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What an exciting month we have had! Members spent the month bell ringing, Christmas shopping, packing school supplies, attending luncheons, delivering for Meals on Wheels, and celebrating our 50th Anniversary PLUS bringing some exciting speakers to our morning meetings. As I look at this upcoming month, the calendar is just as exciting. We will distribute the school supplies bought for the Write Stuff Project, support the Betty Proctor fund, and have some time to meet up with members from around the District at Nuggets Game.

For those of you who were not able to make the 50th Anniversary Party, there was a similar theme to what is mentioned above- Alameda West is a Kiwanis Club that donates thousands of hours to help the Jefferson County community through projects that are 50 years old and brand new initiatives. I look forward to working with everyone as we move forward on our legacy projects and continue to serve the community with new initiatives.

Meetings:

Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 AM

Place: Garrison Street Grill

608 W. 6th Ave.

Lakewood, CO 80215

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50th Anniversary Celebration



Our 50th Anniversary Party was a hit. We had so many people from our past, community partners, and friends who came to celebrate. Two of our charter members, Darl Hobson and Wimpy Miller received Legion of Honor Awards recognizing their 50 years of membership. District Governor Kathy Lee represented the Kiwanis District at the party. Long time partners, The Action Center, Outdoor Lab School Foundation, and ARC spoke about our history. Rod Greiner's family was also in attendance. Rod was our charter president and helped plan our event. Sadly, she recently passed away.



Bear Creek Key Club

Bear Creek High School Key Club met twice in December. The first meeting was for planning the annual holiday party and explaining the white elephant exchange. The next meeting was PARTY TIME. Members brought in food and a white elephant gifts. One male member chose a white elephant gift that was clearly for one of the female members. He donned the contents of the bag and looked very fashionable. (cont'd on p. 4)



Important
DATE!

January

- *Jan 10 3-2-1 Meeting
- * Jan 13 The Write Stuff Distribution –Emory
- *Jan 21 Kiwanis Night at the Nuggets
- *Jan 27 Betty Proctor Wine Tasting

February

March

- *Mar 3-5 Mid-Year Conference – Ft. Collins

April

Kiwanian of the Month!!

Suzanne Rousso

Children and families in America wake up Christmas day to the sight of presents underneath the tree, and thanks to the efforts of Suzanne Rousso and the refugee family team, the Kiwanis Club of Alameda West was able to provide that experience. Suzanne designed an amazing display and coordinated the gift collection (and answered many phone calls about present shopping). Thank you Suzanne for all that you do!

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Once again, Alameda West was ringing the bell at the King Soopers at Lakewood City Commons. We needed to switch doors due to all of the construction happening inside the store. The first weekend was the one to choose, since the second weekend the temperatures plunged. With help from the Bear Creek Key Club, we kept the holiday spirit going for all of the shoppers. Initial reports were that people were very generous again this year.



Key Club – continued.

Key Clubbers also joined Alameda West Kiwanians ringing the bell at King Soopers in Lakewood Commons. For the second year, the Key Club Joined with National Honor Society and the UNICEF Club in hosting what may become an annual event: The Cocoa Cram. Cocoa, cookies, and other snacks are provided for those Bear Creek students who want to join together to study for finals at the end of the first semester.



AWK Gifts a Blessed Christmas to the Abwe Family.

Preparations began in early December for the first USA Christmas for our refugee family.

A wish list was developed by the family and then the AWK team embellished it with winter clothes and toys and games. Then a gift tree was designed and tags for each gift "hung on the tree". Kiwanians chose a tag, or two, and the gifts accumulated over December meetings. Until the 21st, when the club posed

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picture with some of the gifts.

that Wednesday, Suzanne and Darl picked up the tree and all the trimmings, so generously donated by Kathy Stapleton's son Pat and his The tree and cookies, fruit and sleds (!!) were in Suzanne's car, and Felix the gifts from Kiwanis and from CASA (generously gifting all the "wishes" of the 2 yr old). And the 2016 version of Santa and sleigh met at the Abwe apartment late that afternoon.

we set up the tree, which had lights on it, but nothing else: a learning exercise for all! Each child hung ornaments, then Mom and Dad, and then everyone. This is Shadrack, middle child and only son, taking his turn. The was a huge success as each child added more and more ornaments and Finally we were able to have the whole family pose in front of the finished



Then the family each received a gift to open immediately (Darl needed some "down time" on the floor with the kids. Neline opened a gift of "sweats", gorgeous sweats! Shadrack crayons and coloring books and games and Fedha another counting game. The kids dove in and team members watched (dare I say with envy!) as the games began.

Eventually the team brought up all the presents (three bags full!) and stashed them away to be the surprise Christmas Day. Suzanne and Paskazia explained the concept of Christmas Stockings of "the stockings were the mantle" fame. Treats were then shared by all: pineapple Abwes and stolen from the team...the latter was tentatively Mom and Dad but truly enjoyed by all before we left. It is fair to family was stunned and joyful, and the team full of the Christmas spirit! Thanks to all who contributed to this *spirit of* event!

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District & International Kiwanis News

Kiwanis Education

The Kiwanis Children's Fund wants you to know that it is very grateful for the gifts given in 2016. The total was US\$7,273,432. With all of this generosity...

- We served children in more than 22 communities around the world through grants to Kiwanis clubs—for projects that would otherwise remain beyond their resources.
- Supported grants to Service Leadership Programs, bringing the joy of service and leadership to Kiwanis-family members of all ages and abilities.
- Provided urgent funding for areas crippled by disaster.
- Made life-saving vaccines available to women in remote areas of the world through The Eliminate Project

2017 Mid-Year Conference

This year's Mid-Year Conference will be held in Fort Collins on March 3-5. They are planning a Friday Night Social at New Belgium Brewery at 5pm, including a free tour and food trucks for dining options. Mid-Year Conference is the time to meet with fellow Kiwanians, make new friends, learn what is new, and what is working well. There are informative forums and inspiring speakers. Saturday night is the annual Awards Banquet with entertainment provided by Stars of Tomorrow contestants.



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