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It's hard to believe we're halfway through the Kiwanis year! As one of the 6 club members who got to spend the weekend at the Rocky Mountain Kiwanis District Mid-Year Conference in Ft Collins this weekend, I was reminded of that. As we are halfway through the year, it's also a great time to be reminded to spread the Kiwanis word!

It is important to talk about Kiwanis and the work we do to help spread the word. And recruit! Every member has the responsibility to live it, love it, and share it. The more members we have in our club, the more hands we have for service.

So as we approach the halfway point, I challenge every member to share Kiwanis with at least one other person. They can bring their hands to help support all of our efforts and the children and community of Jefferson County.

Meetings:

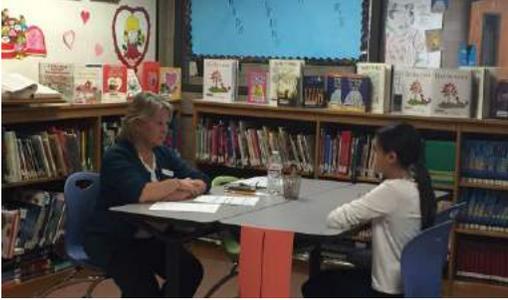
Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 AM
 Place: Garrison Street Grill
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AmeriTowne Interviews



The most exciting day in a 5th grader's school year is the trip to Young AmeriTowne. For the last few years, Alameda West has come to Westridge Elementary to help with the interview process. Each student must interview for a job at AmeriTowne. To make the interview feel a bit more realistic, Kiwanians are the unknown interviewers. It feels a little bit more realistic when a student needs to talk with an adult they do not see every day. The students were well prepped to give eye contact and good handshakes. They will all have a wonderful time running the town for the day. The group also has a chance to choose a real community charity to promote. The animal shelter is usually a top runner.



Bear Creek Lake Park

The Kiwanis Club of Alameda West is partnering with the City of Lakewood to develop a playscape at Bear Creek Lake Park. A playscape is a naturally occurring play area where children are encouraged to use creativity and critical thinking skills in their play. The Club will officially welcome the bear statue to the park on our work day April 29th.



March

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

April

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

May

- *May 21 Colfax Marathon

June

- *June 21 Wine, Cherries & Chocolate Fundraiser

Kiwanian of the Month!!

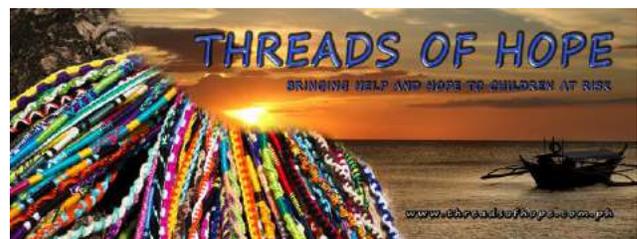
Lollie Hernandez

As an active club, we do A LOT of service, and it is important to share that service. Lollie has done a great job, jumping in to lead our social media and website outreach to make sure we are visible in the community. Lollie has also jumped in to assist our PR efforts by writing press releases on our signature projects and our anniversary event. Lollie hasn't stopped there and is recruiting and connecting with members on the Membership Committee. Thanks Lollie for being an all-around Kiwanis cheerleader.

Bear Creek Key Club

The Bear Creek High School Key Club met every week in February. Fund raising was a major focus. Members sold a record number of red, pink and yellow carnations to celebrate Valentine's Day. Red carnations were for "love." Pink carnations were for "crush." Yellow carnations were for "friendship." Carnations are tied with a designated message for each color and distributed at school during a day close to Valentine's Day. Tying and sorting all of them for distribution is a major effort and labor of love on the part of Key Clubbers. Members also sold \$50 of bottled water during parent-teacher conferences. The total raised was just over \$400 between the two efforts.

Members are also selling Threads of Hope which are bracelets made in a third world country. The bracelets are made abroad, shipped here for sale and sold by Key Clubbers to classmates, friends and family members. The sale isn't over yet, but 50% of the proceeds stay at Bear Creek and the rest is sent back to support those who make the bracelets. This has been as good fun(d) raiser in the past and one that Key Clubbers particularly enjoy.



District & International Kiwanis News

Kiwanis Education

Robert F. Lucas, is a name our Key Club Lt. Governors hear throughout the year since the award honoring the best of the district boards is named for him. Lucas recently passed away at the age of 79 in his home town of Washington, D.C. He worked for the National School Boards Association and was on the staff at Kiwanis International for 18 years. During his years with Kiwanis he worked in development with Key Club and Circle K. ss Memorial services will be held March 11 in Washington. Donations in his memory can be sent to the Kiwanis International Children's Fund



Gnome Visits Division 9

The Rocky Mountain District has a new gnome that will travel to divisions with the biggest membership growth. Division 9 was first to host Mr. Gnome, and he has now traveled on to Cheyenne, Wyoming. The naming decision for the gnome is Jerome.



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