

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Here it is...the holidays!

Here it is, the holiday season already. Our traditional bell ringing has begun with a few changes this year and Santa House is starting soon (December 2nd). Since the first of October club members have been busy—highway clean-up, backpack at Thomson Elementary, reading at Swanson Elementary, awarding Terrific Kids at Swanson, remembrance of Armistice/Veteran's Day and the 241st anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. And we've had our usual interesting breakfast speakers such as Sister Cities group from Kazakhstan, Jeffco Library Foundation, Sweet Dream in a Bag, Maria's trek along the Camino de Santiago, and Brian's informative talk on strokes.

The club raised \$5,855 at our third annual Pins 4 Kids bowling and silent auction fundraiser. Thank you to Brad, Mary Jo, Doris, and Ginny for all your great organization to make this the best Pins 4 Kids event so far.

Thank you also to all the members who volunteered at the Pumpkin Patch which also had its best year ever. Gross pumpkin sales and donations raised over \$105,900 for the West Metro Interfaith Coalition in their Arvada and Lakewood locations. Our club is a member of the coalition and the \$43,000 net proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Your Board of Directors voted to continue our involvement with Arvada on Tap (AOT). The four services organizations, AJK, Arvada Sunrise Rotary, Arvada Rotary, and Arvada Vitality Alliance (AVA), have stipulated on some additional controls to assure a greater likelihood of net proceeds from the event. Bob Wilson will be our representative on the planning committee for AOT.

A committee recently met to discuss our annual Christmas breakfast and made some recommendations to the Board. With dwindling attendance by young children and a desire to encourage more members to attend with family, the group recommended some minor changes to the Christmas breakfast. See more details below.

I hope you will all join Dick and me at the annual President's Holiday Open House. We will host the event on Sunday, December 11th from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Please join me in welcoming our newest AJK member, Sarah Aguirre, who was inducted on November 9th. Please remember to wear your name tag at breakfast to help Sarah learn our names.

You Make the Difference.

BOARD UPDATES

Membership—Ron Slinger is heading up this committee and has drafted some plans for a membership drive after the first of the year.

Arvada on Tap—Board voted to continue our involvement with this community event sponsored by Arvada Festival Commission. Bob Wilson will be our representative on the committee.

New member—The Board approved Sarah Aguirre with the Salvation Army for membership.

Family Christmas Breakfast—Board approved to change the name of our annual breakfast. Santa will still come but he will be distributing treat bags instead of gifts to the children attending. Marty Jewell will also be entertaining the children with balloon art and Santa will be leading us in more Christmas songs. The club will charge children 12 and older and non-member adults \$10 for breakfast as we have in the past.

Donations—The Board will be discussing organizations to support with our fundraising dollars at our December 12th Board meeting. Let us know your thoughts. We currently have about \$3,000 to distribute.



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VISITING OUR KIWANIS NEIGHBORS

Kiwanis encourages an activity called an “interclub”. An interclub is where members of one Kiwanis club visit a different Kiwanis club to make new friends and learn how the visited club runs their meetings.

Please join President-Elect Bob Wilson in visiting the Wheat Ridge Kiwanis Club on Thursday morning, December 8, 2016. Bob will be updating our Kiwanis neighbors on the Gold Line. Wheat Ridge Kiwanis meets at 7:00 AM at Davies Chuck Wagon Diner, 10151 West 26th Ave., Wheat Ridge (just west of Kipling). If four or more AJK members attend, our club pays for the meal.

If interested in attending contact Bob at 303.517.4564 or bw-ajkiwanis@comcast.net.



Look for Frosty at King Soopers.



Leslie is looking for help with the AJK newsletter. Do you have some time and desire to produce the every other month newsletter that keeps us informed of Club activities? Give her a call or catch her at a meeting.

Upcoming Activities—Mark Your Calendars

AWRSAY Arvada Santa House—starts December 2nd at a NEW LOCATION—9385 W. 58th Ave, Arvada Square. Look for the “Thrift Store” sign, next to the Dollar Store. Opportunities are available Tuesday through Saturday in either the morning or afternoon. Contact Kathy Kuehn to sign up to volunteer at 303.910.8597 or klkuen@msn.com.

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army—Runs every Saturday from November 19th through December 17th. Locations include King Soopers (80th & Wadsworth), Safeway (80th & Wadsworth), and Walgreens (7930 Wadsworth). Contact Bud Werner (303.472.1275 or bcwerner@msn.com) or Steve Close (303.526.9033 or steve@closeassociates.net).

President’s Holiday Open House—Sunday, December 11th, 3:00—6:-00 pm. The Feuerborns at 7452 Isabell Circle, Arvada. Contact: Leslie at 720.273.1205 or lesлиеfeuerborn@gmail.com

Family Christmas Breakfast—Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00 a.m. Santa will be there and treat bags will be distributed to all the kids. Balloon art will be provided by Mary Jewell. Everyone welcome—adults and children. Breakfast is \$10 for non-member adults and children 12 and older. Sign-up with Beth Myers at a breakfast meeting or by emailing her at jmyers2561@aol.com with who will be attending with you (adults, children >12, and children (and gender) <12 years old).

Chili Bunco—Saturday, January 14th at The Depot at Five Parks, 6:00 p.m. Contact: Maggie Weakley at 303.489.7777 or maggie33.mw@gmail.com.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS...

Bell Ringing Dates & Locations

Be sure to check which location you will be ringing bells since we have a slightly different schedule and locations this year.

King Soopers—8031 Wadsworth (NW corner of 80th & Wadsworth)

Safeway—7561 W. 80th Ave. (NE corner of 80th & Wadsworth)

Walgreens—7930 Wadsworth (SE of 80th & Wadsworth)

- Nov. 19th—King Soopers and Safeway
- Nov. 26th—King Soopers and Walgreens
- Dec. 3rd—Kings Soopers and Walgreens
- Dec. 10th—King Soopers and Walgreens
- Dec. 17th—King Soopers and Safeway



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NEW MEMBER



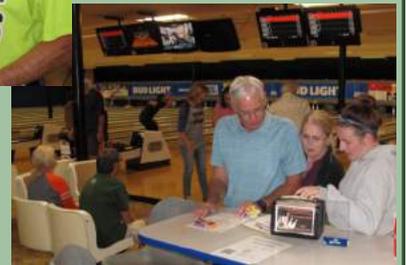
Sarah Aguirre was recently inducted into the club. Sarah is a Lieutenant with the Salvation Army. She and her husband David moved to Colorado earlier this year from California. They have four children some who are living at home and some off

at college. David also works with Salvation Army but has joined Rotary. Sarah's contact information is sarah.aguirre@usw.salvationarmy.org and 530.321.2055.

Picture Gallery



Pins 4 Kids



Terrific Kids @ Swanson ES



Pumpkin Patch



Sweet Dream in a Bag



Bell Ringing

