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### President's Corner



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To me, Kiwanis has always meant family. For those who don't know, I've been a part of the Kiwanis Family for 15 years, serving in Key Club, Circle K, and finally finding my home at the Kiwanis Club of Alameda West (my 4th Kiwanis club I should add). I was reminded of this wonderful family I have again on May 21st while running the Colfax Marathon. Not only was I greeted by the smiling faces of our club, I saw the Arvada Jefferson, Wheat Ridge, and Columbine clubs. And at mile 22, it's great to see a smiling face. Not to mention, fellow club member Lisa Slavinski ran over 13 miles with me that day.

Kiwanis means different things for different people at different times in their life. A Key Clubber is given the opportunity for leadership training that will help them through life via Kiwanis. Circle K'ers are doing service around the world through the sponsorship of Kiwanis. And Kiwanians are spending their Wednesdays "riding" bears and planting greenery in the park to create a space for kids to play.

We used to use the recruiting phrase "come for the service and stay for the fellowship". I think that is still very true today. In all that we do, we are serving the community. And we are getting to have fun with our family at the same time.

#### Meetings:

Wednesdays: 7:00-8:00 AM

Place: Garrison Street Grill

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# Bear Creek Lake Park Work Day



A rainy Wednesday morning couldn't dampen the spirits or the efforts of the Kiwanis Club of Alameda West or the Lakewood city staff at Bear Creek Lake Park.

As volunteers and staff placed rock slabs down into the soft ground in front of the park's visitor's center, the vision of how the land would soon look was fresh in the workers' minds as they work on a natural play area for children. The park's newest amenity won't be finished for some time, but both the Kiwanis Club and the city are excited for what it will be one day.

From Lakewood edition of *Your Hub*, May 16, 2017

By Joe Vaccarelli



Show your **LOVE** for our Jeffco students!



# Love Our Schools Luncheon

The annual Jeffco Foundation's Love Our Schools Luncheon was held at the Baldoria on the Water Event Center. This year's honorees were Nancy Hoffmaster who received the Salazar Excellence in Philanthropy Award and Pam Nissler who received the Norma Anderson Lifetime Achievement in Education Award. Nancy's husband is Bob Hoffmaster from the Aurora Kiwanis Club. Tori hosted a table and other members attended at other tables. The Jeffco Foundation donates funds for many programs around the district.



Important  
DATE!

## June

- \*June 9 Food Sale at Carmody Rec Center
- \*June 21 Wine, Cherries & Chocolate Fundraiser
- \*June 24 Action Center Food Pantry

## July

- \*July 13-16 International Convention in Paris
- \*July 22 Action Center Food Pantry

## August

- \*Aug 2 School Supply packing
- \*Aug 6-8 District Convention in Cheyenne
- \*Aug 9, 13 School Supply Distribution
- \*Aug 26 Action Center Food Pantry

## September

- \*Sept. 23 Action Center Food Pantry

## Kiwanian of the Month!!

### Pam Feely

Pam has been keeping our club's financials inline behind the scenes for years. Her expertise comes in handy for our club all the time and her willingness to jump in and help is invaluable. Pam has recently used her talents to help fundraise for our club's signature project at Bear Creek Lake Park by creating the Wine, Chocolate, & Cherries Fundraiser and applying for multiple grants to support the project. Pam's ideas have provided multiple new ideas on how we can raise the money whether it be a wine tasting or selling bear paws.

Congrats Pam! We'll have to celebrate on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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**COLFAX**  
MARATHON



s There is always a good reason to get up early in the morning on Colfax Marathon day. Felix was there bright and early getting everything set up and ready to go. The first runner came by at 6:40 AM! Thanks go to the members who showed up to help pass out Gatorade and water. Jane said her shoes were still full of Gatorade days later. It was a surprise that we were billed as a first aid station. There were no supplies, but we were able to get assistance for a few runners. We had three members who ran a portion or all of the race this year: Lindsey, Lisa, and Brian. Dave was able to connect with some of his favorite teachers from Westridge Elementary while passing out water.



# Westridge Elementary School Field Day



Eight members volunteered at field day for grades 4-6 at Westridge. The day was beautiful, but as the afternoon went on, the last event of the day was cancelled due to lightning. All of the participants had a great time. Our members were able to let teachers and parents relax and enjoy the day while we supervised the games. Several of us were caught in rain and hail on the way home.



# District & International Kiwanis News

## Kiwanis Education

### Colonel Tim Sheppard Announces Candidacy

Col. Shepard is the current Lt. Governor for Division 13 which is located in the southeastern part of Wyoming. He is a past president and active member of the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club. He has been club chairman of the Cheyenne Frontier Days Pancake Breakfast ( huge job), Chocolate Indulgence, and Rib Fest. Currently, he is the Club Chairman for Roadside Cleanup and the Kiwanis Reads Program.

He is both a Zeller and Friendship Fellow. As a Club Counselor, he revived the University of Wyoming CKI Program and the Cheyenne Central High School Key Club, Further, he has worked closely with all the clubs in Division 13 to increase their membership. As a Club Opener, he is working to establish a Kiwanis club in the Goshen County area and a Key Club at the Wheatland High School. In addition to Kiwanis, Tim is very active with the non-profit program Raising Readers in Wyoming. This program provides books to parents when they bring their children in for their well child checkups.



## Rocky Mountain District Foundation

Did you know that if you are a Kiwanis member in our district, you are a member of the Rocky Mountain Kiwanis District Foundation? Each year the foundation awards \$20,000-\$25,000 in grants to clubs for one time projects. There is a \$2,500 maximum and it is a matching grant. Money comes from individual donations, club donations, and fundraisers. The total revenue is anywhere from \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year. Individuals who donate \$1,000 are awarded Lusche Fellowships named after Norris Lusche, Past International President from the Rocky Mountain District.



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