



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

Sep 7, 2009

Coming up . . .

- 9/14/09** Coach Liz Kritza, CU Volleyball
- 9/21/09** Kerry Hassler, Club Business
Meeting about 2009-2010 club projects and activities, project funding candidates, and other topics
- 9/28/09** Dennis Ebbets, "Space-Based Telescopes: Hubble and Others"
- 10/1/09** Foothills Board Meeting at 7:00 a.m. at Parkway Restaurant in Boulder

Program Chairperson(s):
September – David Petrick
October – Mary Switzer

Snippets of Recent Foothills Programs

August 26 – Phuc Tran, Division 11-16 Key Club Lieutenant Governor, "July 22-August 8 Children of Peace Trip to Vietnam"

Phuc Tran talked about her trip to Vietnam with Children of Peace International (COPI) founder and coordinator Binh Rybacki and a group of Rocky Mountain District Key Club members. The group visited an orphanage in Viet Tri, the historic King Hung's Temple, Doan Hung, Lao Cai, Sa Pa, a leper colony at Ha Noi Soc Son, Hoi An, the elementary school at Vinh Long built in 2007 with funds raised by RMD Key Clubs, and a hospital for kids in Sai Gon. The group brought with them medicine purchased in the U.S. by additional RMD Key Club activities to help Vietnam children. Phuc told about the optimism outlook on life that she saw everywhere (even in the leper colony) that is part of the Vietnamese culture. A Boulder native, she graduated as a top academic student from Peak to Peak Charter School in Lafayette, and will be attending Whittier College in California to study bio-chemistry. Phuc is a great example of the Kiwanis Key Club spirit!



August 31 -- Tania Leontov, FOCUS (Facilitating Offenders Choosing Uplifting Solutions) non-profit organization

Tania Leontov told club members about her helping to start the Boulder "Restoring the Soule of the Community" group in 2003 that has brought together churches, non-profits, and business to help the needy of Boulder County. Her FOCUS non-profit began in 2004 to work with jail and probation department staff to assign mentors to provide a bridge to help incarcerated individuals back to a normal life. Although the normal rate for return is 70 percent, this program has helped to cur the rate to 50 percent in Boulder. Mentors help with housing, employment, recovery from substance and alcohol abuse, and other aspects of adjustment. Tania is the only paid FOCUS employee, who helps give 12 hours of training to the volunteer mentors. Jenny (shown in photo) talked about her adjustment from prison life with help from FOCUS. She is an amazing example of how effective the FOCUS program can be to help those who would otherwise have returned to jail lead a normal life.



Club Officers

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Greg Lefferdink

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Kerry Hassler

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Dennis Hubbard

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Joe Girard

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Barb Brown
Hugh Matheson
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Pete Sprenkle
Clarence Wood

September 3 Foothills Board Meeting Notes

-- Dennis Hubbard

The Kiwanis Club of the Foothills Board of Directors met at Parkway Restaurant on September 3, 2009. President Lefferdink called the meeting to order at 7:03 am. 11 members were present.

Board members: President Lefferdink, Secretary Hubbard, Treasurer Girard, Brown, Matheson, Person, Peterson, Rogers, Sprenkle, Wood

Guests: Hassler

MINUTES: August and Special Board minutes were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Girard presented the August financials that were approved as presented. The Boulder Boulder money will be sent to the Ream River Runner organization.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

--Mohling was given a LOA effective July 20 thru October 20, 2009 for work related absence. The LOA was approved.

--Jean Cramer was dropped from the membership roster.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The September 21 meeting will be a business meeting to go over projects for the 2009/2010 administrative year and an election of 4 Board members.

--Board members Brown, Rogers, Person and Sprenkle will end September 30, 2009.

--Hassler will be the President for 2009/2010 and Girard is the President-elect for 2010/2011 administrative year.

--Brown reported that 13 students from 8 high schools applied for the \$1,000 scholarship. Brown reported due to the quality of applicants, that a second scholarship from private funds may be given to a second student.

--Person reported that contact has been made with a possible sponsor for a K-Club at Boulder High School.

--Hassler presented a letter from a Jamaica for funds, which will be considered at the next Board meeting.

The Board adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

Foothills Kiwanis Reminders

Bring a grocery coupon or snack items to the first Foothills Kiwanis meeting every month for Blue Sky Bridge that helps children and families in trauma situations.

Photos from Friday, August 28 Foothills Kiwanis Dinner Gathering

On Friday evening, August 28, a dinner gathering of Foothills Kiwanis members and their spouses was held at the home of Mary Schweitzer in west Boulder. Those who arrived early to do table setup and cooking were Fred/Barbara McGehan, Diane Magliolo, Waverly/Sarah Person, and of course Mary. The weather was perfect, and the food and fellowship was great. Thanks to everyone (especially Mary) who attended!

