



Kiwaniis Club of the

Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org

Meetings: Monday at 7:00 am at Coal Creek Clubhouse,
585 W Dillon Rd, Louisville, CO 80027 (303) 666-7888

May 2, 2021

Coming up . . .

5/03/21- Key Club Governor, Lt. Governor, Club Presidents

5/05/21- Club Board/Foundation Meeting

5/10/21- David Petrick, Hydrogen in Aviation/Green Energy

5/17/21- Chrysti Brill, Executive Director, Cultivate

5/24/21- TBD

5/31/21- Round Table Discussion (Memorial Day)

Program Chairperson:

May-Bob

June-Matt

Snippets from Recent Club Meetings

4/5/21, Olivia Ameigh, Development Director-Boulder There with Care

Olivia Ameigh has been with TWC for 15 years and has spent time in both Marketing and Fundraising areas of the organization. The Mission of **There with Care** is to provide fundamental services for families



and children facing critical medical issues. Paula Pesmen started the organization in 2005 in her garage. TWC has offices in Denver and Boulder and a chapter in San Francisco and a newly opened chapter in Nashville. The goal is to open a chapter in all the major cities with children's hospitals. Currently, 700 volunteers are serving 4,000 families with the program team helping 170 families facing a major crisis. The team deals mostly with children facing oncology issues, premature births, and needing transplants. Meals and groceries are provided to the families so that they can maximize their time at the hospital. During Covid, most of the hospital cafeterias have been closed. TWC has special programs inspired by children who Paula knows. For example, Ellie inspired the Transportation Program; Sam inspired Family and Critical Support Program; and Sonia inspired the Family Therapy Program. The Transportation Program provides auto care and maintenance for the families plus distributes donated automobiles. The Critical Support Program provides many varied items such as child activity bags, art supplies, holiday parties, and birthday gifts. The program also provides services such as dog walking and feeding horses. TWC works strictly with hospital social workers who call in the organization when help is needed. Covid was very scary for families with kids going through chemotherapy and having compromised immune systems. TWC referrals almost doubled during Covid. The average

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	<u>President</u> Brian Coleman	
	<u>Past President</u> Craig Hurst	
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support needed for families is 111 days, but some go over a year. Most use TWC for support during a critical phase in the child's treatment. The average cost to support a family is \$4,000 and 80% of the families are financially needy. There are several ways to support TWC starting with financial donations, but also sponsor care bag assemblies, join a monthly care club, support holiday programs, attend events, support a community porch bin, and host a virtual in-kind drive. There are always high demand items like diapers. Critical care children go through diapers at twice the rate as healthy children. Cereal is another item in high demand. See the TWC website for a complete list of high demand items. Some of the families are from out of state. TWC serves families in seven states. They sponsor two golf tournaments this summer and two virtual events to raise money. The organization's website is <https://therewithcare.org/>. Our club appreciates Olivia enlightening us about the special work that **There with Care** is doing for families and children with critical medical issues.

4/12/21, Sarah Majka, Partnership Director, Hope for Justice

Sarah Majka joined the **Hope for Justice** organization recently. She worked for **Naomi's Home** originally. Sarah's husband works for **World Vision**. HFJ has been around about 11 years and has rescued and returned over 100,000 kids from child trafficking. The organization has a new presence in America and there are currently 176 cases open in Colorado. A dedicated investigation team is needed in this country. Ben Cooley, a trained opera singer, founded HFJ with the goal of **Preventing** exploitation, **Rescuing** victims, **Restoring** lives, and **Reforming** society. Last year, 10,000 kids were saved on five continents. Trafficking has increased 200% in just the past few years. Most of the traffickers contact the kids on line. They target sad, lonely, and vulnerable children. 40 million people are currently being trafficked. Only drug running has a higher crime rate. The difference is that a drug is sold only once, whereas a child can be sold 10 to 30 times a day. FBI agents working with HFJ see the signs of trafficking. The organization recently opened a home in Nashville with the specific purpose of healing victims. The main goal is to investigate and prosecute these traffickers, but many more trained investigators are needed. There are many ways for people to get involved in eliminating trafficking. The organizations are partnering with businesses to know the



signs of trafficking. Traffickers use coercion and psychological manipulation to control their victims. Training is essential in spotting the signs of trafficking. The FBI is leading the way. Investigators have a wonderful way of getting victims to trust them. Hope for Justice is providing "signs" training to schools and churches. The internet is a gold mine for predators. HFJ will go after any missing child anywhere in the world. England is far ahead of the United States in training corporations to evaluate their labor supply chain for trafficked employees. It will take all our efforts to stop this heinous crime. Here are three steps that any of us can do to help: (1) Get email updates on HFJ rescues hopeforjustice.org/signup; (2) Donate hopeforjustice.org/donate; (3) Know the signs hopeforjustice.org/signs Contact Sarah at sarah.majka@hopeforjustice.org for more information. Our club thanks Sarah for educating and informing about Hope for Justice and their important work in rescuing trafficked victims.

4/19/21, Dr. Fungchatou Lo, Missionary to the Hmong People in Southeast Asia

Rev. Dr. Fungchatou (Fung) and Dr. Kalia Lo were born in Laos to two non-Christian families. By the grace of God, their families immigrated to America as refugees from Laos and became Christians. In 2000, Dr. Fung graduated with his Ph.D. in Urban Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Dr. Fung was a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and at St. John's University in Minnesota for a total of ten years. In 2007, Fung graduated from St. Louis Seminary and was ordained as a LCMS Pastor. Similarly, in 2018, Kalia got her Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) from Bethel University in Minnesota. Dr. Kalia was a teacher for the Minneapolis and St. Paul public schools prior to the Lo family's departure to serve the Lord in Thailand. The Lo family had been servicing as foreign missionaries with the LCMS's Office of International Mission from 2007-2013. For the past four years, the Lo family has been missionaries in Thailand to the Hmong people in Southeast Asia. Fung and Kalia Lo have two children. Dr Lo started his presentation with a declaration that in America Christianity is a religion and Christian churches are clubs. Dr. Lo asked how many of us are persecuted for witnessing Jesus Christ to others? How many of us welcome persecution? We Christians should expect to be persecuted. We should be God's ambassadors everywhere we go. Do our hearts break at what breaks God's heart. Are we participants or just spectators. To be a foreign missionary, a Christian must consider death in the service of Jesus an honor. In Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam 2 million Christians have been beaten up and forced out of their homes. Relatives turned them into government authorities for being Christian. The government told neighbors to do



whatever they wanted to these Christians. Also, Communist governments considered Christians to be spies for the US government. The Hmong people were allies of the US in the Vietnam War and were closely watched by the Communists. Their fields were burned. Families were falsely accused of being American agents and forced from their homes. They had to live in the woods. In America, we tend to care only about our comfort. We complain about everything.

The only way we can tell if a person is a Christian is to talk to them. Dr. Lo related an incident where he was giving a remote lesson to a group of new Christians when government agents came and arrested them. His computer screen went blank. Dr. Lo is grateful for technology and the ability to him to broaden his ministry. The people in Laos and Vietnam are willing to die just to hear the Word. In 2020, 2,500 heard the Gospel. 350 came to Faith, and 310 were baptized. In January and February of 2021, 273 have heard the Word, with 78 coming to Faith and 76 getting baptized. Covid forced missionaries to be creative and use technology. This different thinking resulted in eight new teaching sites and 10 new churches. Christians must remember that God loved us so much that he entrusted us with His Ministry. Costs are less in Southeast Asia. One church only cost \$5000. The churches are packed. People work in teams to carry building supplies up mountainous areas. Water treatment projects are being built to supply remote villages with clean water. Many of these villages have existed for seven generations and collected their water in holes during rainy season, then carried containers up the mountain. Christian volunteers want to demonstrate God's power by building a pumping station to transport the water. The cost would be about \$11,000. Donations are needed. For more information contact: Rev. Dr. Funghatou Lo, Missionary

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Foothills Kiwanis thanks Dr. Lo for this informative talk and his challenge to American Christians to be participants not spectators.

4/26/21, Captain Genesis Apuan, Salvation Army Fort Collins, the Salvation Army in Japan

Captain Genesis (Gene) Apuan is the head of the Fort Collins Salvation Army Corps. He has been at that position since last August. Gene served in a Corps near Phoenix for 15 years. Gene loves Colorado and the cooler weather. In addition to his service to the Lord with SA, Gene is a husband, father, and grandfather.



Between 2012 and 2020, Gene served at the SA Kato Corps in Tokyo, Japan. Most of the Corps in Japan have apartments attached for living quarters for the staff. This saves money and frees up funds for service projects. After chapel, the participants stay for a meeting and often have fellowship until 6:00PM. In America, the people go home right after church. The corps had a bizarre that had used clothes, toys, furniture, etc. Funds do not go directly to the

corps but to social services first, so the two agencies are separated. Every Saturday there was a social gathering with donuts, bagels, and muffins. Covid 19 hit Japan October 2019 in Yakahama from a docked cruise ship. All schools were cancelled. Parents had no funds for meals. The corps provided box lunches for the kids. The Japanese do not like to take anything for free, so parents were charged 100 yen for a lunch boxes. Japan is only 1% Christian. The older generation of Christians are dying, so numbers are falling. It is difficult for the Salvation Army to reach the kids. The corps also provides meals to the homeless in the cold months of January and February. Most of the homeless live in small homemade shacks, but unlike in America, the shacks and surrounding area is immaculate. There was a kettle drive during Christmas, but it only lasted a few days. It was essential for kettle volunteers to have proper identification. \$10 or 1000 yen was a typical donation. There was no bell ringing. Each kettle had a speaker and microphone to announce to the people where the funds would be directed. Only five people were allowed around the kettle at the same time. Many Japanese understand English but are uncomfortable conversing. There are three SA hospitals and several children's homes helping in the community. The Japanese are very protective of their children and Gospel preaching beyond normal church services is not allowed. Prior to WWII, the Salvation Army was instrumental in getting sex trafficking out of Japan. After WWII, the Japanese did not trust Salvation Army staff because of the uniforms. Even though the Japanese kids are required to take English classes, all church services are translated into Japanese. Our club thanks Gene for his informative presentation about the Salvation Army's activities in Japan.

Foothills Kiwanis Receives 2019/20 Distinguished Club Award; Craig Hurst and Randy Hayden Receive Special Recognition

On April 19, Rocky Mountain District Governor Bob O'Connor joined the Foothills Kiwanis Club meeting to present the club a Distinguished Club award for 2019/20. Foothills and Broomfield North Metro were only two of five clubs in the RMD to receive the awards. Craig Hurst, the club's Past President for 2019/20 received the Distinguished President's Award for his leadership in guiding the club that year. In addition, Randy Hayden won the RMD Member Responsibility Award for his outstanding service to Kiwanis. Randy is the **R** in **GROW**. Also, Major Michael Paugh and Rebecca Castillo from the Broomfield Salvation Corps And Board President Dave Rogers presented Randy with a Distinguished Service Award for his many hours of work and dedication to the organization. Randy has recently moved to North Carolina. He will be greatly missed by all of us.



Club President Brian Coleman gives Craig Hurst Distinguished Club Plaque



Brian presents Randy Hayden with RMD Member Responsibility Award



Dave Rogers, Major Michael Paugh, and Rebecca Castilla Congratulate Randy for Broomfield Salvation Army Distinguished Service Award

Foothills Kiwanis Club Members Meet with the Broomfield Veterans Museum

On April 1, club members Joe Girard, Dave Rogers, Bill Anderson, Randy Hayden, and Bob Mohling met with Members of the Broomfield Veteran’s Museum. In attendance were Lew Roman, President of the Board of Directors; Dave Little, Education Director; Elizabeth Beaudoin, Curator; and David Allison. The museum has been working on youth education of history for several years with questionnaires that students complete during their tour of the museum. The museum requested our help in obtaining some artifacts and names of teachers in schools who will let them tell the story of our veterans, our freedoms, and their sacrifices made in war. Kiwanis’ Dave Rogers is putting together footlockers of WWII artifacts that can be used in High School history classes. Club Treasurer Joe Girard presents Lew Roman with \$500 donation, below.



Foothills Kiwanis Honorary Member Waverly Person Celebrates his 95th Birthday

Longtime member Waverly Person celebrated his 95th Birthday on Saturday, May 1. On hand to help Waverly celebrate were club members Jerry Gilland and Bandit, Carolyn Johnson, and Bob Mohling.

