Kiwanis Club of the Foothills

Club Website: *www.foothillskiwanis.org*
Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Coal Creek Golf Course, 585 W. Dillon Rd, Louisville, CO 80027 (303) 666-7888

Coming up . . .

10/4/20 Coolest Dog Winners Celebration at MASH Lab
10/5/20-Jason Hurd, Erie Airport
10/12/20-Joden Seiders, Naval ROTC at CU
10/14/20-Sept Board/Foundation Meeting
10/19/20-Deryn Davidson, CSU Extension
10/26/20-Broomfield Police Department
Program Chairperson:
Oct-Bob
Nov-Dave R.

Club Officers

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Brian Coleman
Past President
Craig Hurst
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Bill Anderson
Secretary
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Bob Mohling
Annette Wagenknecht
Marty Sugg
Dave Rogers

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

8/24/2020 Phil Rutledge, A Service Driven Life

Phil is a native of Maryland and migrated to North Dakota after serving in the Air Force at Minot. Bill graduated from North Dakota State with a degree in Wildlife and Environmental Science. He later added a business degree in Communications. Phil managed several oil processing plants over his career. Phil and wife Janet are members of RSLC and live in Brighton. Phil is currently serving as President of the Congregation. They have two daughters. In his free time, Phil enjoys outdoor activities, especially hunting and fishing.

In 2015, following an earthquake in Nepal, Phil joined **Healing Faith**, **Soul Hope**, and **Hope for Justice**. All three organizations do philanthropic projects. Phil has served each of the organizations in Uganda and Ecuador, as well as Nepal. Phil has helped build 21 homes total and a 16 room, two story school in Nepal. In Uganda, (Phil is shown in tribal dress, above) Phil rescued a woman from sex slavery, and helped start a woman's rescue center. With Healing Faith, he has helped kids in a clinic that tests for and treats Malaria. While he was working in the clinic 80 out of 140 tested positive. Phil's service with the Soul Hope organization removes chiggers from people's feet. Chiggers dig into the toes and lay eggs then multiply. Kids and adults are so badly afflicted they cannot walk. Phil works to scrub feet with rough brushes and help the Uganda natives (only natives are allowed) remove the chiggers. The only tools are razor blades and safety pins. People come to rough field units for miles for treatment. If a person has over 80 or more chigger marks, they must come back for additional treatment. Hope for Justice rescues kids and adults from indentured servitude and prostitution and helps get them started in useful occupations. Kids are chipped and bar coded so that they can be tracked. When Hope for Justice finds an indentured kid, they scan their bodies and extract bar codes and tatoos. They treat the kids for all diseases. Child trafficking is bad in this country. Many ex-FBI agents work with Hope for Justice to rescue these kids. In Ecuador, where the kids live for school, an endowment fund has been set up to put them in higher education. Our club is proud of Phil and his dedication to humanitarian service.

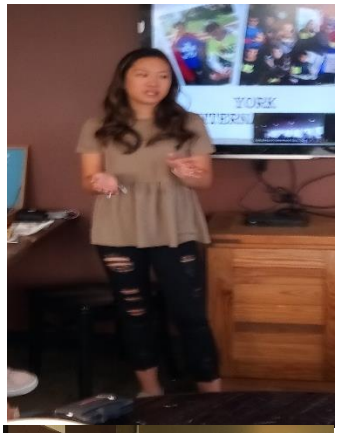
8/31/2020 Service Dog Graduation

Jerry Gilland introduced the three most recent service dog graduates with their new owners: Elizabeth and Dahlia, Ozzie and Kal, Ava and Ruby. Jerry is a native of Minnesota and graduated from the University of Minnesota with two degrees in Electrical Engineering. Jerry's career was in aerospace, starting in Los Alamos, NM and then locally at Ball Aerospace Division. Jerry loves training and working with the service dogs. In his words, "it's my way of giving something back to this world". Jerry started his puppy raising/training with Canine Companions but has also worked with Freedom Service Dogs and Paw Pals. Jerry's first dog flunked for barking too much. His only female dog turned out to be too small but was too good a dog to waste. Trisha ended up being adopted by FSB. Jerry's first experience with service dog scent training came from friend and fellow Kiawanian Dave Rogers. Dave's 6-year old granddaughter had a severe peanut allergy. Jerry trained a dog named Coty in scent detection. During Coty's training, Jerry worked with the Police Department's Narcotics and Explosives Dog Trainers. Jerry's dog training approach has a two-track history. His initial approach which he calls Track A utilized a club member to raise the pup to maturity (two years), then find a needy family for the child. The transition was difficult, but four dogs graduated using this approach. However, the fifth child to get a Track A dog was overwhelmed by the size of the dog, and the program failed. However, the family considered buying a pup and the club volunteered to assist with the pup's training. This caused Jerry and Dave to rethink their approach and come up with a Track B approach. The Track B approach starts with screening pup candidates and assigning the pup to the family. Ownership of the pup remains with the club; this allows bonding to start between the child and the pup. The family undergoes two years of training classes, two per month. Once certified, ownership of the dog transfers to the family during a graduation ceremony. The Track B approach has graduated over 20 dogs. Major considerations for certifying a dog are: to learn about 40 commands and behaviors; although scent comes naturally to the dog, family must be trained to recognize an alert; develop the dogs protective instincts; and the dog must be comfortable in any setting so that the dog can be taken anywhere. After a successful career in aerospace during which he won many accolades, Jerry sums it up like this "Nothing in my life gives me as much joy as handing an alert dog's leash to a needy child".

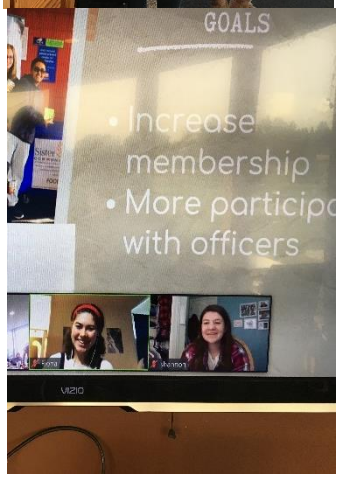
Graduation Pics

9/14/2020 Key Club Presidents

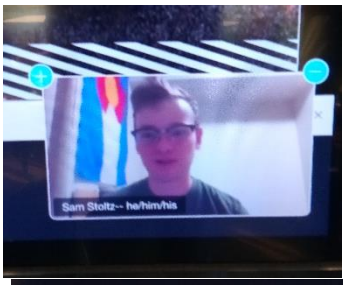
It was with great interest that the Foothills Kiwanis club welcomed the six of the District's Key Club President's and Lt. Govenor Tiffany Tran. Tiffany introduced the presidents. Three presidents attended the meeting live: Hadley Olson, Peak to Peak; Jasnoor Koar, York International; and Aurora Rangel, Fredrick. Three presidents attended virtually: Fiona Nugent, Niwot; Kathy Lu, Thornton; Shannon Blanco, Monarch.

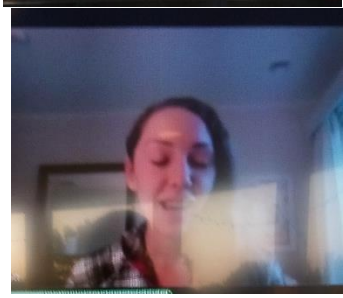


All of the Key Clubs representated have faculty advisors and Kiwanis sponsors. Aurora stated that the goals for her Key Club were to increase membership by 25% and complete at least three service projects. Aurora also wants her club members to send out uplifting messages about the club to other students. Kathy Lu's Thornton Club also wants to increase membership and identify more volunteer fund raising opportunities. Shannon from Monarch stated that the club wants to add 10 to 15 members and identify more volunteer opportunities. Fiona's Niwot club not only wants to bring in 25 new members, but also wants to increase the communication between members and officers. Niwot has also identified six new areas for potential service opportunities. Hadley at Peak to Peak stated that her club also wants to identify more service opportunities. York International wants to identify challenges that face the club officers and thereby increase participation. Tiffany said the Fall Rally would be virtual and hopefully reach 125 people. She also hopes to charter seven new clubs: Centaurus, Legacy, Dawson, Mead, Fairview, Holy Family, and Stargate. We want to thank and commend all the girls for their dedication and service.



9/21/2020 Circle K Chairpersons Sam Stolz and Abigail Elliott





Sam Stolz is the Rocky Mountain District Circle K Co-Chairman. Sam is a sophomore at CSU majoring in political science. He is in his sixth year in Kiwanis going back to high school and Key Club. Sam also does crisis counseling and turoring. Abigail is the CKI Service Projects Co-Chairman. She is a first year mechanical engineering student who is in her fifth year as a Kiwanis member. CKI is the world's largest college service club. There are currently six active chapters operating in the RMD. Colorado School of Mines, CU, Mesa College, University of Wyoming, CU Denver, and CSU. Each chapter has a signature service project. For example, the Mine's chapter makes dolls for hospilized kids. The CSU chapter sponsors dogs as companions for kids. CU CKI helps deliver packaged foods to food banks for feeding kids during the Covid Pandemic. There is now a CKI member in the District for every Key Club. The District Treasurer and Chairpersons coordinate with the District Key Clubs, K-Kids, SOAR, etc. Abigail heads up the District's service projects. She started a webinar on the 3rd Friday of every month for the Key Clubs. Speakers from every area college talk about majors and minors, part time jobs, and campus housing to name a few topics. Sam said that the CU club has significant lockdown issues, and the Mine's club is confined to campus. CSU has it easier, though meetings are still virtual. However, the CSU CKI has some live programs such as trail cleanup, and small projects such as blanket and socks donations for the homeless and toys donated to the Humane Society for confined pets. Sam feels service is essential for building character. Sam also demonstrated how the District CKI clubs are trying to expand clubs into new schools. The U of Wyoming is helping CSU Pueblo recruit new members. There is also interest in chartering clubs at Denver U, University of Northern Colorado, and Ames College. Attempts to open up a chapter at UNebraska Chadron have not been successful since there is no student interest in the Nebraska Panhandle. CKgrads.org helps connect recent college grads with Kiwanis clubs in the area. Thank you Sam and Abigail for providing us insight into the activities of the CKI clubs in the district.

Coolest Dog Contest

The Coolest Dog Contest ended with a flurry of voting on Sept 13. The winning dog was Izzy, with Rocky 2nd, and Bandit 3rd. 56 dogs were entered during the six weeks of the contest. Total gross donations from voters and sponsors totaled $21,799 (goal was $20,000). After expenses, the club netted $19, 613 in total donations. The celebrations of the top winners will be 10/4 at MASH Lab in Windsor. The beer can, named after the winner, is "Dizzy Izzy Lager".

Foothills Kiwanis Club Metrics

	Aug	YTD
Attendance/meet	14.8	14.5
Service Hours	303	2696
# Reporting	15	11.8/mo
Guests	18	7.0/mo
New Members	3	5 (net 4)

Board/Foundation Meeting Minutes
Foothills Kiwanis Club

September 9, 2020 @ Sweet Spot Café (inside)

Board Meeting

- ❑ ***Meeting called to order at 7:02 AM***

- ❑ ***Those Present***

Bill, Joe, Dave R., Randy, Rudi, Bob, Matt, Brian, Marty, and Vince

- ❑ ***Minutes Approval***

Minutes approved unanimously

- ❑ ***Treasurer's Report***

$232 from Happy Dollars. Treasurer's Report Accepted Unanimously.

- ❑ ***Secretary's Report (Dashboard)***

Attendance: August = 14.8 average per meeting; July = 13.3. Service Hours: August = 303 hours with 15 reporting; July=508 hours with 16 reporting. Non-member = 12 in August. Non-member hours = 68 in July. Guests: August = 18. July = 10. New members approved in August = 2.

- ❑ ***Chair Reports – (excluding Service Project Report)***

Invocation/Greeter – Dave
Invocations set through the end of the year.

Speaker Program –Bill (Sep), Bob (Oct), Dave (Nov)
Key club presidents moved into 9/14 slot. CKI slot set for 9/21.

Communication/Education – Vince/Joe
Club metrics were reported starting with most recent newsletter. Still need to update Website, Facebook, Linkdin, and dog websites.

Membership/Recruitment – Bob/Joe
Bob has updated his list of prospective members after the three new ones were added and rated the enthusiasm for membership. Phil Rutledge and Carolyn Mann were approved as members in August Board Meeting. Vince spoke to Ron Blackwelder two weeks ago and he is still interested but wants to wait until Covid threat is lessened. His wife is high risk.

Community/Inter Club Liaison - Matt
Matt said there are a few opportunities, but best addressed after Covid threat is over.

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Fundraiser – Randy/Alan
As of this meeting, $8,888 had been raised from voting. Bandit is currently in the lead, with Rocky second, and Izzy third. Randy recommended that next year we post 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place leaders, but leave off monetary amounts. Contest still has five more voting days. Randy will get in touch with Amanda to get pictures of the dogs to MASH Lab. Marty to get in touch with the top seven finishers to get pictures emailed to Amanda. Amanda will take new pictures if desired. We need to get ahead of talking to sponsors next year. Many companies close out their fiscal year (hence out of budget money) in September. Marty said Premier Mortgage is a good possibility.

CKI/Key Club – Bill A.
School is online at least well into September. CKI presidents will give presentations to club on 9/14 with CKI going the next week 9/21. Paul Bailey said it is almost impossible for CKI to meet in person.

❑ ***Old Business***

None

❑ ***New Business***

New member Approval

Bill Duclos was approved unanimously giving us four net new members for 2019-2020.

Club Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 AM

Foundation Meeting

❑ ***Those Present***

Bill, Joe, Dave R., Randy, Rudi, Bob, Brian, Marty, and Vince

❑ ***Minutes Approval***

Minutes approved unanimously.

❑ ***Treasurer's Report (Foundation)***

Ryan McCallun's $2000 was sent out to CU. Joe to reach out to Paul for contacting Biswas Gauli, the third recipient. No word from CSU Bursar. We need to find out the winner of the Coolest Dog silent auction and get them their Petsmart gift card. Coolest Dog voting has pulled in $6,572 through end of August. **Note**: $8,888 Club Treasurer's report to date. In addition, we have received additional Coolest Dog donations from GoGo Printing, Perfect Snacks, and Scarborough Realty for a total of $5, 562. Report accepted unanimously.

❑ ***Treasurer's Report (Service Dogs)***

Fort Lupton Masonic Lodge has donated $2000 for the Service Dog Fund. We are now paying Carolyn $599.99 per year. We need to select families and purchase new pups. Moved the Foundation pay for the service dog graduation breakfasts of family guests. Approved unanimously. Report accepted unanimously.

❑ ***Service Project Chair Report***

No report this month.

❑ ***Service Dog Program Update –*** *(Randy)*

Petco would not post the Coolest Dog contest material, but the manager gave us several bags of pet products. We will give the products out at the Coolest Dog Celebration on October 4. We will also invite the Petco Manager to the celebration.

❑ ***Old Business***

None

❑ ***New Business***

❑ **Circle K President's Visit**

It was moved that the Foundation pay for the attending president's breakfast on 9/14. Approved unanimously.

❑ **Disbursement of Allocated Funds**

1. $2,500 for Sweet Dreams in a Bag. No events this year. **Note**: $3,000 was originally allocated, but $500 was approved for the CKI SOAR project in July.
2. $100 from District for finishing 3rd in the July service hours contest to Salvation Army After School Program. Approved Unanimously. **Note**: $500 from 1st place finish in June was approved for SA as well, but never sent. Total check to SA will be $600.
3. $1000 to Habitat Flatirons.
4. $250 to Community Food Share

❑ ***Meeting adjourned at 8:26AM***

September Program Chair Bill

9/14/20: Circle K Presidents Presentation.
9/21/20: CKI Chairperson's Presentation
9/28/20: Installation of 2020-2021 Officers