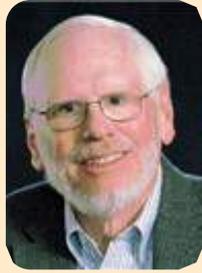


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

While thinking about my column for this newsletter I want to look backward, where we are now, and look forward. We have had a great history of this Club, all the wonderful things we have done to benefit children locally and of the world. The list of projects and local organizations we have helped is large and too many to list here. Internationally I think of the part we played in the elimination of IDD – Iodine Deficiency Disorder – and Maternal Neonatal Tetanus through the Eliminate Project.

The last few weeks ("Today") representatives from organizations we have supported have attended our meetings where they received their donation checks. A recent highlight is the AWRSA Recognition Ceremony on April 4. Thanks to Duane Whisler and all who made this happen (see article later in the newsletter) and changed the life trajectory of many young people in our area. In a few days we will have a fantastic melodrama *The Great Ice Cream Scheme*. Keep selling tickets for one of our major fundraisers.

For the future, the potential for AJK doing good remains large. Our future depends on membership volunteering for select projects and our future leadership. Tom Jacobsen is Chairing our Nominating Committee. Please consider serving on our Board or being an Officer. If you serve, we will have everyone's thanks and support. AJK is filled with past Officers who I know would be very happy to help any new Officer in any way possible. Go ahead – be a leader – say yes to Tom and our mission of serving children!

~President Bob



**JOIN US THIS
FRIDAY OR
SATURDAY TO
CHEER, BOO, AND
HISS!**



THE TIME IS NOW... SELL, SELL, SELL

The melodrama is just days away! It will be a fun event. But we need to sell, sell, sell our tickets to assure a great fundraiser.

IF YOU STILL HAVE TICKETS that you haven't turned back in, please bring them on Wednesday and give them to Cheryl or Henry Norton.

BETTER YET, get them sold and bring in the money.

IF YOU HAVE SOLD YOUR TICKETS BUT HAVEN'T TURNED IN YOUR MONEY, bring it on Wednesday.

IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE AT KIWANIS ON WEDNESDAY, get your tickets and money to a fellow member to turn in. OR call Cheryl (720.940.1156) or Henry (720.988.7606) to make arrangements to get the money and tickets to them.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT, besides the obvious that we need the money? **GINNY AND IRV ARE BUYING THE FOOD AND NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH TO BUY!!!!**

This is a wonderful fundraiser that is so much fun so get out there and sell tickets and show our friends and community what a great organization AJK is.

Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis
presents a melodrama



The Great Ice Cream Scheme
or...Robin Baskins to the Rescue!

by
Billy St. John

Friday, April 13

Adults \$15
Children 4-12 \$10
3 and under are free

St. Anne's School Auditorium
57th Ave. & Upham Street, Arvada

Dinner 6:00 p.m., Show 7:00 p.m.
Hot Dogs, Brats, Sauerkraut, Beans
Popcorn, Beer, Pop and Water

Proceeds will be donated to our local charities.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER DRIVE

The annual AJK Mother's Day Diaper drive for the Mother's Milk Bank (MMB), located in Arvada, will be accepting donations on Wednesday May 9 and 16. The Mother's Milk Bank is a program of the Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children Foundation.

Most needed sizes are newborn (n), 1, 3, and 4. Reseal able wipe packages are requested as well.

Baby supplies such as lotions, shampoo, diaper crème are also welcome.

After an impressive Kiwanis tour of MMB. a couple years ago, the Club decided to help out annually and was quite successful with donations last year.

In just the first 3 months of 2018 close to 1000 diapers were distributed in Arvada.

See Duane Youse for questions or help.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

The semi-annual highway clean-up along 64th Avenue to Indiana Street is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th starting at 7:30 a.m. Meet in the parking lot on the southeast corner of 64th and Ward Road by the Burger King. Plan on enjoying coffee and yummy pastries at Das Meyer following the clean-up.

OTHER EVENTS

Saturday, April 28 – Sweet Dream in a Bag gifting event. 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. Native American Center, 4407 Morrison Road, Denver.

Saturday, May 5 – Boulder Dinner Theater – Always...Patsy Cline. 5501 Dinner at 6:15 p.m. and Show at 7:45 p.m. Contact: Ginny Hoskins.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO

Another Great AWR SAY Recognition Ceremony



On April 4th, the 17th Annual AWR SAY Recognition Ceremony was held at Pomona High School. Since 2001, AWR SAY (Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth) has recognized 1,313 students and offered 350 scholarships to Red Rocks Community College nominated by school counselors, principals, School Resource Officers (SROs) for overcoming major life obstacles or adversities. Duane Youse along with Bill Johnson created this entirely volunteer-driven organization that is sponsored by Red Rocks Community College Foundation.

Each year, members of our club provide many hours of service to help support this great program. Club members who were involved with this year's recognition ceremony include:

- **Duane Whisler** - Opening Welcome to Student Recipients and Acknowledgements
- **Ron Sloan** - Award Ceremony Narrator
- **Ed Brady** - Master of Ceremony along with City of Wheat Ridge Police Chief Dan Brennan who presented the awards to 93 students receiving recognition or scholarships.
- Former AJK member **Kent Sailsbery** provided the invocation
- Ken Fellman's wife, **Jill Fellman** introduced and welcomed dignitaries and special guests

Club members, **Brad Rupert** and **Mark McGoff**, were also introduced with other elected officials from the City of Arvada, City of Wheat Ridge,

Colorado House, Jefferson County, Jeffco Public Schools Board of Education, Congressman Perlmutter's Office, and the State Board of Education.

Joel Folk, Larry Kuehn, and Tom Jacobsen also helped greet the students and their families as they arrived. We had other club members in attendance, some who were experiencing the AWR SAY program for the first time. **Sharon Stuart**, one of those new to AWR SAY, sought out our recipients and spoke with them and their families directly to 11 or so students before the ceremony and stood at the exit door to congratulate 30 or so afterwards as they were leaving. "What an honor. Yes, did bring some tears to my eyes. Glad to be a part of Kiwanis."

Xueden Fillmore from Pomona High School received the **Ron Sloan Founder Scholarship Award** and Lukas Knight from Warren Tech North received the **Duane Youse Founder Scholarship Award**.

Each year AWR SAY awards a scholarship in someone's name that has had an impact on the program. This year **Duane Whisler** was recognized in honor of his years of dedication, enthusiasm, and support for the vision and purpose of AWR SAY. Kyle McClelland from Sobesky Academy received this scholarship.

AWR SAY is able to recognize these students through the help of numerous individuals, service clubs, organizations and businesses including

- ♦ Arvada Chamber of Commerce
- ♦ Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis
- ♦ Arvada Rotary
- ♦ Citizens' Police Academy Arvada Alumni
- ♦ City of Arvada
- ♦ City of Wheat Ridge
- ♦ Jefferson County Public Schools
- ♦ Lake Arbor Optimist
- ♦ Ralston Creek Sertoma
- ♦ Red Rocks Community College
- ♦ The RRCC Foundation
- ♦ Wheat Ridge Foundation
- ♦ Wheat Ridge Kiwanis
- ♦ Wheat Ridge Optimist



DONATING OUR FUNDS

At the February AJK Board meeting, the Board of Directors selected more local charities and organizations to support with our fundraising dollars.

The organizations selected include:

- Swanson Elementary School—\$500
- Thomson Elementary School—\$500
- Jefferson County Schools Outdoor Lab Student Intern Program—\$500
- Little Theater Project at Arvada High School—\$1,000

Thanks to Clark Morrell and Bob Wilson submitting applications to the Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis Foundation (RMDKF), our Club was awarded two grants. The RMDKF board of directors approved both of our club's grant applications, \$1,500 for the Arvada High School Little Theater project, and \$500 for the Outdoor Lab Student Intern Program.

There was discussion whether a club should receive 2 grants in the same year, but since the combined amount of \$2,000 was less than the \$2,500 limit per club per year, this was agreed to be acceptable, and the board liked both projects.

This is in addition to the groups we selected in January.

- \$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



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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!