

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Serving the Children**

On Tuesday evening, January 12, your Board of Directors had the pleasant task of deciding which organizations to donate money to. During the last many months, you, the members of AJK, have raised over \$11,000! Thank you for all your dedication and work on our projects. You will read elsewhere in this newsletter how we shared about \$5,000. Let us keep doing what we have been doing, gather for fellowship and fun, and raise more money. In these ways we can continue to serve the children of Arvada, our surrounding areas, and the world!

~Bob

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ **Chili Bunco**—THIS FRIDAY, January 19 starting at 6:00 p.m. at The Depot at Five Parks, 13810 W 85th Dr, Arvada. Haven't signed up? Don't worry, come join us anyway for chili and bunco. Contact: Paula Emeson.
- ♦ **Sweet Dream in a Bag**—Wednesday, January 31, 11:30-12:30 at Jefferson County Head Start School, 5150 Allison Street, Arvada. Contact: Leslie Feuerborn. Another distribution is scheduled for Thursday, March 22.
- ♦ **AJK Valentine's Sweetheart Breakfast**, Wednesday, February 14. Invite your sweetheart to join us for breakfast and enjoy a presentation by Brenda King, Costume Director for the Arvada Center.
- ♦ **iPie Social & Fundraiser**—Monday, February 19. Infinitus Pie, 5807 W. 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge. Invite your family, friends, co-workers, church group, etc. Open from 11 am—9 pm. 31.4% of the whole day's proceeds come to AJK. Contact: Bob Wilson.
- ♦ **RMDK Mid-Year Conference** in Arvada – March 9—11 at the Arvada Center and the Hilton Garden Inn Arvada . Contact: Hazel Hartbarger. AJK is hosting this event and we hope to have great representation from the Club this weekend. Raquel Garcia, who presented to our club last year, will be the entertainment at the Saturday evening awards dinner.
- ♦ **AWRSAY Recognition Ceremony**—Wednesday, April 4 at Pomona High School, 8101 W. Pomona Drive, Arvada.
- ♦ **AJK Biennial Melodrama**—*The Great Ice Cream Screme!* - Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14 at Shrine of St. Anne's Catholic School, 7320 Grant Pl, Arvada.
- ♦ **Patsy Cline** at Boulder Dinner Theater—Stay tuned for more information on May date. Contact Ginny Hoskins.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO

Another Busy Year for the AWRSAY Santa House



Seven hundred seventy-five (775) **families** in need with children who attend Allendale, Campbell, Foster, Fremont, Fitzmorris, Kullerstrand, Lawrence, Little, Parr, Peck, Pennington, Secrest, Swanson, Thomson, and Vanderhoof elementary schools, Arvada K-8, and Arvada Head Start, visited the Arvada Santa House. Parents selected donated gifts for **1,851 elementary and middle school children**, and siblings ages infant through 12.

Club members volunteered many hours to help run the Santa house and guide parents in selecting gifts for their children. During November and December, nearly **530 volunteer hours** were donated just by AJK members with the bulk of that time provided by Jan Folk, Joel Folk, Kathy Kuehn, Larry Kuehn, and Duane Youse. Mark Hoskins provided many hours of help as well. Additional members who recorded hours working at the Santa House were Paula, Dave, Mary Jo, Elaine, Irv, Clark M, Cheryl, Henry, Jim, and Rachel.

This is definitely a community-wide effort as AWRSAY members including Arvada, Wheat Ridge, and Clear Creek Kiwanis, Rotary, and Optimist clubs and many others volunteer to make this project succeed. Just a few of the efforts that helped make this 12th year of operation a success included APEX Parks & Recreation providing drop off boxes at all their locations, local realtor April Carlton encouraged donation giving through her newsletter, and the Lake Arbor Optimists repairing and donating 22 bikes.



Bell Ringing

The weather wasn't too bad this year as **42 AJK members** stood outside King Soopers stores for **74 hours** ringing bells for the Salvation Army. We had support from family and friends who rang for **10 hours** and the Jefferson Academy Key Club provided **28 hours** to fill those late afternoon hours.

Write Stuff



On January 11th, Bob Wilson, Jim Pierson, and Nancy Bentzen were joined by two members from the Alameda West club to deliver school supplies to students at Arvada K-8. This Division 9 project provides pens, pencils, paper and other school supplies to 10 schools in Jeffco.

About six years ago, the Alameda West Kiwanis club came up with the idea of "The Write Stuff" to provide all students in schools with high numbers of students eligible for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program with school supplies. The idea was hatched after many children who received supplies from the "Write Stuff" program at the start of the year had exhausted their school supplies by fall's end.

Currently eight Kiwanis Clubs in Division 9 contribute funding and volunteer time to the "The Write Stuff" program (Alameda West, Applewood, Arvada-Jefferson, Belmar, Golden, Green Mountain, Lakewood and Wheat Ridge) and provide supplies to ten Jeffco schools. The

Action Center provides storage space, a place to pack, and helps deliver supplies to schools. The entire process starts in September with the purchasing of supplies, packaging in November, and delivery in January.

THE WORD IS OUT...WE'RE THE CLUB TO JOIN

Welcome Dot back to the club...

Dot Miller

CEO of The Solution

Arvada City Councilmember

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Sponsored by Rachel Zenzinger

Dot has been involved with Kiwanis since college when she was a member of Circle K (CKI) and also was the Lt. Governor of Circle K for New York. Dot was previously a member of our club until 2013.

She is a founder and board member at [Jefferson County Business Education Alliance](#) and served as President of the Arvada Chamber of Commerce from 2008 to 2013.

Dot was inducted as a member on January 3.

Please introduce yourself to Dot and our other new members Cheryl Norton, Henry Norton, and Sharon Sturart. Remember to wear your name tag on Wednesday mornings to help them learn your name.

Leave of Absence

We have several members who you may have been wondering where they've been. Each year we see members take a leave of absence (LOA) to travel, for illness, or business reasons. Currently, members on LOA:

- Renee Nelson
- Marshall Marriott
- Maggie Weakley
- Sue Windels

Other members who we don't see at breakfast meetings but who are still active in the club as service members include:

- Sarah Aguirre
- Elaine Levy
- Kathryn Wallace



MELODRAMA IN 2018

We are on our way for our biennial melodrama. We have a script (*The Great Ice Cream Scheme! or Robin Baskins to the Rescue!*) and Marty Jewell is the director and has a full cast lined up.

Dates are set:

- Friday, April 13
- Saturday, April 14

Location is once again at Shrine of St. Anne's Catholic School in Olde Town Arvada.

Steve Jouflas has graciously agreed to be our Executive Director and will be calling on members to step up to chair committees. This is a wonderful fundraiser and all-club activity so get the dates on your calendar and sign up to help!

Mary Jo Giddings provided me with the full list of melodramas the club has presented...since 1991!

1991 THE FIREMAN'S FLAME

1993 BECAUSE THEIR HEARTS WERE PURE

1996 DON'T TOUCH MY TUTU

1998 SHOWDOWN AT THE SUGAR CANE SALOON

2000 DOGSBREATH DEVEREAUX, THE DASTARDLY DOCTOR

2002 HEAVE HELP THE PO' TATERS

2004 MAN OF THE HOUSE

2006 SOMEONE SAVE MY BABY RUTH

2008 WHO SHOT THE SHERIFF?

2010 SHAKESPEARE GOES TO GRAVEL GULCH

2012 GRANNY SMYTH GOES TO WASHINGTON

2014 THE TREASURE OF SHIVER RIVER

2016 STOP THE PRESSES!

DONATING OUR FUNDS



At the January 12th AJK Board meeting, the Board of Directors began the serious but rewarding task of choosing which local charities and organizations we will support with our fundraising dollars. This year, thanks to several successful fundraising efforts, particularly Arvada on Tab and Pins 4 Kids, we have just over \$11,000 available for donations. We have a long list of potential recipients but have narrowed down the top group. These are the first group of organizations we selected to contribute to in 2018.

- \$1,400—AWRSAY for 1 semester scholarship for a Founder Scholarship
- \$1,000—Ralston House
- \$1,000—Sweet Dream in a Bag
- \$500—Arvada Food Bank Feeding the Future backpack program (this is in addition to our member donations)
- \$500—Shining Stars
- \$500—Write Stuff (Division 9 project)
- \$500—Mother's Milk Bank

We will discuss the distribution of the remaining funds at our February Board meeting.

Additionally, the club commits to support these Kiwanis groups annually:

- The Children's Fund at Kiwanis International Foundation
- Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis Foundation
- CKI (the service program for college students)
- Aktion Club (service club for adults with disabilities)
- Jefferson Academy Key Club
- Jefferson Academy Builders Club

AND A LITTLE SPACE FOR SOME PICTURES



2017-2018

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



Together we make a difference!