

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### Busy Times Coming

Its time to start gearing up for an active Fall season. We've had a bitter sweet summer with fun activities like Arvada on Tap and the progressive dinner but sad times with the passing of Stan Jewell and Duane Youse's wife Betty. How precious life is.

You will see the calendar of activities coming up this fall below. Be sure to get these dates on your calendar and sign up for the things you can volunteer for. Pins 4 Kids, our signature fundraiser, is set for Sunday, October 29th. Start working on family, friends, and co-workers to put together a team—we want to fill all the lanes this year. And asking for silent auction items. I've already have two items.

Thanks for all you do to make a difference in our community. ~Leslie

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Feeding the Future**, backpack program at Thomson Elementary, Thursdays at 8:00 am at Thomson Elementary starting Sept 7—contact Doris Sitpech or Dick Feuerborn.
- ◆ **Swanson Elementary reading program and Terrific Kids**—starting back up—contact Roy Knight.
- ◆ **Arvada Harvest Festival** – AJK pancake breakfast – Saturday, Sept 9—contact Brad Rupert
- ◆ **Arvada Day of Service** – Saturday, Sept 16 - contact Bob Wilson
- ◆ **Sweet Dream in a Bag** – Wednesday, Sept 20. Other dates are on Thursdays - Nov 9, Dec 14 . Contact Leslie Feuerborn
- ◆ **AJK Installation Dinner** – Saturday, Sept 30 at Bread Winners Café, Arvada. Contact Bob Wilson
- ◆ **Highway Clean-Up**—October (date to be determined). Contact Clark Morrell
- ◆ **Pumpkin Patch**—October (dates to be determined). Contact Brad Rupert or Clark Morrell
- ◆ **Pins 4 Kids fundraiser**—Sunday, October 29. Contacts: Brad Rupert, Mary Jo Giddings, Doris Stipech, Ginny Hoskins, or Dick Feuerborn
- ◆ **Santa House**—November and December. Contact Joel Folk or Duane Youse
- ◆ **Bell Ringing for Salvation Army**—November and December. Contact Steve Close or Bud Werner
- ◆ **President's Holiday Open House** – Sunday, Dec. 17, 2-5 p.m. hosted by Bob and Susan Wilson
- ◆ **RMDK Mid-Year Conference** in Arvada – Fri, March 11—12 at Arvada Center and Hilton Garden Inn. Contact Hazel Hartbarger
- ◆ **Bandimere Speedway tour and races**—currently looking at dates in August, September or October. Contact Clark Tuck

## BE A TOOL DAY OF SERVICE—ARVADA



Kiwanis is all about serving children and uplifting communities. On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, join other AJK members and students from Arvada West High School for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Be A Tool Day of Service** in Arvada. The Day of Service is family friendly, serving neighbors in need; making homes warm, dry, and safe. **Our Club has been assigned to help a single mom with four children.**

1. Register via this website: [www.beatool.org](http://www.beatool.org) and click the "Arvada" button.
2. Click on "Register" to start your registration.
3. Choose "Arvada – Adult Volunteer". You can register more than one adult at a time and children 13 or older. If you have a child 12 or younger to register, click on "Arvada-Child Volunteer".
4. Click on "Checkout" at the bottom of the box.
5. A new screen will open where you will need to fill in the requested information
6. Answer YES to the question, "Are you with a Large Group?" and choose Arvada Kiwanis from the drop-down menu (sorry it does not say Arvada-Jefferson, but it is too late to change).
7. Click on "Complete Registration" when finished.

Please register by the end of Wednesday, August 23. If you need help please contact Bob Wilson.

A representative from the **Be A Tool Day of Service** will be at our meeting on August 23 to answer any questions and help with registering folks who don't "do" email.

With all the talent in our Club and our unending spirit of helping children and the Arvada area, we can make a difference!

The day will begin at 8:00am, when you check in and receive your **Be A Tool** t-shirt and project location, meet our Project Manager and receive a safety talk. We will have a Project Manager who will explain the project and provide direction. Please bring work gloves, water bottle, sunscreen and clothes that can get dirty. Coffee, juice and snacks will be provided in the morning and a box lunch will be delivered to our work site. They anticipate projects being complete by 4pm.



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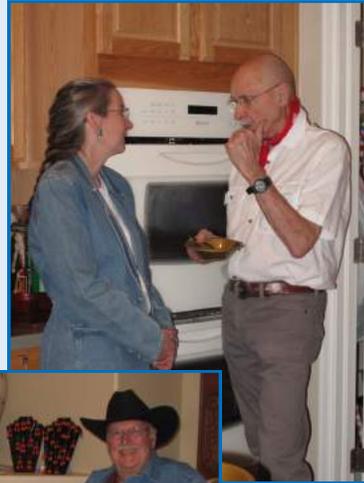
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*Check out our new website*

## BE A TOOL 5K/10K—KIWANIS KITCHEN



**POSITIVELY DELIGHTFUL PROGRESSIVE DINNER**



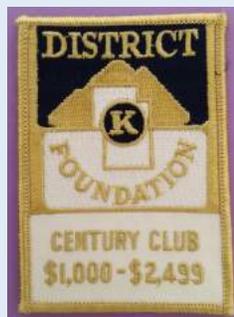
**NATIONAL REPRETORY ORCHESTRA—BRECKENRIDGE**



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION—CHEYENNE WY**



Join Us in Arvada promotion of 2018 Mid-Year Conference in Arvada



New patch for AJK banner



Gift cards brought in >\$250 to District Foundation in silent auction



AJK Attendees; Nancy, Clark, Leslie, Maggie, and Bob

# Results from our discussions and polling at the AJK Annual Meeting on May 17, 2017

## Topic #1 – Speaker Protocol – Political Issues and Candidates

- If a speaker is a political candidate, opposing candidate must be on the program.
- If a program involves a political issue, we need presenters from both side of the issue.

### Questions:

1. Is this the protocol we want to stay with? n=29 58.6% Yes 41.4% No
2. I prefer no political issues be allowed? n=24 25.0% Yes 75.0% No
3. I prefer no political candidates as speakers? n=25 36.0% Yes 64.0% No
4. Opposing candidate or opposition point of view of an issue must be provided? N=24 66.7% Yes 33.3% No
  - When possible
  - If there is one
  - a. At the same meeting n=21 57.1% Yes 42.9% No
    - At meeting if opposing side is available
    - Not enough time for both
  - b. Can be at separate meetings n=23 69.6% Yes 30.4% No
5. We don't need opposing sides presented. Any issue or candidate can be invited to present to the club. N=22 31.8% Yes 68.2% No

### Additional comments:

- Introduce and bring flyers
- Nonpolitical party ok
- Have a facilitator
- Introductions
- Would stay away from state and federal candidates

### Additional comments:

- Happy with the way we are doing it now
  - Get our name out there
  - Plan out strategies
  - Stay in Arvada
  - Upper limit \$2K
  - Not become a fundraising machine – like our mix
  - Either, depending on requests
  - Larger donation – mostly as we do now.
- What's left – smaller. We usually have \$ left for this.

## Summary

### Speaker Policy

Our policy remains the same: Political issue and candidates are allowed as speakers but opposing candidate or opposition point of view must be provided when possible and they can be at separate meetings.

### Fundraising

Membership is satisfied with the level of giving we currently provide and prefers the club give smaller donations to more charities rather than larger donations to fewer charities. The majority of members are willing to both personally donate to the AJK Foundation and participate in fundraising activities that support our efforts. Criteria for the Board to use when selecting organizations or groups to support was defined.

## Topic #2 – Fundraising

Refer to the Donations and Fundraising sheet for information

### Questions:

1. Are you satisfied with the level of giving we currently provide? n=27 85.2% Yes 14.8% No  
If no, how much should we be giving to our local charities? \$500 minimum (1)
2. Rank the top 5 criteria you think the Board should use to select organizations we should support with our donations. 1 = more important criteria  
**Rank**
  - 1 Is child focused (average score 1.47)
  - 2 Serves children and/or families in Arvada (average score 1.63)
  - 3 Serves children and/or families in (north) Jefferson County (avg score 2.50)
  - 4 Programs that address social, economic, or emotional needs (homelessness, abuse, sexual assault, suicide, food access) (avg score 2.86)
  - 5 Program that promote healthy eating and active living (avg score 3.42)
  - 6 Programs focusing on low-income needs (avg score 3.61)
  - 7 Serves children and/or families in Colorado (avg score 3.62)
3. Are you more willing to personally donate to the AJK Foundation (unrestricted funds) or participate in a fundraising activity to support our efforts?
 

<u>15.2%</u>	I'm willing to personally donate to the Foundation to support our efforts. n=5
<u>15.2%</u>	I'm only willing to participate in a fundraising activity. n=5
<u>69.6%</u>	I'm willing to donate and participate. n=23

  - Club match
4. Should we give larger donations (\$1,000-\$5,000) to a few charities or smaller donations (\$250-\$500) to a larger number of charities?
 

<u>41.4%</u>	Larger donation to fewer charities. n=12
<u>58.6%</u>	Smaller donations to more charities. n=17

  - Existing policy retained mostly



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