



Kiwanis Club of the

Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org
Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at the Egg & I,
2574 Baseline Rd, Boulder, CO 80303, 303-494-0555

Aug. 10, 2015

Coming up . . .

- 8/10/15** – Dawn White, RMD Division 11 Lt. Governor, “Farewell to Foothills Kiwanis”
- 8/13/15– 7:00 a.m.** Foothills Board meetings at the Egg & I in Basemar Shopping Center
- 8/17/15** – Nicole Salter, Vice President of Development, "A Precious Child" non-profit
- 8/24/15** – Open
- 8/31/15** – Cliff Bosley, “Bolder Boulder”
- 9/6/15– 7:00 a.m.** Foothills Board meetings at the Egg & I in Basemar Shopping Center

Program Chairpersons:

August – Joe Girard/Kerry Hassler
September – Bob Mohling & others

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

July 27 – Jeff Sparhawk, Front Range Rescue Dogs

Jeff talked about how the Front Range Rescue Dogs non-profit locates between 75-80 lost people in the Boulder County area each year, donating some 450 hours of time for search operations. The dogs used are of many breeds, where they are middle-sized to be able to easily go over rocks. The responsibility for missing people in each county is the Sheriff’s office, who call FRRD volunteers to track the scent of an object owned by a missing person, or the dogs are commanded to search for any human scent. It’s essential that wind conditions are known before a search is begun so the dogs are sniffing into the wind in a search pattern like a sailboat tacking into the wind. It’s also critical that the dogs’ noses are kept well hydrated for maximum scent detection. Currently in Boulder County, there are six certified FRRD teams composed of two people and one dog. To get certification, the teams and dogs go through one year of training twice a week, with a 75 percent dropout rate. The dogs must pass an obedience test, track in all kinds of weather, and be able to travel via helicopter, snowmobile, and other vehicles. Sometimes a FRRD team is called in to search for crime evidence and deceased persons. In Boulder County, those found by a FRRD team are not billed for rescue. For more info, see -- www.frontrangerescuedogs.org.



August 3 –Yaqiong Fang, CU International Student, “Growing up in China and My Impressions of the U.S.”

Yqiong (“Yah-che-ong”) talked to club members about her growing up in a middle-income family in southern China during the 1980s and 1990s. Her father was in the military, so there was stable family income but not enough for complete meals, toys for her and her brother, or fun activities. Her education was an “uneven journey” in going to a 5-year technical school after junior high, learning English in a private college, going to graduate school at Yunnan University in southwest China and then getting a teaching job there. Her job allowed her to apply for a Chinese government grant to study communications for one year at the University of Colorado. Some impressions of the U.S. compared to China are – 1) There are much fewer pedestrians here; 2.) Bathrooms are much cleaner; 3) There is compostable recycling; 4) Difficult to find office building entrances since the doors are always closed; 5) People her are much friendlier and more informal; and 6) U.S. people are more responsible for their lives and the environment. Yaqiong loves the U.S. with its cleaner environment, abundant educational and social resources, and cultural diversity. We hope she can visit again!



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Annual Rocky Mountain District Convention Notes

This year's Annual Rocky Mountain District Convention was held from August 6-9 at the Radisson Hotel in Aurora, and was attended by Foothills Kiwanis member Kerry Hassler. Below are his notes from the Convention on Saturday, August 8.

- Meet the Candidates for Governor Breakfast – Featured short campaign speeches and Q/A time for 2015-2016 Governor-Elect candidates Kathy Lee and Ray Kepler
- 9:00 a.m. Forum on RMD Stars of Tomorrow District-level Competition – This forum was an open discussion whether the Stars of Tomorrow talent shows should be continued at the District level in addition to the individual club levels. The consensus opinion of attendees was to form a RMD committee to support a District-level competition, and to help publicize and hold competitions at the club level.
- 10:00 a.m. Forum on “The Power of Persuasion” – The speaker talked about the importance of using words in your speech and writing that puts the listeners’ subconscious in a state of comfort and security to be able to accept your message and act upon it.
- Interclub Luncheon – The luncheon featured updates from our Rocky Mountain District leadership team, a memorial to RMD club members who passed away this past year, and a special tribute to the attending family of Noris Lusche. Short messages were given by RMD Key Club Governor Zachery Larsen (he expects to have 100 RMD Key Clubs and 3000 RND members this school year); and RMD CKI Governor Austin Good (currently we have six CKI clubs in Colorado) RMD ELIMINATE Coordinator Dawn Ignatius gave updates about the latest status of the KI ELIMINATE Project –
 - Total ELIMINATE donations for Kiwanis International of \$91 million (goal of \$110 million)
 - Maternal Neonatal Tetanus has been eliminated in 36 countries.
 - RMD ELIMINATE donations total so far of \$575,000.
 - Key Clubs worldwide have raised \$4.5 million.
 - RND Key Clubs raising \$70,000 for ELIMINATE, with a goal through April 2016 of \$25,200.



(Front row L-R) Maryland Sickmon (Longmont Kiwanis), Dawn White (Division 11 Lt. Governor), Amanda May (Longmont 3-2-1 Kiwanis); (Back row L-R) Chris Skultety and Ray Allison (Longmont Kiwanis), Amanda Griffin (Brighton Kiwanis), Kerry Hassler (Foothills Kiwanis)

Crayons to Calculators Donations Needed to Help In-Need Kids in Our Community

- Did you know that 1 in 5 students, over 6,300 kids, attending BVSD schools qualify for meal assistance - an indicator of poverty? 1 in 3 students in St. Vrain, over 10,000 kids, need meal assistance.
- Did you know that the average cost of school supplies now exceed \$75 per student each year?

This expense is simply impossible for thousands of local families. Families should not have to choose between meals and school supplies. Crayons to Calculators exists to ensure our community's most in-need students have the supplies they need to succeed in school. Ten years ago, when Crayons to Calculators began, the program distributed just over 2,000 backpacks. This first week of August, 2015, we distributed over 11,000 backpacks full of supplies to in-need students.

According to Grant Mason on August 6 at the Crayons to Calculators office in Louisville, in July there were not enough school supplies and backpacks for this year's in-need students in our community. Consequently, financial donations are currently needed to cover the purchase of school supplies and backpacks by Crayons to Calculators staff. If you'd like to make a donation, go to -- <http://crayonstocalculators.org>, or mail a check to Crayons to Calculators, 721 Front Street – Suite A, Louisville 80027.

Speakers at Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum

You're invited to visit the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum for its “Coffee and Conversation” program with local veterans. In an informal setting, listen to the stories of service and sacrifice, ask questions of our speakers and other veterans, and see short videos and discuss the broader context of their experiences. Below is a list of upcoming speakers at the vets' museum in August. The museum is located at -- 12 Garden Center #230 in Broomfield.

- 15 August – Sergeant First Class John Bole – John is a platoon sergeant with a combat engineer unit stationed at Ft. Carson and was a previous C&C speaker. He has just returned from a one-year assignment in Korea and will speak of his experiences there and the changes he sees coming in the Army.
- 22 August - Brad Beeler – Brad served with the 102nd Infantry (The Ozark) Division during WWII. The Division arrived in Cherbourg, France in September of 1944 and participated in the major assaults along the Netherlands-German border.
- 29 August – George Gay – George served with the 20th Armored Division in Europe during WWII and participated in the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp. George lives in Sterling, and is making a special trip to talk at our museum.
- 12 September – Burt Kelchner – Burt joined the Army Corps of Engineers during WW2 and because of his college background he became involved with the Atomic Bomb Project at Los Alamos.