



Kiwaniis Club of the

Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org
Meetings: Mondays at 7:00 a.m. at the Brewing Market, 2770 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO 80026, (720) 890-3993

June 5, 2023

Coming up . . .

- 6/5/23 – Board Meeting
- 6/12/23 – Cyrina Ballard, Sustainable Happiness together
- 6/19/23 – Bill Lester, Google presentation
- 6/26/23 – Gerry Morrell, Photographer extraordinaire of Western wildlife
- 7/3/23 – Round Table, Brewing Market
- 7/10/23 – Board Meeting

Program Chairpersons:

- June – Bill Anderson
- July – Jim Bensman
- August – Vince VanZago
- September – Bob Mohling



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Snippets from Recent Club Programs

5/22/23 – Chris Reens, CEO Clarity Media.

Chris has a long and interesting background, eventually finding a home in the media business, both printed and online. With one publication locally – The



Denver Gazette, on line and focusing on local issues with local journalists – and others including the Washington Examiner, Clarity strives to report news from the center, neither pruning not adding opinion n based items – the whole story, as told by their own journalists. I Seems like they are choosy about wire service stories too. Chris admitted that the opinion pages are generally regarded as center-right. Clarity keeps these staff separate and is dedicated to the highest noble aspects of journalism: fact based, impartial, sources verified. (BTW Clarity's Colorado Springs Gazette is rated as "center" by AllSides Media). Chris encouraged us all to look into these

publications as a way to get our news without all the narrative and the vindictiveness we tend to get these days. They have a deal where you can get the Denver Gazette delivered to your email inbox, daily ... only 99 cents for 3 months.

5/22/23 – Scholarship Awardee recognition.

Three awardees, Suntali, Osvaldo and Johah, and family members, joined us for a nice award ceremony. President-elect Bill Duclos lauding their achievements and handing out the envelopes with checks.



An impressive group of young adults. Gives us hope for the future. It was a great day to meet these worthy students and their families.

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5/29/23 – Memorial Day special: Bolder Boulder.

25 members of Foothills Kiwanis, including family and friends, helped patrol the BB starting line, once again. Working security and having to play the "bad cop" occasionally is something we're not all suited for. But we rose to the challenge and had a lot of fun too. This is a major fundraiser for our club's administrative and general activity account. Thanks for volunteering.



Kiwanians, friends, and family just before the first wave.



We had terrific weather. A tad cool starting out, then warming nicely under sunny skies to low 70s when our assignment was complete.

← Jim and Craig hamming it up! Good times!

Bolder Boulder Nostalgia

The Kiwanis BB Crew in 2011. How many can you ID?



Jim Bensman

finds a Salvation Army van on his spring tour through Europe in Chur, Switzerland. *



Coolest Dog Contest: Almost running now. Need sponsors so we can ID them on brochures and promo-material. More emphasis should be placed on sponsors and social media to reach a goal of \$25k. We've already had \$2K in donations. Need a few more like that. **Club member support is essential** in the distribution of literature and sponsor recruitment. The contest will run Aug 1 – Sept 19. Lots of legwork before that!

Special Service Opportunity

The Colorado Therapeutic Riding Center is a local 501(c)(3) organization that provides therapeutic help to people struggling with all sorts of ailments, many "invisible." This is a great organization; it fits right in our mission statements, as many "customers" are young and troubled with issues. We've worked with them before, but long ago. They're needing more "Horse walkers."

Training for volunteer "horse walkers" is necessary. Dates for training remain but we have to move quickly. Check your email regarding this, or contact our club contact: Jeff Haines, jhaines720@outlook.com, or 720-382-3303.

Upcoming Community Service/Kiwanis Events

- **2023 Kiwanis International Convention** – June 21-24, 2023, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA. Registration is open.
- **2023 Rocky Mountain Kiwanis District Annual Convention** - August 3-6, 2023, at Colorado Springs, Great Wolf Lodge:
Discounts Available, use code 2308KIWA
- **Coolest Dog Contest, Legwork**, June-July. Contest August 1st to September 19th.
- **Broomfield Days**, September 23 – let's show the Kiwanis Colors!
- **Sweet Dream in a Bag** workday, October 7, 2023

→ **ABR: Always be recruiting.**

* - **Editor contribution.** Chur is in the NE of Switzerland, a German speaking region (k-ōō-r, like Coors, without the "s"). Jim is standing at one end of a lengthy pedestrian mall, near the center of the Altstadt (old city), in Alexanderplatz (Alexander Square). Behind him Bahnhofstrasse (train station street) is the rest of the pedestrian zone, stretching all

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the way to the train station (which you can barely see behind). It's an area that hosts many festivals, mostly in summer – arts, music, and local culture, like cheese. All

seem to involve beer. Alps, some snow covered, also viewable from here. The city and the region look amazing. We'd love it if Jim could present more on his amazing trip.