

Kiwanis Club of Estes Park

October 2016 Newsletter



Serving the children of our beautiful Estes Park Valley

Installation of 2016-2017
Board members: Jay
Blackwood, Bob Burger, Bob
Johnson, Deb Blackwood,
Wayne Otto, Gary Miller -
Cherie Martin (not pictured)
Kathy Littlejohn (not pictured)
Wayne Park (not pictured).



Meeting Notes:

Our September 16th meeting was spent discussing various upcoming projects and club issues. **Wayne and Sally Park** were prepared for the Sept 19 – 21 hosting of the winning bidders of the B&B from the District Convention, which generated \$260 for the Kiwanis District Foundation. **Roger Hess** helped with breakfast preparations.

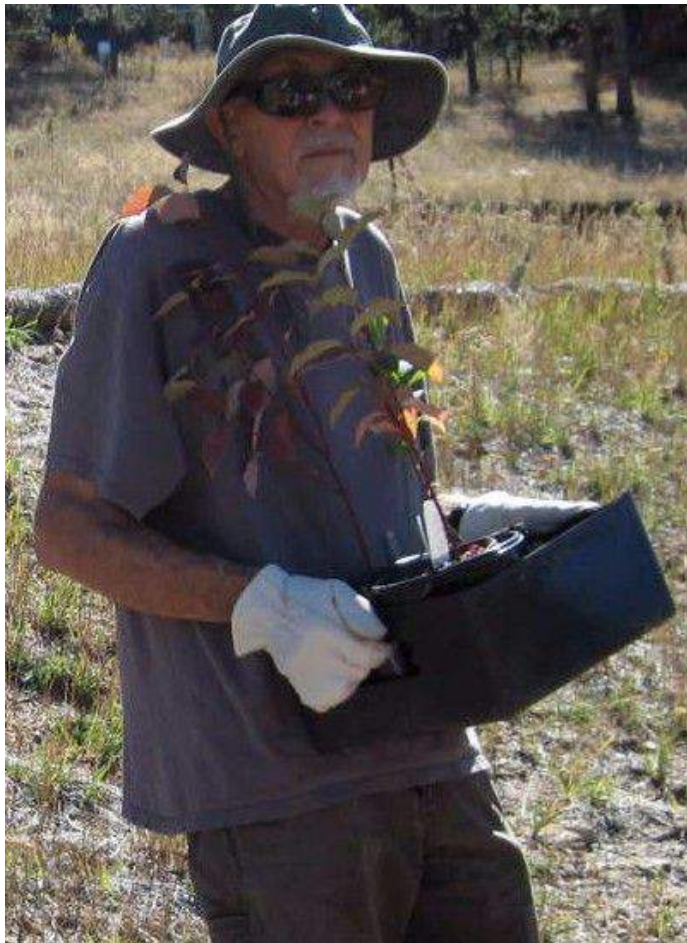
This was Roger Hess' last meeting for the year as the Hess' will be migrating to their Arizona wintering grounds shortly. Safe travels, **Roger and Janis** – see you next year, and THANKS for all you do for EP Kiwanis!

Vern Merz, our emeritus member extraordinaire, joined us at our September 30th meeting! We also welcomed **Nancy Wiehagen**, Executive Director Rocky Mountain Region, **Ann Stelling**, Region 2 Lt. Governor from Greeley, and **Dawn White**, Key Club Administrator to our meeting – a great turnout! All hands worked to prepare the over 90 dictionaries that were distributed to 3rd graders on October 11th.

Officers for 2016 – 17 were installed by **Lt. Governor Stelling**; **Dawn White** updated us on Key Club – negotiations are underway to have Key Leader conference at the YMCA starting in 2017! The new budget was approved - thanks to **Jay and Deb Blackwood** for all their hard work! Our two memorial scholarships will be increased to \$2000 each!

Chelsea Hernandez, Rocky Mountain National Park ranger, was our guest speaker on October 7th letting us know about the National Park Service's Centennial celebrations, as well as current hot topics regarding Rocky Mountain National Park. Thanks much, Chelsea!

Landed a **Builder's Club** Advisor– **Don Osborn** reports we have a Middle School faculty advisor for Builder's Club...**Alan Norton**. *Kathy Littlejohn* hopes to be able to serve as the primary Kiwanis advisor, with help from *Sally Park, Don Osborn, Bob Burger* and other members as needed. Kathy will meet with Alan to flesh out a plan to re-establish the Club. Thanks, Kathy!



Jay Blackwood (pictured) and Gary Miller helped the Key Club with their September project.

Our Club-sponsored high school Key Club is up and running, and our Board of Directors has agreed to chip in for some Key Clubbers to attend the Key Leader conference in October. Key Club's September service project was helping with the massive Fish Creek restoration project with high-schoolers and other

volunteers planting about 3 thousand trees and shrubs along both sides of Fish Creek for **Watershed Coalition**. Jay Blackwood worked alongside the Key Clubbers, as did Gary Miller, and other students throughout the day. Thanks, Jay, Gary and the Key Club and other volunteers!

Thanks again to the following members who will continue to head up these important Club projects:

Don Osborn - BUGS (42 students this year!)

Wayne Park - Dictionaries for all 3rd graders and Kathy Littlejohn for the word game activity at the presentation!

Bob Johnson - Breakfast Buddies

Jay Blackwood - Key Club

Kathy Littlejohn - Builder's Club

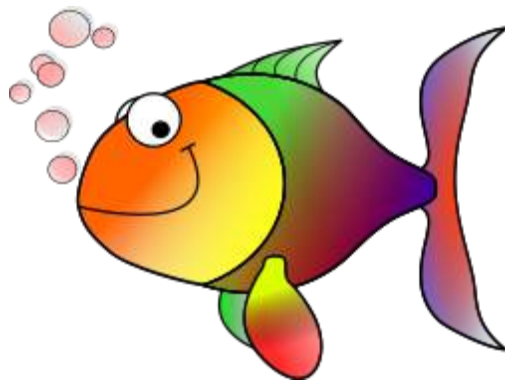
Jana Larsen - Newsletter and Social Media

Next meeting: Rita Kurelja, October 21 - Executive Director of the *Estes Park Housing Authority* - housing issues in the Estes Valley

Coming up in November: Philanthropy Day at YMCA of the Rockies on November 10 - let Jay and Gary know if you can help



Kathy Littlejohn assisting with the yearly and greatly anticipated Dictionary Assembly for all 3rd graders - she obviously has their rapt attention!





One delighted recipient and a few happy Kiwanians!



Trivia Corner: The answer to our last trivia question is...a longshoreman (*dockwalloper*). From What Do You Know? The Ultimate Test of Common (and Not So Common) Knowledge.

The new trivia question.....

Who said this: *"We must realize that we cannot escape the common lot of pain, and that our only justification, if one there be, is to speak insofar as we can on behalf of those who cannot."*

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