

Kiwanis

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President's Corner



In 2015-2016 we added 5 new members and a new membership model. It has brought in a bunch of new energy and excitement as well as new ideas. Happy Kiwanis Month! This is a month-long Kiwanis Family reunion. During the month of November, members of Kiwanis and every Kiwanis sponsored club unite in service, discovery, and fellowship. This is the time to celebrate the work we're doing to make the world a better place, to share what is working in our own clubs, and learn how other clubs succeed. The unity that exists among our nearly 600,000 members has the power to transform the world! We are lucky to have active involvement in our area in all Kiwanis family programs. Remember to take time to acknowledge them.

Besides Kiwanis, our global family includes:

K-Kids is where elementary school students begin developing their hearts for service. This student-led service leadership program develops leadership skills and strong moral character while giving students an opportunity to participate in service projects.

Builder's Club, designed for middle school students, encourages them to focus their passion and energy on serving others. As members, they learn self-confidence and become tomorrow's leaders through teamwork, goal setting, and action.

Key Club is the oldest and largest high school service organization in the world. Key Clubs are in 36 countries and consist of members dedicated to bettering their communities and the world. (Cont'd on page 3)

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MEETINGS

Wednesday mornings:

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.

Place: IHOP-Lakewood Commons

389 S. Wadsworth Blvd.

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The Write Stuff

Thanks to everyone who helped pack over 4,000 bags with school supplies for students at Arvada K-8, Edgewater, Eiber, Lumberg, Molholm, Pennington, Pleasant View, and Emory (Stein) Elementary Schools. Annette did a masterful job as the organizer. Dave and Shirley Otto did a huge job of purchasing the boxes and boxes of supplies. We had members from the sponsoring Jeffco Kiwanis Clubs including Arvada-Jefferson, Applewood, Belmar, Green Mountain, Wheat Ridge, Lakewood, and Alameda West. The next step will be the best part—delivering the supplies.



Refugee Update

The Abwe family, father Shemi, mother Ungwa, oldest daughter Neline (5), son Shadrack (4) and youngest daughter Fedha (1) are experiencing a new season...fall. In Tanzania there are basically two seasons, wet (December to May) and dry (June to November). They are preparing for fall and winter like we do: where are the boots, gloves, hats and scarfs! Thanks to our Kiwanis family they are being gifted all of the above.

Here is a picture of Neline enjoying the "little red wagon" from our own Dan Beaton. She is in kindergarten and learning fast. When she was home over fall break, mid-October, she actively participated in ESL with her mom and brother and sister. Quite the adorable one.



Air Force Football Game

What a perfect day for football! Our annual outing to the Air Force Academy was sunny and warm. We hosted Kiwanians from around the district at our tailgate and had a block of tickets for the group. Getting to the seats was a bit of a climb but the view was incredible once you got there. Air Force hosted Navy and won the game 28-14. We also had friends from out of state who joined us. Joe & Brenda Stankis from Virginia and Dink Yurko with his daughter joined us from West Virginia and California.



Important
DATE!

NOVEMBER

TBD Kocktails with Kiwanis

DECEMBER

- * Dec 3 Jeffco night at the Avalanche
- * Dec 10 50th Anniversary Party
- * TBD Salvation Army Bell Ringing

JANUARY

- * Jan 9-13 The Write Stuff Distribution

FEBRUARY

!!Kiwanian of the Month!!

Felix Cook

Felix has been an active member for many years –and we’ve seen a lot of him lately. Felix is on the team for the refugee family and not only does he spend many hours every month with the family, his family has joined the project and helps the family translate. Felix is also an active member of the Community Service Committee and is helping plan our Major Emphasis Project at Bear Creek Lake Park. Congratulations Felix!

President’s Corner, Cont’d

Circle K International is the world’s largest student-led service organization for college students. Now in 19 nations, this group is among the most passionate Kiwanis family members when it comes to service.

Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities. Members develop confidence and self-esteem by adopting leadership roles within their clubs. They also discover their own talents as they use them to help others.

Installation Dinner



This year we tried something different for our Installation Dinner. Instead of going out to a restaurant, Jane and Ben Barnes graciously offered to host our celebration at their home. The weather was perfect for eating indoors and outside. There was plenty of food at the taco bar, and the ability to move around to socialize with everyone who attended. The new officers that were installed are:

Lindsey Finklang, President

Jane Barnes, President-Elect

Teo Nicolais, Immediate Past President

Barb Fuller, Secretary

Jan Bybee, Treasurer

Directors: Dave Harris, Susan McConnell, Tori Merritts



Bear Creek Key Club



Once again the Bear Creek High School Key Club had an active month. Each meeting started with an active ice breaker that was planned by the board. Early in the month members discussed what type of table they would like to host for Safe Halloween on October 25th. After much discussion, it was decided that cookie decorating would be their Safe Halloween activity. Many ideas were suggested for a theme; "Under the Sea" was chosen.

Two meetings were spent making cards. One day the cards were made to thank the Colorado Railroad Museum. The other day Thanksgiving cards were made for the troops. Tori delivered the cards to a network that is well-connected with troops returning to Fort Carson from Afghanistan as well as overseas. The people in the network will photocopy those cards most amenable to copying to increase the number so there will be one in every box. The cards will be placed in Thanksgiving boxes. Card making for the troops will become a regular activity and is one that members really enjoy working on together.

The last meeting of the month, Butter Braids were delivered to those who participated in the fundraiser. With the profit from the fundraiser plus generous contributions from people who may or may not have purchased Butter Braids, the Key Club made just over \$600 that will support the Key Club's ability to pay its 1/3 share of its members' registration expenses to Key Club conferences. Many thanks to all who supported the fundraiser by purchasing Butter Braids and/or contributing to the cause. Planning was also done for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Two teams will go out on Halloween with UNICEF boxes. Planning for Key Club week, November 7 through November 11th also occurred.

On Friday, the 28th, several members helped set-up for the Chili Cook-off at Patterson Elementary that was held that night.

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KIWANIS EDUCATION:

Lusche Awards

If you are new, you wonder about the members with purple blazers and/or medallions. This month we will explain the Lusche Award.

The Lusche A. Fellowship is named for Norris Lusche, a past Kiwanis International President who lived here in Green Mountain. Norris and his wife Jeannie were well known by many of the people in our club. The Lusche Award was started in 1992 and recognizes individuals who have donated \$1,000 to the Rocky Mountain District Foundation. Members receive a purple pin-striped dress shirt, plaque, and a medallion. Previously members received a burgundy blazer, but they have been discontinued. We have several Lusche Fellows in our club.

Alameda West 50th Anniversary

It's a party!! Alameda West was chartered 50 years ago on December 8, 1966. We will celebrate with the community at the Sheraton Denver West on December 10, 2016.

Cocktails at 5:00 and dinner at 6:00 PM. Please join us in revisiting our past projects and honoring the non-profits that have been our partners throughout the years. Paper registrations are available or register on line at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLj-UoBER2m6Sf0awaEV79-79mSaq1loUdHp-gZMcQFYgpzw/viewform>



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