



Kiwaniis Club of the Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org

Meetings: Mondays at 7:00 am at The Brewing Market, 2770 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO 80026

Mar. 2, 2026

Coming up . . .

- 3/2/26 – Board Meeting, Brewing Market
- 3/9/26 – President Chris, Member Survey Update
- 3/16/26 – Clint Folsom, Superior Update
- 3/23/26 – Club Social, 5-7 pm, Bambei Brewing
- 3/30/26 – Round Table Fellowship at Brewing Market
- 4/6/26 - Board Meeting at Brewing Market
- 4/13/26 – Builders Club, Key Clubs & CKI Updates
- 4/20/26 – Bill L, Car Care Kit Assembly
- 4/27/26 – Club Social, 5-7 pm, Bambei Brewing

Program Chairpersons:

- March – Alan
- April – Norm
- May – Bill D

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

2/9/26 – Fred Martin, Life of Orson Swindle, Vietnam POW, & Zang Family

Fred, a member of the Veterans Museum, gave a presentation on Orson Swindle, and the Zang family of early Broomfield. He described Swindle as a Broomfield native, Marine F8 Crusader pilot during Vietnam Conflict who was shot down on his last mission (207) and spent seven years in VN prisons. He was a cell mate of Senator John McCain, returned to fly in the Navy until his retirement in 1979 when he then served in the Reagan Administration.

Fred provided a video of the Phillip and Adolph Zang families, who were early settlers in Broomfield. The family owned 4,000 acres in what is now much of Broomfield. The family owned Zang Brewing, grain elevators, turkey and crop farms, and bred prize-winning, famous Percheron horses. Prohibition ruined their beer brewing business. This was a wonderful video with pertinent remarks made by Fred who owns a home that is located on former Zang land. Thanks, Fred, for the wonderful history lesson of an important Broomfield family.



2/16/26 - Bryan Johnson, Polar Exploration and Personal Scientific Missions to Antarctica

Bryan, an retired NOAA researcher, gave us a history lesson of early explorers of Antarctica. These were: Nansen (Norway) on Fram, Amundson (Norway) on Gjoa, Scott (Great Britain) on Terra Nova, and Shackleton on Endurance. Brian got involved with the continent in his investigation of the Ozone Hole in 1986. He made four trips to Antarctica between 1991-2002 to launch high altitude balloons (70 balloons/year) to obtain ozone data; later his group used satellite instruments to obtain ozone data. He explained that the ozone hole was at its worst from 1998-2008; it now continues to improve each year. He explained that there are four historical South Poles Stations. There are three ways to get to the South Pole: commercial aircraft, military LC-130 aircraft, and the icebreaker, Polar Star, that brings in yearly supplies to the station. Thanks, Bryan, for an educational and interesting program!



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2/16/26 - Dr. Wil Blechman Fellowship Awarded

--Bob

Our long-time member and many-term Treasurer, Joe, was presented the certificate of appreciation by President Chris. The certificate reads *"Your generosity is helping Kiwanis International have a continuum of impact on children's lives by focusing on areas our clubs support: health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development. Thank you for helping Kiwanis get kids ready to learn and ready to lead."* Thanks, Joe, for all you do for children and our club.



2/16/26 – Amplify Course Completion

--Bob

One of our new club members, Al, was the first of our club to complete the Amplify course offered by Kiwanis International. Al indicated that it was very rewarding with emphasis on leadership development and our core values. He estimated there were 56 videos to view. He completed the course in three months. Congratulations, Al!



1/9/26 & 1/16/26 – Peak to Peak Builders Club Meetings

--Vince

For the 1/9 P2P Builders Club meeting, the connect activity was called CommunityArt. Participants made a circle and drew a picture, any subject. Each picture was passed to the next person in the circle who added something within a minute time limit. The game ended when each of the participant's original pictures got back to them. For the service activity, the club members disinfected the desks in each room for both the Elementary and Middle Schools.



The 1/16 week was "Kindness Week" at P2P. Club Members made kindness cards for other Middle School Students. In addition, they greeted students at the doors in the morning to remind them to do acts of kindness. On Saturday, 10 members cleaned and organized at the Sister Carmen Thrift Store. The staff complimented the kids on their hard work and thoroughness.



2/10/26 – Monarch Key Club Meeting

--Bill D

The Monarch Key Club had their February meeting on Tuesday, 2/10. We had 18 students in attendance and the meeting focused on future events to serve their community. Here is a list of upcoming events:

1. Volunteer at Monarch Winter Ball
2. Same Café volunteer in Denver
 - a) Volunteer time
 - b) Donate \$'s
 - c) Give Produce

We also discussed our Kiwanis DCON in April, however for now we don't have anyone attending. I confirmed that Kate, Caroline, and Zeke will attend the Key Club update to our Club on April 13th. The leaders went over the Officer Elections for next year's leaders. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 3/10.

2/20/26 – P2P Key Club Meeting

--Bob

Thirteen members attended the meeting. The service project of the day was to clean tables and desks in the school's conference room. Later in the day, and after school, several of the club officers attended the P2P Builders Club meeting. The officers are planning the following activities: 1) election of officers, 2) recognition and attendance awards for the club members, 3) preparation of an events calendar for the remainder of the school year, and 4) senior class member Key Club recognition at the school's graduation ceremonies. All the officers are planning to attend DCON at the YMCA Camp on April 10-12 and Foothill's Key Club update meeting on April 13.



2/23/26 – Club Social at Bambei Brewing

--Bob

Thirteen club members and seven guests met for fellowship, drinks, and meals at Bambei. We had a great time. President Chris informed the group that we were just granted \$6000 from Kiwanis International Children's Fund for our Alert Service Dog for Kids Program. Many tall stories were overhead in the conversations! Join us next month at Bambei.



2/6/26 & 2/20/26 – Peak to Peak Builders Club Meetings

--Vince

At the 2/6 P2P Builders Club meeting they played Jeopardy for their connect game. Then, they made thank you cards for all their teachers as their service project and put the cards in the teacher's mailboxes.



At the 2/20 meeting, three Key Club officers spoke to the group about character building and leadership qualities that Key Club develops. The speakers were Rianna, Vyom, and Sunny. They review several of the service projects that the club does every year such as bell ringing, cleaning the College Counseling Center, and cookie baking and team building. They urged the eighth graders in Builders Club to join Key Club next year. For service, the kids made cards for hospitalized kids.



Upcoming Community Service/Kiwanis Events

- **March 6, 7, 2026** - Mid-Year Rally (and CKI DCON), Colorado State University, Fort Collins
- **April 10, 2026** – YoungLife Banquet at the Establishment, Broomfield
- **April 10-12, 2026** – Key Club’s 75th District Convention (DCON) at YMCA Camp/Estes Park
- **April 13, 2026** – SLP Clubs Presentation at Foothills
- **April 26, 2026** - Cornhole Tournament at Bambei Brewing starting at 11 am
- **May 2, 2026** – Colorado Feeding Kids packaging event, TBD time, 14107A E. Exposition Ave., Aurora
- **May 25, 2026** – Starting line volunteers for Memorial Day 10k Race in Boulder
- **June 25-27, 2026** - The Kiwanis International Convention, Manila, Philippines
- **August 14-16, 2026** – DCON at the Pueblo Convention Center, Pueblo, CO