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Outdoor Lab Foundation



Our guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Columbine was Paige Brophy, Marketing & Administrative Coordinator for the Outdoor Lab

Foundation. The Outdoor Lab Foundation is a nonprofit committed to supporting and sustaining the Jefferson County Outdoor Laboratory Schools; Windy Peak and Mount Evans. Our Club is a supporter of the Outdoor Lab Schools and presented the Foundation with \$500. Accepting the check from Kiwanis Club of Columbine President Russ Jackson is Paige Brophy. - Ron Hunley



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Kiwanis Club of Columbine

Weekly Newsletter for October 18, 2017
This Week's Presenter is Sue Counterman
Topic "Dealing in Hope" (p)
Greeter: George Kinzer
Next Week's Greeter: Mike Greunke

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.



Oct 22 Bill Pfeifer
Oct 22 Mel Roghair

Upcoming Club Programs (p=projector)

Oct 25 Deputy DA Gary Dawson "Forensics DNA" (p)
Nov 01 School Principals – Outdoor Lab Scholarships
Nov 08 Larry, Bill P., Dean " Let's Hear from Our Vets"
Nov 15 Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep
Nov 22 Social Time (the day before Thanksgiving)

Future Club Events and Service Projects

Oct 18 Wed Fort Logan National Cemetery Tour 08:45 AM Riggs
Oct 18 Wed Board of Directors Election – Replace aBe Baltazar
Oct 21 Sat Arapahoe Philharmonic Concert & Silent Auction
Oct 24 Tue Bessie's Hope Visit – Susan / Kerry / Ken
Oct 28 Sat Adopt A Highway - Julie
Nov 04 Sat Action Center - aBe
Nov 04 Sat Bessie's Hope Bowlathon - Susan
Dec 04 Mon Blood Drive – Denny and Rick

Meals on Wheels

Oct 18 Wed Cleve and Terri McKinney
Oct 23 Mon Les Burns and Jack Gibson
Oct 24 Tues Riggs and Bobbi Smith
Oct 25 Wed Cleve and Terri McKinney
Oct 27 Fri T Tafoya and Nancy Bierman
Oct 30 Mon Bill and Barbara Morrissey
Nov 01 Wed Cleve and Terri McKinney
Nov 06 Mon Abe Baltazar and Denny Brehm
Nov 07 Tues Riggs and Bobbi Smith
Nov 08 Wed Cleve and Terri McKinney
Nov 10 Fri Mel and Julie Roghair
Nov 13 Mon Mike Greunke and Bill Pfeifer



See Bill Duddleson for Foundation Tickets and Jim Foley for King Soopers Reloadable Cards



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A Nice Bit of History

Frank Sinatra considered Kate Smith the best singer of her time, and said that when he and a million other guys first heard her sing "God Bless America" on the radio, they all pretended to have dust in their eyes as they wiped away a tear or two.



Here are the facts; The link at the bottom will take you to a video showing the very first public singing of "God Bless America". But before you watch it you should know the story behind the first public showing of the song.

The time was 1940. America was still in a terrible economic depression. Hitler was taking over Europe and Americans were afraid we'd have to go to war. It was a time of hardship and worry for most Americans.

This was the era just before TV when radio shows were HUGE and American families sat around their radios in the evenings listening to their favorite entertainers, and no entertainer of that era was bigger than Kate Smith.

Kate was also large; plus size as we now say and the popular phrase still used today is in deference to her; "It ain't over till the fat lady sings."

Kate Smith might not have made it big in the age of TV but with her voice coming over the radio, she was the biggest star of her time.

Kate was also patriotic. It hurt her to see Americans so depressed and afraid of what the next day would bring. She had hope for America and faith in her fellow Americans. She wanted to do something to cheer them up, so she went to the famous American song-writer Irving Berlin (who also wrote White Christmas) and asked him to write a song that would make Americans feel good again about their country. When she described what she was looking for, he said he had just the song for her. He went to his files and found a song that he had written but never published, 22 years before - in 1917. He gave it to her and she worked on it with her studio orchestra. She and Irving Berlin were not sure how the song would be received by the public, but both agreed they would not take any profits from "God Bless America". Any profits would go to the Boy Scouts of America. Over the years, the Boy Scouts have received millions of dollars in royalties from this song.

This video starts out with Kate Smith coming into the radio studio with the orchestra and an audience. She introduces the new song for the very first time and starts singing. After the first couple verses, with her voice in the background, scenes are shown from the 1940 movie, "You're In The Army Now". At the 4:20 mark of the video, you see a young actor in the movie sitting in an office, reading a paper; it's Ronald Reagan.

To this day, "God Bless America" stirs our patriotic feelings and pride in our country. Back in 1940, when Kate Smith went looking

for a song to raise the spirits of her fellow Americans, I doubt whether she realized just how successful the results would be for her fellow Americans during those years of hardship and worry...and for many generations of Americans to follow.

Now that you know the story of the song, I hope you'll enjoy it.

Many people don't know there's a lead in to the song since it usually starts with God Bless America ... So here's the entire song as originally sung. Enjoy it! Click below:

[Kate Smith introduces God Bless America](#)
[- YouTube](#)

Second Wind Walk/Run

The Kiwanis volunteers at the Second Wind Walk/Run were marvelous. So many Second Wind staff told me how helpful they were and how they look forward to next year. They don't have total revenue yet but they estimate there were 10% more runners/walkers than last year. Our volunteers this year were Tom McEwen, Brad Bradbury, Bunny Delongchamp, Russ Jackson, Brian Dee Counterman, Jim and JoAnn Roos, and special kudos to Abe and Jim Foley for showing up at 6 am in the dark, to help deliver volunteers, vendors, and attendees from the Columbine parking lot to the event. Pictured are Jim Roos and Tom McEwen.



Thanks everyone for the great work and your contribution to helping prevent teen suicide!

Regards, Jim

From Second Wind

Howdy!

Thank you for helping with parking at this year's Second Wind Walk / Run event. I don't have any final figures, but I just received an email from the director of Second Wind and it looks like the number of participants was up about 10%. Thanks to all of you for helping to make this year's event a successful one!

I will keep Jim Roos informed as I get the official numbers.

Thanks again and I hope to see all of you next year!

Heather

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