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## The Monthly Review

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### President's Corner



Whoa! What a year! And it's not even over yet, we still have one month left to provide service in Jefferson County and have many things planned including Outdoor Lab, The Write Stuff, Meals on Wheels, Aktion Club, the Action Center, and, of course, celebrating our year on September 24th at our Induction Ceremony. As I look back at the year, I want to give a round of applause to our club for everything that we achieved:

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- Celebrated our **50th Anniversary** in style in December when we hosted many of our service program providers at an exciting celebration AND raised **over \$3,000** for the Alameda West Foundation
- Started the chartering process for a **K-Kids** at Westridge Elementary
- Raised **over \$2,000** for Bear Creek Lake Park at our inaugural Wine, Cheese, and Cherries event
- Welcomed **2 new members**
- Collected, packed, and distributed school supplies to **thousands of students** in the Jefferson County School District
- Introduced **multiple members** to the Rocky Mountain District at Mid-Year and District Convention
- Sent Key Clubbers to **Key Leader and District Convention**. Spent **thousands of hours** serving the children and community of Lakewood
- And spent **52** mornings together at our weekly breakfast meeting

Our 50th year was outstanding, and I can't wait to see what the next 50 bring!

#### Meetings:

Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 AM

Place: Garrison Street Grill

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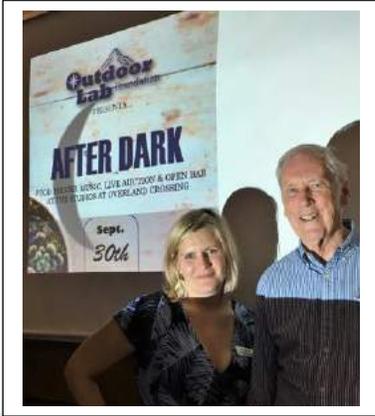
# Action Center School Supply Distribution

There was lots to do on two days in August getting students ready to return to school. The Action Center held its annual school supply distribution at Stevens Elementary and as usual a group of members from Alameda West turned out to share in the excitement. We worked after our club meeting on Wednesday morning and again on Saturday. The Saturday event was complicated by the fact that the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival was taking place on the street outside of the school. In all, The Action Center provided supplies for 4,913 students this year.



# Club Meetings

Highlights this month were great speakers including Shannon Hancock, Director of the Outdoor Lab Foundation who gave an update on financial health of the Outdoor Lab program, Susan Saito from West Metro Fire talking about community risk reduction, Suzanne Roussos's research into eclipses, and club member Jim Haberer.



## Kiwanian of the Month!!

Jane Barnes

Jane has been an outstanding member of our club for many years and wore many hats this year including Community Service Chair and President-Elect (and stand in president at multiple weekly meetings). Jane's dedication, creativity, and tenacity have led the club to achieve many great things this year. She headed up our signature project at Bear Creek Lake Park, identified new fundraisers for the club, and spent many hours at the Action Center, BCLP, and Jeffco Schools proving the Kiwanis mission "serving the children of the world". Lucky for us, she will be Club President next year. I look forward to seeing all she does for the club, Kiwanis, and the community as she leads the Kiwanis Club of Alameda West's 51<sup>st</sup> year of service.

Important  
DATE!

### September

- \*Sept. 6 & 20 Aktion Club Meetings
- \*Sept. 14 Betty Proctor Fund Luncheon
- \*Sept. 23 Action Center Food Pantry
- \*Sept. 24 Installation Party

### October

- \*Oct. 7-8 Cider Days Fund Raiser
- \*Oct. 14 Halloween Fund Raiser
- \*Early Oct The Write Stuff packing

### November

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

### December

- \*TBD Christmas Party & Bell Ringing

# Stein Ribbon Cutting

Alameda West has a long tradition of working with Stein Elementary, and we are very excited that it is reopening after being closed for renovations. The school has a fresh new look with the traditional touches such as the mural on a wall by the library. Now known as Rose Stein International School, it will have a curriculum focusing on IB (International Baccalaureate) which is continued at Alameda High School. Preschool through Grade 6 will be housed in the building. Not only are the dozen old temporary buildings gone, but the entire field has been sodded. The ribbon cutting was a big event with the new principal, Esther Valdez, Superintendent Dr. Jason Glass, and Mayor Adam Paul speaking.



Learning begins with the right school supplies



Back to school sales are the prime time to purchase supplies for The Write Stuff even though we do not distribute them until January. Dave's garage was filled with one weekend's purchasing. This pile doesn't count what was purchased in subsequent days. Thanks to the help of Shirley & Steve Otto from the Belmar Kiwanis Club we completed all of our purchasing for over 3,500 students. A big thanks goes to Target stores at Belmar, Glendale, Arvada, Westminster, Sloans Lake, Colorado Mills, and Riverpoint for working with us to get what we needed.

What you don't see in the picture to the right is a giant watermelon bin full of reams of notebook paper, crayons, colored pencils, and spirals. All of this is housed at the Action Center warehouse until packing in early October. We are fortunate to have the Action Center as our partner for the project. Thanks also to Dom from the Wheat Ridge Club to help us unload.



# District and International News

## Kiwanis Education

### Boy Scouts of America is a Kiwanis Partner

Kiwanis has several organizational partners. One of them is the Boy Scouts of America. The two groups share common principles and values. The Scouts believe in service as a form of personal development. Scouts ensure that young people grow in character, citizenship, responsibility, and leadership. Boy Scouts has a “Kiwanis – Boy Scouts of America Community Organization Award” recognizing any Kiwanian who is a role model and dedicated service to the Boy Scouts. The award is based on dedication rather than the number of years the Kiwanian is involved. Alameda West sponsored a Boy Scout program at Stein Elementary in the past. Wimpy Miller was our contact with the Scouts until the group folded.

## 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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