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President's Corner



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“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.” Elizabeth Andrew’s quote was definitely true for the Kiwanis Club of Alameda West this past month!

We just got done with three really busy weeks and it’s been great to see so many willing volunteer faces out in the community! Multiple days were spent at and with the Action Center setting up the food pantry for the week, sorting clothing donations, and packing school supplies (and planning for the Write Stuff) for local Jefferson County students. The last Friday in July brought a new twist to an Alameda West expertise when we sold hotdogs and hamburgers at the grand opening of Carmody Park. The event was a sell-out success and we made over \$750 to support Bear Creek Lake Park. Smiling faces spent Wednesday mornings delivering Meals on Wheels. And Alameda West took on the responsibility of sponsoring the first two months of the new Aktion Club structure.

I look forward to another month of MANY projects and seeing our smiling Kiwanians out serving in the community.

Meetings:

Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 AM

Place: Garrison Street Grill

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Action Center School Supply Packing

There was lots to do, and lots of help at the Action Center School Supply packing held at Stevens Elementary School. Our members were working on packing supplies for Preschool and Kindergarten. We had help from some students too. Ian, a 2nd grader took his job of doling out crayons very seriously. Today's packages included crayons, erasers, pencils, a bottle of glue, round-tip scissors, markers, folders, a spiral, and notebook paper. Other jobs were also going on with sorting and counting donated supplies. Inventory is important so we have an idea of what supplies we will need to buy. Today's packaging was for 575 Preschool-Kindergarten. In total, the Action Center anticipates serving over 5,000 students this year.



Club Meetings

Highlights this month were great speakers including Dr. Glass, Jeffco Superintendent of Schools, Mayor Adam Paul, and Frank Miyazawa. Another highlight was Teo receiving a flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol to commemorate his year as International Key Club President. Photo of Teo is on page 5.



Important
DATE!

August

- *Aug 3-6 District Convention in Cheyenne
- *Aug 9, 12 School Supply Distribution
- *Aug. 16 Aktion Club meeting
- *Aug 26 Action Center Food Pantry

September

- *Sept. 6 & 20 Aktion Club Meetings
- *Sept. 23 Action Center Food Pantry

October

- *Oct. 23 Action Center Food Pantry

November

- *Nov. 4 Air Force vs. Army Football game

Kiwanian of the Month!!

Tori Merritts

We had the grills fired up again this month for our fundraiser at Carmody Park, and at the front of the cashier and prep line was Tori! Tori's attention to detail, organization, and willingness to jump up and help are all highlighted during our grill out fundraisers, and remind us why she is such a huge asset to our club and Key Club. Tori doesn't just show up for a project, she shines in coordination and getting people and supplies to the right place so we can serve. And she always does it with the extra supplies she knows we need whether that be a bulletin board, scissors, or markers. She goes above and beyond with the Bear Creek Key Club where she runs fundraisers and helps with projects and meetings. She is also recruiting members for our 3-2-1 Club.

Congrat's Tori!

Carmody Rec Center Grand Opening



The grand opening of the new playground at the Carmody Rec Center was a big hit. It was a Friday evening with cool, breezy weather which was perfect to be out in the park. The new play area has a wide variety of equipment for children and an exercise station for adults. In partnership with the City of Lakewood, Alameda West sold hamburgers and hot dogs with proceeds going to our work at Bear Creek Lake Park. The City estimated 100 people would attend, so we purchased food for 150. It was not enough for the crowd so we needed to return to the store, and we still ran out of food. We probably sold around 250 meals Thanks to all of our members who showed up to help. It is a great way to strengthen friendships among our members

District and International News

Kiwanis Education

Daniel Vigneron elected International Vice-President

Daniel has been a member of the Vielsalm Kiwanis Club since 1985. He served as distinguished governor of the Belgium-Luxembourg District and was a trustee on the Kiwanis International Board. He has also been president of the European Federation and a trustee of the Kiwanis Children's Fund. He has a background in international business and speaks seven languages.

Daniel visited the Rocky Mountain Kiwanis District Convention last summer along with his wife Gaby Gregoire who is also a Kiwanian.



The Arc

"The Arc, as you may have noticed is no longer referred to as "ARC" and the change has been very deliberate. In the original iterations of our name dating back to the 1960's, "ARC" was an acronym, and the "R" stood for the word "retarded"; this word is highly offensive to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and is no longer an acceptable term. To show these individuals the maximum amount of respect, we request that everyone refer to us as "The Arc" and not by our old acronym."

--Lori Ropa, Executive Director
The Arc of Jefferson, Clear Creek & Gilpin Counties



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