



# KIWANIS KAKTUS

Pueblo, Colorado

MEETING WEDNESDAYS AT 11:45 AM  
PUEBLO COUNTRY CLUB, 3200 8TH AVENUE



# Spring



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Thursday, May 4  
5:30 pm  
Joe Welte's home  
634 W. Calle Allegre  
Pueblo West



## KIWANIS KORNER

On Tuesday,  
May 2  
Noon to 1:30 we will  
again be sorting  
cans or stuffing  
backpacks at  
Care and Share



Thursday, May 18  
8:00 am  
Southside Dunkin  
Donuts  
3602 W. Northern

**MEETING BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Wednesday,  
May 24, 10:30 am

**MEETING FOUNDATION BOARD**  
Monday, May 8  
11:45 am  
Acorn Construction

**May Programs**  
Nancy Hall  
Program Chair

- May 3 Jen Mullen, Institute of Cannabis Research  
CSU-Pueblo
- May 10 Col. Thomas Duncan, Commander Pueblo Depot
- May 17 Madison Tatinksi, Madison's Mission  
Shoes for needy kids
- May 24 Zack Stanifer, Campbell's Flowers
- May 31 Rick Clark, Pueblo Home Builders Association



# Recent Programs



Sherrie Caffey and Laura Krause, CSU- Extension



Marina and José Martinez  
The Salvation Army



Tammy Moore  
Parkview Kidsville

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## Rocky Mountain Kiwanis District Governor Kathy Lee's Message

Hey there Rocky Mountain Kiwanians!

A sincere THANK YOU to everyone that participated in the annual mid-year conference in Fort Collins. The whole weekend was inspirational, informative and, of course, fun! I know some of you might still be wondering if you landed your jet fighter plane or not. That exercise was absolute craziness, but I bet you got the point of it... communication is key to the success of everything we do.

We were blessed to host Kiwanis International President Jane Erickson at our Mid-Year Conference and at the "Step Up for Kids" event in Monument. Jane recently told me she was still smiling over the positive things that happened at the conference and was truly inspired by the great energy ignited from Monument Hill Kiwanis bringing so many key players to the table to have a conversation about collaboration.

Like always, I came away from the weekend recharged and inspired from spending time with the wonderful members of the great Rocky Mountain District, the best district in Kiwanis!

I'm excited about the upcoming conventions. International Convention will be in Paris, France July 13-16. Oui, Oui, come with me to Paris! (still working on my French and my rhyming!) Register now, as the registration fee goes to \$385 on April 15th. And then the next big shindig is District Convention. Dust off them boots, cowboys and cowgirls, we're headed to Cheyenne, Wyoming for our 89th Annual District Convention August 3-6. It will be at Little America. Mark your calendars!

It's hard to believe we are already at the halfway point of the Kiwanis year. Time flies when you're having fun, right? I have greatly enjoyed meeting members around the district and I love learning about the great projects each club does for its community. I commend Kiwanis International for creating the Signature Project Contest. I hope the contest inspires every club to review their projects and test whether their project is truly a signature project: Is it recurring, enhances the Kiwanis brand, makes a significant impact on the community and strengthens membership and partnership opportunities?

Another great idea came out of this contest - we now have an archive of great Rocky Mountain District service projects on the district website. Please go check it out. Even though the contest is over, I hope we can build on this site and add more signature projects to it. I'd love for this to become a sharing place for anyone to learn about the great projects we do in the Rocky Mountain District. 32

The Kiwanis year is halfway over, but our little mountain climber isn't half way up that big purple hill! We've still got a lot of inviting to do to reach our district goal of 448 new members.

Thank you to all the members who have sponsored new members into Kiwanis so far this year. As a reminder, the goal of 448 members is a gross goal, so that by the end of September we retain our total membership numbers for the district, currently at 2,573. It's inevitable that we will lose members every year for a variety of reasons. That is why it is so important that every club works on membership all year long.

Have you held a membership drive? Have you tried "Kocktails with Kiwanis" or an Open House? Would you like a member from the District Formula team to help coach your club to greatness? Whatever your club wants to do, just do it!

For some great ideas on membership drives, check out the Formula website: [www.kiwanis.org/theformula](http://www.kiwanis.org/theformula).

We can do this! We can do this together!

Until we meet again...Thanks for all you do to help our most precious resources on the planet, our kids!

*Kathy Lee*



***Kiwanis International President Jane Erickson*** visited the District March 2-5 to promote her program "Step Up for Kids". President Jane's overarching message is "We all want to live in communities where kids are happy, healthy, safe and loved. By working together, we can make a bigger impact in the lives of children."

The ***Monument Hill Kiwanis Club*** was responsible for getting a group of community leaders together in a panel discussion format to discuss this. The panel included an El Paso County commissioner, an executive vice president from the El Pomar Foundation, a vice president from Merrill Lynch, and the publisher of the local Monument newspaper. In addition, there were 18 representatives from non-profits, local schools and churches. 41 Kiwanians from the District also attended.

President Jane started the discussion by stating that efforts like this have been tried in the past with individual organizations working as separate "silos;" but this time, if we are positive and work together, we can achieve more than the sum of our individual work.

She made the point that Kiwanis has found that that ***only 10% of the public know about Kiwanis***. Kiwanis is in 80 countries where we identify and fill the needs of children. We are a cradle-to-grave organization in the sense that we exist in elementary schools as K-Kids, middle schools as Builder Clubs, high schools as Key Clubs, Colleges as Circle K clubs and finally the organization you see in communities across the globe as Kiwanis. Jane encouraged us to start robust conversations because we need to help each other. When we partner together, we accomplish better results than just our separate organizations working alone.

A robust discussion did indeed occur. There was a great exchange of ideas between President Jane and the panelists and later with the audience. The key points made were: we have multiple organizations that are working very hard to achieve this goal; although we have significant resources, we probably don't have enough to completely achieve our goals; by working together rather than independently and competitively, we can make a bigger impact; and by developing better communication and understanding of the different strengths and weaknesses of the various organizations interested in this endeavor, we can be more effective.

There is an effort underway in Division 4 to determine the next steps.

**KOCKTAILS WITH KIWANIS:** Members and their spouses (guests) are invited to Linda and Joe's house for Kocktails with Kiwanis.

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm.

**WHERE:** 634 W Calle Alegre Dr., Pueblo West.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take Highway 50W towards Canon City to the third Pueblo West entrance. Turn left (South) on

**McCulloch (the west McCulloch) and go two blocks South to Calle Alegre Drive and make another left turn (East). We are the fourth house on the right. (brown brick with some rock landscaping).**

**WHAT:** Please bring your beverage of choice and a side dish or snack. We will have the main course (probably enchilada casserole) and some beer.

**RSVP:** To: [jwelte@summitbrick.com](mailto:jwelte@summitbrick.com) or 719-545-9010.

**New Financial Plan**

To provide necessary funds needed for our club there have been some changes made:

Membership dues

\$25 per month or \$240 per year if paid yearly

Meals:

\$15 per meal eaten. They will be billed monthly

Corporate Membership:

\$1000 per year, including cost of meals

There are costs associated with being a member over and above your actual district and international dues. Some of those costs are speaker meals, dues and meals for our secretary and treasurer, annual accounting fees as well as costs for our website, postage and other miscellaneous supplies. Including your actual dues that all totals \$240 per year. The \$240 can be paid annually, or if you want to be billed monthly, it will be \$25 per month. There will no longer be a 'Senior' member classification. All members will now be responsible for paying their fair share. This amount does not include meals, which will be billed monthly at \$15 per meal eaten. There is also a corporate membership option which will include one meal per week as well as an ad in the Kaktus, plus the opportunity to plug your business at one of our luncheon meetings. That cost will be \$1000 per year or \$85 per month if billed monthly. All of these changes will take effect May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**BIRTHDAYS**

- May 2 Gary Hall
- May 13 Jack Chick
- May 15 Bill Sheard
- May 20 Rory Cook

**Let's Celebrate**



**Anniversary**

- May 23 Bob and Joyce Spears
- May 25 Barry and Phyllis Richards

**JOINED IN MAY**

- 2006 Joe Folda 11 years

**New Member**



Jim Wiley has joined the club. He has been a member of a Key Club and the Circle-K club at CSU-Pueblo, where he recently graduated with a MBA degree. He is beginning his practice as a financial advisor. Born in Pueblo, he spent much of his growing up in Uzbekistan., where his father was a missionary. Moving to Pueblo at 15, he graduated from County High. He enjoys yoga, hiking, golf, and loves spending time in the mountains.

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