



Kiwanis Club of the FOOTHILLS

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org
Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at the Spice of Life Event Center, 5706 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder CO

Mar. 1, 2010

Coming up . . .

3/1/10 Liz Kritza, CU's Head Volleyball Coach

3/4/10 7:00 a.m. Board Meeting at Parkway Restaurant in Boulder

3/8/10 Peggy Gerringer, "Identity Theft"

3/15/10 Rudy Baumann, "Blue Danube Trip Photos"

3/22/10 (open)

3/29/10 John Anderson, "Alive-at-25" Colorado State Highway Patrol program to prevent teen-age driving deaths

Program Chairperson(s):
March – Mary Schweitzer

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

February 22 – Iris Lee, "Legacy of Learning" Education Program

Iris Lee, "Legacy of Learning" Program Director, explained how this program teaches students reading, writing, spelling, math and critical thinking. It serves students at Boulder's Justice High School as well as those enrolled in the local "I Have a Dream" program. "We are of service to those who need it the most," she said, which includes students who are at least two grade-levels below their current grade, and who are on free or reduced-cost lunch programs. The children receive education assistance 1-2 hours a day, twice a week. Legacy of Learning uses the direct-instruction model based on phonics, where educational results are rapid and there's a high rate of retention rate by the students. "All children can succeed if they are taught carefully," Iris said. "If they can't read, write and spell, their lives are limited." There are 30 teachers in the program, about half who are certified. The program's emphasis is on compassion and being able to work with children.



February 22 -- Matt Robbins, "Benefits of Colorado State Lottery"

Matt talked to our club about the history of the Colorado State Lottery system, which was approved by the Colorado General Assembly in 1982. With the start-up of the Lottery in 1983, our entire state has received a total of more than \$2 billion in lottery revenue that has gone to buy, improve, and expand state parks, recreation areas, open space, conservation education, and state wildlife projects. All Colorado towns, cities, counties and special districts of any size receive money in proportion to their population from the lottery's Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) and Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Fund. The Lottery provides funds to projects across the states that are used to build trails, improve open recreation facilities, preserve ranchlands and view corridors, improve/expand river quality and access, and conserved wildlife habitats. When the Colorado Lottery joined Powerball in 1992, the distribution formula changed to include funding for school health and safety issues, where 50 percent of Lottery proceeds are mandated to go to GOCO (up to \$35 million) each year. In total for 2009, the Colorado Lottery generated \$550 million of sales revenue, with 60 percent going to lottery winners; 7 percent to Lottery administration; and the remainder to the Lottery's CTF and GOCO funds.



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February 19-21 Kiwanis RMD MidWinter Conference

The annual Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District's MidWinter Conference was this year from February 19-21 at the Radisson Hotel in Longmont. Foothills Kiwanis members who attended were Gary Symes, Dave Rogers, and Joe Girard (shown below at the MidWinter Interclub Luncheon held on Saturday, February 20), who wrote the following newsletter articles.



Young Children - Priority One (hosted by Paulette Barney) **-- Dave Rogers**

Paulette pointed out that the first 5 years are critical to child development, and with budget cuts to Medicaid and education, the need for our help is increased. Since Kiwanis Young Children Priority One was launched in 1990, \$80 million of funds and 7.5 million volunteer hours have been contributed by Kiwanis at the local and international levels. Each club should have a goal of two children's projects this year, preferably one local and one international. One suggestion was to buy Kiwanis "Trauma Dolls" to distribute to our regions pediatric trauma centers. Another suggestion was for clubs to be aware of local support resources, and to direct people to them. As I listened, I thought that many of us and our adult kids have many unused children's books for under age 5 and under. Perhaps our Foothills club could collect and distribute them to needy kids.

Rocky Mountain District Foundation (hosted by Jack Forhan, President of the RMD Foundation) **-- Dave Rogers**

All Kiwanis members belong to the Rocky Mountain District Foundation, which is 26 years old. While KPTI is the primary project for this foundation, grants are also given to individual clubs in support of their projects. In the first 4 months of this fiscal year (10/1/09-1/31/10), total Fund income was \$27,770, while grants and donations totaled \$11,900. In addition, \$17,303 was presented to KPTI at the MidWinter Conference.

The most notable project of the International Foundation was the Iodine Deficiencies Disorders (IDD) project, where most diseases resulting from iodine deficiency in third-world countries have been eliminated. Foundation proceeds totaled \$7,000 when the program began in 1968, and now exceed \$650,000 per year. More than \$68 million has been contributed to directly help children lead happy, healthy, and productive lives. In addition to personal private donations, each club is asked to contribute at a suggested level of \$5 per member.

Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (presented by Theresa Rapstine, RMD KPTI Coordinator) **-- Gary Symes**

We are encouraged to use the full Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute name (rather than KPTI) to draw more attention to the Kiwanis role in reducing child injury and death rates in the United States since 1987 by 45%. Kiwanians have contributed \$900,000 since 1994 to KPTI. Theresa elaborated on several topics: 1) Studies show 85% of children in Colorado age newborn-3 are in car seats, but its only 70% of children for ages 4-15. Work needs to be done here. 2) SafeKids Colorado will be headquartered at KPTI with its Director being paid through KPTI. SafeKids was designated the "Denver Metro Coalition of the Year" and won several awards this past year. Currently, work is being done to strengthen child seatbelt laws and encourage more ski/snowboard helmet usage in our state. 3) The Junglemobile continues to be a success, and clubs are encouraged to use it with kid projects. Clubs pay for the fuel and the food/overnight expenses for driver. So far, a total of 67,500 kids have benefitted to date via 302 Junglemobile events.

Risk Management (presented by Larry Howell, District Risk Manager) **-- Gary Symes**

Larry recommended that clubs have a "risk manager". He explained insurance coverage paid by Kiwanis International and also policy exclusions. He discussed the claims processed since 1988. Automobile claims, slips and falls, and special events claims were the highest (other than the sexual misconduct claims) since 1991. He pointed out that volunteers who are not members of a Kiwanis Club should be supervised on projects in order to get insurance coverage. He also discussed a growing trend for clubs to do background checks (some firms charge \$12 with results in 2-3 days) for felonies or sexual abuse for prospective members. This is needed to prove "due diligence" for court cases that may result from new member problems.

Public Relations and Marketing (presented by Pam Bilby, RMD Secretary) **-- Gary Symes**

Pam gave a program using the computer to discuss newsletters and brochures. She gets electronic copies of District newsletters to help clubs creating newsletters as well as for reporting on what is happening in the District. She explained the benefits of the KiwanisOne.org website. We can create brochures and get fifty free copies. In the Kiwanis store, we can create business cards. These are very useful in recruiting new members. She also mentioned that Office Max has a discount for Kiwanis of around 50% for black and white copies. She can give us the discount number.

Upcoming Burke/Horizon Field Clean-Up Club Project **-- Pete Sprenkle**

- Our club's annual Burke/Horizons Field Clean-Up project will take place this Saturday morning, March 6 (where March 20 is our backup date). This club project is done on behalf of the Boulder Girls' Softball program to give them a good place to practice and play. Please put this date on your calendar!