don learn our names.

Thank you for all you do—*You Make the Difference.*

## COMING UP...

**Luna Fest**, Thursday, Feb. 2 at 6:00 pm. Lakewood Cultural Center, 470 S. Allison Parkway, Lakewood.

**Valentine's Breakfast**, Wednesday, Feb. 8. Bring your sweetheart. No charge for guests. Sign up on the sign-up sheet or email Leslie by Wed, Feb. 1 so we can give the Arvada Center a count.

**Good-bye to Trains**— Saturday, Feb. 11. Bob Neumayr is moving to the Covenant and has invited club members to an open house to see his trains for a last (or first) time. Sign up going around at Wednesday meetings.

**Sweet Dream in a Bag**, Thursday, Feb. 16, 11:30 am. Jefferson County Head Start School, 5150 Allison, Arvada. Volunteers will help distribute bags with bedding and a personalized book to children in transition out of homelessness.

**Fundraiser—Indian Tree Clubhouse**. Thursday, March 2. 10% of your bill will come back to AJK. Open 9 am—7 pm. 7555 Wadsworth Blvd. (See flyer on page 4)

**Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference**, Hilton Hotel, Fort Collins—Friday, March 3 (evening tour of New Belgium Brewery), Saturday, March 4 (includes seminars and interclub luncheon with Kiwanis International President, Jane Erickson), and Sunday, March 5 (President's training). Registration \$55 (last day for early bird registration is Jan. 31.)

## LOOKING AHEAD—MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

**Boulder Dinner Theater**—*Disenchanted*, Saturday, April 8th

**AWRSAY Awards Ceremony**—Tuesday, April 11, Wheat Ridge High School

**Sweet Dream in a Bag**—Thursday, April 13, 11:30 at Jefferson County Head Start

**Highway Clean-up**—April (date to be determined)

**Colfax Marathon**—Sunday, May 21

**AJK Progressive Dinner**—tentative, Saturday, June 3

**Arvada on Tap**—Saturday, July 22



**Kiwanis**  
ARVADA JEFFERSON

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

**NEW AJ KWANIANS**

We are excited to welcome new members to the club. The Arvada Police Department’s Chief Don Wick, Deputy Chief Ed Brady, and Deputy Chief Link Strate, and Don Vecchio were inducted into membership on Wednesday, January 27th. Wick and Vecchio are former members, but decided it was time to re-join the club.

Please add their contact information to your AJK Directory:

**Arvada Police Department**

- Don Wick—don@arvada.org
- Ed Brady—ebrady@arvada.org
- Link Strate—link-s@arvada.org
- 8101 Ralston Road, Arvada CO 80003
- 720-898-6665

**Don Vecchio**

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- 303.503.9886
- 7068 Parfet Ct.
- Arvada, CO 80004



**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY**

The AJK Board voted in December to distribute \$2,225 of the available funds from our foundation to the following groups:

**AWRSAY**—\$1,500 to go toward a scholarship. Award ceremony will be April 11th at Wheat Ridge High School. Find out more about AWRSAY at <http://www.rccc.edu/awrsay>. Since 2001, AWRSAY has recognized youth who have overcome a major life obstacle or adversity. AWRSAY seeks to acknowledge these deserving youth by providing recognition to all and, in the case of high school seniors, scholarship opportunities to Red Rocks Community College. The hope is that, through community encouragement, support and recognition, Arvada and Wheat Ridge youth will grow to be confident members and leaders in our communities.



**Shining Stars Foundation**—\$250. Their mission is to transform lives through year-round, outdoor recreational and social programs for children and their families challenged with pediatric cancer or other life threatening illnesses. Programs are provided at no cost to the child or their family. Our donation will go to help a child in Arvada. To find out more about this organization go to [www.shiningstarsfoundation.org](http://www.shiningstarsfoundation.org).

**Sweet Dream in a Bag**—\$250. Susie and Wayne Fox, members of the DTC Kiwanis club, head up this charity which is committed to the vision that all children feel loved and cared for by providing beauty and order in their sleeping spaces. They provide a bag filled with all NEW bedding: twin sheet set, comforter, bed pillow, fleece twin blanket, toothbrush, toothpaste and a personalized book that lets the children know how import and awesome they are, plus an age appropriate small toy to love. Several AJK members have helped distribute the bags and read the story to the young children at Jefferson County Head Start in Arvada. Find out more at [www.sweetdreaminabag.org](http://www.sweetdreaminabag.org).



**Extended Hands of Help**—\$250. A campaign to heal and rehabilitate girls rescued from sex trafficking. This charity, based in Broomfield, offers safe housing and supportive services to domestic sex trafficking survivors, empowering them to move forward with hope and dignity, and raises awareness of sex trafficking through education. We will hear a presentation on this program during our March 8th meeting. Find out more at <http://extendedhandsofhope.org/>

## TERRIFIC KIDS...

Each month three special kids from Swanson Elementary School receive a Kiwanis Terrific Kids Certificate, a Terrific Kids Pencil, and a Dairy Queen coupon donated by Scott Patrick (owner of the DQ Grill & Chill, Arvada). Teachers nominate kids for the monthly award. Thank you Scott, parents and teachers and Roy Knight, who continues to provide Kiwanis leadership for this program.

TERRIFIC KID  
**Jasmin Perez**

This month, I would like to nominate Jasmin Perez for being a terrific kid! Jasmin is new to Swanson this year, and she brings so much joy and energy into our classroom each day. Jasmin is kind and always willing to help anyone, including teachers. Jasmin tries hard at everything she does and she is always thinking of ways to help her groups and fellow classmates. We are so lucky to have you, Jasmin.



Ms. Spivey

TERRIFIC KID  
**Lyric Singchaichana**

I would like to nominate Lyric Songchaichana for receiving the Terrific Kids award this month! Lyric comes into class every afternoon ready to learn. He is a positive role model for all of the students in my classroom. He is very respectful to the adults at our school, and all of his classmates as well. Lyric is working very hard in all academic areas, and it is starting to pay off! His reading level has gone up and he is an excellent role model! Thank you Lyric for having such a positive attitude and "Stepping it Up!" and being a Terrific Kid

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Breton



TERRIFIC KID  
**Ruben Arambula (4th grade):**

When I think of a student of demonstrated terrific qualities, Ruben Arambula immediately pops into my mind. I taught Ruben in third grade and have been fortunate to have him in fourth grade as well. During this time I have watched him grow in countless ways. First, Ruben is a shining star in his studies. He takes pride in his work and never backs down from a challenge. He loves to learn and has a deep desire to better understand his world. Ruben also has the qualities of a great leader. He never takes over a project or a activity, but rather

guides his classmates towards success. He is deeply respected and loved by all in our classroom. His kindness keeps us positive, and his humor keeps us laughing. Next year, I will desperately miss having Ruben as a student. However, he is destined for great things!

Elizabeth Hall

## PICTURE GALLERY

President's Holiday Open House



Santa House



Family Christmas  
Breakfast



Chili Bunco



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# SUPPORT LOCAL GROUPS

MAR. 2

Join us at Indian Tree Clubhouse, 7555 Wadsworth Blvd., on Thursday, March 2 from 9 am-7 pm and 10% of your check will be donated to **Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis.**



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