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President's Corner



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Members, members, members! The more members we have in club, the more hands we have to provide service to the community.

The membership committee is working hard to create tools and programs to help bring in more members to our club. This includes business cards, hand written letters, and hosting a "bring a potential member" meeting on May 3rd.

There are also resources for keeping our fellow club members engaged. This includes new service opportunities, staying active, and (most important) fellowship!

Finally, while we have members dedicated to a committee that focuses on membership, every club member has a responsibility to talk about and bring in new friends to our club.

Meetings:

Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 AM

Place: Garrison Street Grill

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Action Center

The fourth Saturday of each month is Action Center day. In March we had eight members who helped sort clothes and stock shelves in the food pantry. This time we straightened out the cooler and checked out all the egg cartons for cracked eggs. It was always great to meet with a couple of members from Green Mountain Kiwanis who volunteer the same weekend of the month.



Bear Creek Lake Park Natural Playscape

The natural playscape feels very different from traditional playgrounds with their play equipment. The playscape creates places where kids can play, interact with and learn about these natural elements. Components can include earth shapes (sculptures), environmental art, indigenous flowers, trees, grasses, lichens, boulders, natural fences, and textured pathways, and natural water features. Playscapes encourage imaginative, less structured play. April 29th will be the Club clean-up at the playscape. More news next month.



April

- *Apr 22 Action Center Food Pantry, Mount Saint Vincent's lunch
- *Apr 25 Good News Breakfast

May

- *May 3 Bring a Friend to Breakfast
- *May 8 Westridge Field Day
- *May 21 Colfax Marathon

June

- *June 21 Wine, Cherries & Chocolate Fundraiser
- *June 24 Action Center Food Pantry

July

- *TBA School Supply packing

Kiwanian of the Month!!

Stephanie Fuller

Stephanie was our charter 3-2-1 member in 2016 and has spent the past year building up the club and activities. She coordinated 3-2-1's first focus on Habitat for Humanity. She also keeps members in the know and engaged with email communication. Stephanie dedicates her time to our weekend projects including the food pantry at The Action Center and Mount Saint Vincents.

Congrats Stephanie!

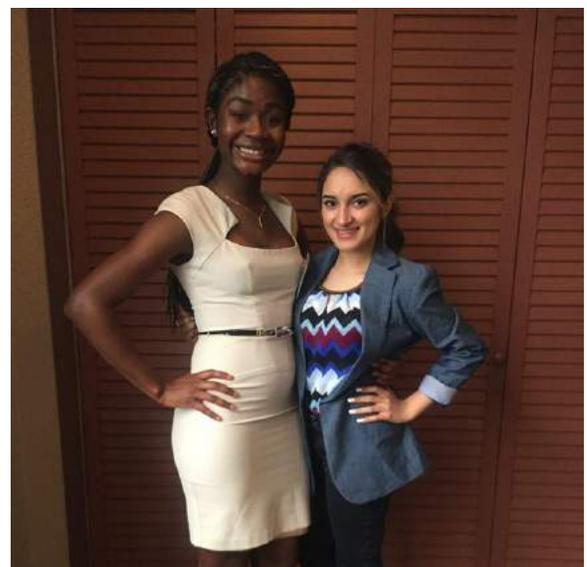
Bear Creek Key Club



During the month of March, the Bear Creek Key Club constructed its annual scrapbook and created a video to be entered into competition at the annual Key Club District Convention (DCON). The 2017/2018 Key Club officers were also installed. The outgoing Division 9 Lieutenant Governor Krista Couzi visited the club during the installation of officers. The club did not meet during spring break.

Four members attended DCON during which new officers of the Rocky Mountain District were elected. Krista Couzi was elected governor from a slate of three. Audrey Dilgarde, 2016-2017 International Trustee from Conifer HS received unanimous endorsement to run for International President and Megan Curry was also unanimously endorsed to run for International Trustee at the Key Club International Convention in San Antonio, Texas in July.

Bear Creek's video submission won the video contest and will be entered into competition at the International Convention. Bear Creek members also received an early bird award in the form of a yellow ducky for having submitted dues to Key Club International by November 1.



District & International Kiwanis News

Kiwanis Education

Meet the France-Monaco Kiwanis District

There are 32 divisions in this district. Although its members have diverse jobs, most are employed in insurance, business, medicine, and education. There are 440 members and 250 clubs. Membership percentages are 76% male and 24% female with an average age of 59 years. Just as here, their goal is to recruit more women and younger members. They have increased membership by 100 since October. The district's goal is to raise funds for research and help for families suffering from rare diseases. These diseases affect fewer than one person in 2,000. There are at least 7,000 of these rare diseases and are mostly genetic. The number of cases is increasing and there are at least 3 million cases in France alone, half of these are children. These diseases account for 30% of infant mortality. The district is also partnering with Romania to establish a district-in-training. Other projects include a Literature Prize, Greens of Hope for Cystic Fibrosis, Kiwanis Youth Tour de France, and First Flights for disabled and disadvantaged children.

International Convention

Every summer, Kiwanis International gets together for an International Convention. According to our By-Laws, we need to have conventions outside of the United States every few years. This year the convention will be held in Paris, France on July 13-16 (Just in time to celebrate Bastille Day). There are also pre- and post- convention trips to add on to the trip. Beforehand is a 3 night stay in Aix-en-Provence. Afterward there is a 3 night stay in Cabourg in Normandy where you can visit D-Day sites such as Omaha Beach and the artist Claude Monet's home.



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