



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

August 23, 2010

Coming up . . .

- 8/23/10** Dennis Lewis, Director of Dentistry "Dental Aid" non-profit
- 8/30/10** Judge Russell Carparelli, "Lincoln's Legacy of Equality and Liberty"
- 9/2/10 7:00 a.m.** Foothills Board meeting at Parkway Restaurant in Boulder
- 9/6/10** Foothills "Roundtable Meeting" at Baseline McDonald's on Baseline just east of Route 36 (no club program)
- 9/13/10** Liz Kritza, CU Head Volleyball Coach
- 9/20/10** Jeff Cahn, Municipal Judge: "Homeless in the Park"
- 9/27/10** Foothills Kiwanis Club Induction Ceremony for 2010-2011 Officers/Board

Program Chairperson(s):
August, September – Mary Schweitzer

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

August 9 - Sal Silvester, Rocky Mountain Rescue Group




Sal gave a presentation about how the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group is extensively trained to do rescues of mountain/rock-climbers, hikers, and other people in distress in the Boulder County mountainous areas, and how they then go about making actual rescues through the emergency response coordination of the Boulder Incident Command Office put in place by the U.S. government after the 9/11 attacks. Founded in 1947, this group of volunteers now has about 60 members. On average, they respond to 130 emergency-assistance calls each year, not charging those rescued for their services. They use two fully-equipped rescue-support trucks and high-tech rescue baskets and climbing gear to get those injured to medical care. To read more info about the RMRG, go to -- www.rockymountainrescue.org/index.php.

Larry Danielson, "Sinking of the Zamzam Missionary Ship"



Larry Danielson (former vice-principal of Fairview High School) talked to club members about his experiences of growing up in a missionary family during the 1930's in east Africa, then moving to Kansas with his family when he was 10. When his father decided to go back to Africa as a missionary, Larry, his mother, and the rest of his siblings left from New York City to join his father on a "neutral" Egyptian ship named the "Zamzam". When the ship was creeping along the eastern coast of South America, it was sunk by the German "raider" ship Atlantis on April 17, 1941. Although their lifeboat sank soon after they got into it, all of Larry's family survived the Zamzam's sinking. When the German crew realized it was a civilian ship, they picked up the survivors and brought them to occupied France. Larry and the rest of his family members were allowed to return to Kansas since the U.S. was not then yet at war with Germany. You can read more about this story at -- <http://zamzamship.home.mchsi.com>.



Club Officers

	<p><u>President</u> Kerry Hassler</p>	
	<p><u>President-Elect</u> Joe Girard</p>	
	<p><u>Secretary</u> Dennis Hubbard</p>	
	<p><u>Treasurer</u> Joe Girard</p>	
	<p><u>Board of Directors</u></p>	
	Fred McGehan	
	Gerald Mordhorst	
	Waverly Person	
	Mary Schweitzer	
	Pete Sprenkle	
	Gary Symes	
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KIWANIS: Serving the Children of the World

Feedback from August 13-14 RMD Annual Convention

Foothills Kiwanis members Dave Rogers and Kerry Hassler attended the Rocky Mountain District Annual Convention held from August 11-15 in Laramie, Wyoming. Following are Dave's notes about the Friday August 13 RMD Foundation meeting and luncheon; as well as Kerry's notes about Friday/Saturday conference sessions, the Saturday Interclub Luncheon, and the Saturday RMD elections.



Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis Foundation

-- Dave Rogers

All Kiwanis members of the Rocky Mountain District are members of the Foundation, which was started in 1984. It is the Division-level fund raising organization and is a 501c3 organization. Approximately 65% of its raised funds go to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute. Individual clubs may also obtain project-support funds through a grant application and some support is given to the International Kiwanis Foundation.

Current assets total about \$303,000, including \$202,000 of endowment funds, of which only the earnings can be used. The current FY budget allocated \$60K for KPTI, but up to last week's convention, only \$44,000 had been either given or authorized to KPTI. The good news is that a total of over \$39,000 was raised at the convention in Laramie, including \$5,207 from the silent auction, so there are now sufficient funds to meet our commitment to KPTI.

Our club provided two items for the silent auction, a basket of Leaning Tree note and Christmas cards, two DVD's, and other items, and four free rounds of golf at Colorado National Golf Club. Thanks much to Leaning Tree and CNGC for donating their products and to Mary and Dave for gathering the items.



Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI)

-- Dave Rogers

KPTI was started in 1994 as a Rocky Mountain District Project in conjunction with Children's Hospital in Denver. Although Kiwanis is in the name of the institute, a relatively small part of their operating budget comes from Kiwanis. A significant amount comes from Children's Hospital and some actually comes from the state. Grant funds from other non-profit organizations are also significant sources.

Automobile-related accidents are the #1 cause of childhood deaths nationally and the primary focus of KPTI over the last 16 years has been car and bike safety for kids. The main functions are to provide EDUCATION to accident responders, parents and children, low-cost or free EQUIPMENT to rural emergency response organizations (neck collars and oxygen masks for infants) and children (bike helmets and car seats), and to be ADVOCATES for childhood safety. KPTI's Director, Theresa Rapstine, played a key role in the creation of Colorado's recently-enacted childhood car seat law.

The #2 cause of child hood deaths is drowning and the newly formed Broomfield Kiwanis Club is working with Theresa and Immediate-Past-Governor Kelly Steck-James to develop a water safety program package to broaden the mission of KPTI and our District Clubs. This package will be modeled after our current car and bike safety program.

Friday, August 13 RMD Convention Session Notes

-- *Kerry Hassler*

“America’s Falling Stars” (Paulette Barney)

Paulette talked about the increasing problems with America’s children due to lack of proper nutrition, inadequate health care, ineffective early education, lack of early children programs, and inadequate child care. For children who have such difficulties before the age of five, their abilities are not as good to later understand letters/words and have good social skills. By age 5, the brain grows to 85 percent of the full adult size, with 700 new synapse connections added every second. If early brain development is impeded, the probability of a child to graduate from high school can be predicted with “depressing accuracy”.

It is estimated that every federal dollar spent on nutritional programs for pregnant mothers and infants yields a savings between \$1.77-\$3.13 in later child development programs and counseling. Proper nutrition for pregnant mothers saves the cost of \$28,000 per birth of low-weight babies and another \$40,000 in medical support for such babies.

Some ways Kiwanis clubs can help children avoid early childhood problems is to help provide safe places for kids to play, support the KPTI Shaken-Baby Program, and forward YCPO information about childhood issues to businesses, churches, and friends.

Kiwanis International Membership Initiatives (KI President-Elect Alan Penn)

Kiwanis International is continuing with its goal of achieving one million members by 2015 through building on the KI foundation of success, embracing the best Kiwanis practices of the past, and abandoning practices that don’t work. Ways which KI has approved to create and increase club membership include:

- Corporate memberships, where multiple members of the same company can share one corporate membership.
- Past-service membership for free to graduated Circle K and Key Club members.
- Satellite club memberships, where the satellite club and the “parent club” have the same set of officers with both club have representatives on a combined Board.
- Internet clubs use Skype and/or chat rooms for meetings, where the meetings focus on organizing club projects and fundraising plans. Club members meet at project/fundraising event, but rarely for meals together.
- Family memberships, where one family member pays full dues and others in the family pay 50 percent.

Saturday, August 14 RMD Meeting/Session Notes

Our Club’s Division 11 Caucus (led by Division 11 Lt. Governor Heidi Storz)

The following items were brought up during the caucus –

- Last year’s RMD dues increase has made our district financially solvent.
- Need donations from clubs for Aspen Camp Key Leader program that will be held October 15-17.
- Meeting attendees voted to present Heidi with an honorary Lusche jacket with \$500 KPTI donation this year and next.
- Meeting attendees voted to make the Boulder Children’s Day event a Division 11-supported project.
- Carolyn Sich is the Division 11 Lt. Governor-Elect.

Interclub Luncheon – Main Speaker Ronald J. Jeffrey

The featured speaker of the Interclub Luncheon was Ronald J. Jeffrey, who started the award-winning Office of Youth Alternatives in Cheyenne in 1971, and is currently a Juvenile Court Judge for the Cheyenne Municipal Court. He gave an inspirational speech about growing up in Cheyenne as an African-American, and going on to earn a Bachelor and Master Degree in Science in Communication while excelling in basketball. The theme of his talk was to set goals for your Kiwanis Club (and yourself), and then focusing on meeting these goals. An excellent speech!

Info about KI’s “ELIMINATE” Project (Alan Penn)

The new KI “ELIMINATE” project was selected over 500 other proposed world-wide projects involving feedback from many Kiwanis, Key Club, and Circle K leaders. UNICEF is partnering with KI to support this project, and has already contributed \$15 million to it. Countries where ELIMINATE will be done must agree to continue support by giving vaccinations for maternal tetanus after KI completes this program in 2015 by establishing new Kiwanis clubs to carry on with the vaccinations. The three vaccinations given to pregnant mothers cost 20 cents each. The program will be launched during the 2011 KI Convention in Geneva, Switzerland.

Foothills Kiwanis First Meeting of the Month Reminder

For the first club meeting of each month, bring either –

- Snack items, or a grocery coupon for buying snack items, to help Blue Sky Bridge kids in counseling – OR –
 - Bar soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and other personal care items to help Sister Carmen in-need families
- that’ll be forwarded to these organizations by Woody or another club member. Thanks for your contributions!