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President's Corner



Happy February! I am writing this right after finishing a wonderful morning at the Action Center sorting food and clothing for their programming. Wow! What a great way to start the year. It is amazing to see the food pantry and clothing store that our long-term partners have created. It's inspiring to see the donations coming from corporations around the area and the volunteers that make the program a reality. It's moving to see over 10 members of our club- from both our 3-2-1 members and traditional members- working together to help set up for the following week. And it is fun! All of this through one project- and Alameda West members spent many more hours this month on projects that helped members of our community from ages 0 to 99.

I want to take this opportunity to invite every member of our club to spread this inspiration at the Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference in Ft. Collins from March 3rd-5th. An event that we can use to inspire other clubs and members with our projects and also gain new inspiration for our club. We will also have the opportunity to meet and hear from Kiwanis International President Jane Erickson.

I look forward to another great month of service, and a weekend of celebration, education, and fun at Mid-Year Conference.

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Meetings:

Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 AM
 Place: Garrison Street Grill
 608 W. 6th Ave.
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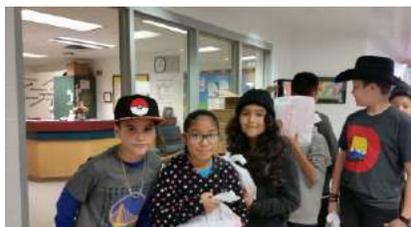


The Write Stuff

Learning begins with the right school supplies



The Write Stuff project came to its conclusion for another year this January. We worked with 8 Kiwanis Clubs that are known as the Kiwanis Clubs of Jefferson County to provide extra school supplies to students at 10 schools. This is an increase of 2 schools which was made possible through fundraising earlier in the fall. In total we were able to serve over 4,300 students! Seen here are the students from Emory Elementary which received their supplies at the end of grade level assemblies reinforcing good behavior for the second semester. Thanks to everyone who donated, packaged bags of supplies, shopped, and delivered to the schools. See you again next fall!



Betty Proctor Fund Wine Tasting

The Betty Proctor Fund is always close to our heart, and once again we had fun, good food, and wines as a way to raise money for the fund. Betty started the fund a long time ago to help people with one time needs that couldn't be helped through other programs. The amazing part, Betty managed the fund from her kitchen table and home phone. This was the first year that Betty was not at the event, but we were able to have her talk with us over the phone from where she is living in Canon City. We really thank Conde and Annette for organizing and working the kitchen. The Betty Proctor Fund is currently a part of the Action Center.



February

- *Feb 8 Ameritowne Interviews-Westridge
- *Feb 14 3-2-1 Meeting
- *Feb 25 Action Center Food Rescue

March

- *Mar 3-5 Mid-Year Conference
- *Mar 25 Action Center Food Rescue

April

- *Apr 25 Good News Breakfast
- *Apr 22 Action Center Food Rescue
- *Apr 29 Clean Up at Bear Creek Lake Park

May

Kiwanian of the Month!!

Dave Harris

This January, we completed our 6th year of The Write Stuff, our division project led by Dave Harris. Eight different clubs joined in this year to serve ten area schools and provide school supplies for the second semester. Dave knows well that the project actually started months before with buying supplies, fundraising, bringing together partner clubs, meetings, emails, and deciding which schools would be the recipient. A very large job, and one Dave has taken on with a smile and passion for children's education. Dave's leadership has allowed Alameda West Kiwanis to continue and grow this outstanding project. Congratulations Dave!

Action Center Food Rescue

Alameda West is back working with Food Rescue at The Action Center's food pantry. The experience was much different than in the past where we were doing heavy lifting unloading big bins from the delivery truck. The food pantry is in the new building across from the loading dock so there is much more room to work. Our jobs were helping to stock the shelves to be ready for Monday. Three of our group went to help sort clothes and had a wonderful time. As an added bonus, we were working with members of the Green Mountain Kiwanis Club too. We plan to do this project on the 4th Saturday of each month, so come out and join us next time.



District & International Kiwanis News

Kiwanis Education:

What is a signature Project?

Signature projects are service projects, fundraisers or events that:

- Are recurring
- Enhance the Kiwanis name
- Demonstrate a significant impact on the community in terms of monies raised or children served.
- Strengthen membership and partnership opportunities.

Kiwanis International is beginning a new Signature Project Recognition Program and contest to draw attention to the many ways that Kiwanis Clubs are impacting their communities. The entries for the contest are due March 17th and information can be found on the kiwanisone.org website.

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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