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President's Corner



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Kiwanis International President, Jim Rochford has personally invited 1,500 new members to Kiwanis and has opened 105 new Kiwanis clubs. His challenge to Kiwanians: "Bring a member into your club. Do it as soon as possible in 2018 and continually through the remainder of your service! You're in a key position to help make your club — and club meetings — attractive to potential guests. Offer a welcoming environment to new and prospective members, and reach out to members you haven't seen for a while. Don't forget to ask yourself what you would want to hear about at a meeting — and what's important to people in your community. It could come from the local high school's basketball coach or the club's own Key Club advisor, or even from the mayor or a congressional representative. "

This great advice is the work of each member of our club. How do you describe our club to people you know? Are you excited about the work we do? The service we provide to our community? The work we do with students through the Bear Creek Key Club, the Write Stuff, and the Westridge K-Kids? What do you like best about our club? Who do you know to invite to one of our meetings or activities to get to know our club and our work better? This is our work for the rest of the year and will be a constant topic of conversation as we work to strengthen and rebuild the Kiwanis Club of Alameda West.

Meetings:

Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 AM

Place: Garrison Street Grill

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The Write Stuff went off without a hitch this year. Eleven schools totaling over 4,700 students received packs of supplies to start the new year of 2018. Kiwanians gave the personal touch by meeting with all of the students one on one. This is the biggest project of the year involving clubs from Divisions 9 and 14 doing business as the Kiwanis Clubs of Jefferson County. Many thanks go to Dave Harris and Annette Lana for the many hours they spent making this project a success.



Betty Proctor Fund Wine Tasting



Late January is brightened by the annual wine tasting to benefit the Betty Proctor Fund at the Action Center. The potluck food and donated wines were a hit. The highlight was hearing from Betty over the phone. She sounded fantastic. We also heard from Kathy Hatfield, who is taking Mag Strittmatter's position at the Action Center until a permanent director is hired.



Stein Buddy Bench

Kiwanis International has encouraged clubs to purchase buddy benches for schools in the community. A buddy bench is a place for students to look for friends to play with during recess. The Stein playground is new this year and needed a Buddy Bench. Alameda West donated the bench and members will come to the school to explain the importance of the bench and how it is used.



February

- *Feb 6 Ameritowne Interviews, Westridge
- *Feb 19-23 K-Kids Week
- *Feb 24 Action Center Food Pantry
- *Feb 27 National Pancake Day

March

- *Mar 5-9 Aktion Club Week
- *Mar 9-11 Mid-Year Conference

April

- *Apr 28 Action Center Food Pantry

May

- *May 20 Colfax Marathon

Kiwanian of the Month!!

Pam Feely

This month we salute Pam Feely for a multitude of reasons! Pam has been instrumental in getting our club and foundation financial information into QuickBooks and in developing reports that the Board is learning to understand. Our conversations about our financials has been robust and we are thrilled to have some historical perspective on our finances. Additionally, Pam has single-handedly instituted a letter writing campaign to friends and colleagues to raise money for our signature project, the Playscape at Bear Creek Lake Park. We all are indebted to Pam for all the time she's spent on Club business!

Bear Creek Key Club



The January project at the Bear Creek Key Club were to make capes from used t-shirts and decorated non-slip socks for the patients at Children's Hospital. Tori also delivered handmade Valentines that club members made for the paratroopers



Westridge K-Kids

The theme for January was how to stay healthy. The members divided up and recorded a video which was later shown to the school during the morning announcements. Short topics included getting enough sleep, exercise, and drinking enough water. They also talked about bring healthy snacks to school.



District & International Kiwanis News

Kiwanis Education

Meet the Western Canada District

Kiwanis began in Western Canada with the establishment of a Club in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1917. Clubs spread to Saskatchewan and Alberta in 1919. There are eight Divisions in the District throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. British Columbia is a part of the Pacific Northwest District along with Alaska, Washington, and Oregon. One of the big programs for Western Canada District is Kamp Kiwanis located west of Calgary. In the summer, Kamp Kiwanis is a summer camp for underprivileged children. In the winter the facility provides outdoor education programs for schools. The program was started in 1951 by the Kiwanis Club of Calgary. Each year over 11,000 children use the facility's program.

Mid-Year Conference

The Rocky Mountain Kiwanis District will hold its annual Mid-Year Conference in Arvada this year. The Arvada-Jefferson Club will be the host. The official hotel will be the new Hilton Garden Inn in Old Town Arvada, and meetings will be held at the Arvada Center.



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