



Kiwanis 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

January 8, 2024

Coming up . . .

- 1/15/24 – Final discussions & vote on dues and format moving forward: No speaker, just you all. Pres Bill leads
- 1/22-24 – Nick Vera, Sierra Space Programs
- 1/29/24 – Heide Yeley, Child Protection Education Program (Zoom)
- 2/5/24 – Board Meeting
- 2/12/24 – Education: Cale Gould, CO Auto theft Prevention Authority.
- 2/19/24 – Elizabeth McGuire, Music Director, CO Music Arts.

Program Chairpersons:

January & February – Chair schedules pending mtg decisions.

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

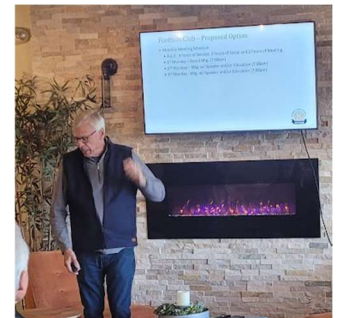
12/18/23 – John Wayne Vogels, of the Martyred Angels Foundation.

John is the founder and CEO of the Martyred Angels Foundation, a 501(c)(3). John & his wife Teresa tragically lost their 3-year-old son to a freak drowning accident. Through their recovery they learned many alarming facts about families struggling with such loss. Divorce rates are 80%, alcohol and drug abuse rates increase greatly, as does domestic abuse, job loss, increased homelessness, depression, PTSD . . . Most people lack proper support and resources, like access to psychologists and psychiatrists. Even the surviving children face these issues. John’s daughter endured years teasing and ostracization. These issues motivated John and his family to found Martyred Angels: to provide support of all types to these aggrieved families. Some services they provide: Pay for cemetery plots, group support meetings, Equestrian therapy, financial support, and Grief support camps. As their son perished in a drowning, the organization also provides a site for dive and rescue training. It’s an important need addressed – as fewer children drown the local services have greatly reduced this training. It was a very moving presentation. He subtly asked for financial support to expand their operations. Your editor has made a large personal donation. You can donate too:



<https://secure.anedot.com/136f0a05-b074-4350-857a-cbebbba999d25/donate>

— After the December 18th meeting opening President Bill led an informal short session to generate top options for our club format moving forward. A top option was selected, and club-wide election on January 15th will decide if this is the official club format for the near-term future.



Club Officers

President	Bill Duclos
Past President	Matt Frederick
President-Elect	Bill Lester
Secretary	Bob Mohling
Treasurer	Joe Girard
Board of Directors	Bill Anderson
	Alan Boeve
	Brian Coleman
	Vince Van Zago
	Norm Cizek
	Lori McLean

Note: We are all gently reminded to individually report our monthly service ours to the club Secretary, and that person is our very own special Bob Mohling. “Dr Bob” to many of us. “Kiwanian and servant Extraordinaire” to all.

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1/8/24 Board Meetings: Club and Foundation.

General Club meeting, top items:

- We lost a regular member, Scott French, due to family health issues, and an Honorary member, Pat Rust, long time RMD secretary, due to her passing. Finance audit team set up for Jan 22 audit. We keep Scott in our prayers, it's a difficult time. We'll be hopeful he can return some day.
- We still need to update our bylaws. Pres bill will call a by-meeting for this with our executive committee.
- Board encourages President-elect Bill and new member Bob Greenway to attend the District Convention, April 12-14. The 13th is the most important day.

Foundation Meeting, top items

- Salvation Army bell ringing. Our club raised \$20.6K. Anthem Ranch helped too: \$8.8K. As did the P2P Youth Leadership: \$1,000. Very nice work and a big THANK YOU to all who put in kettle time.

Upcoming events and volunteer opportunities

- February 22 to 27th – we should schedule a club social. Leader/organizer needed. No regular meeting planned on February 26th.
- April 20, Sweet Dream in a Bag bedding, book, and toy packing
- TBD – Colorado Feeding Kids
- January 27, Carbon Valley volunteer fair. We get free booth space. Frederick, Colorado. Recruitment and volunteer opportunities.
- Memorial Day, Bolder Boulder security volunteer. We really need 24 volunteers.

Mark your calendars, 2024 Conventions

- Rocky Mountain District Convention, April 12-14 in Cheyenne, WY
- 103rd Kiwanis International Convention is July 3-6, 2024 in **Denver, Colorado**. That's as close as it gets, Kiwanians. **Volunteers will be needed.**

Photos from Anthem Ranch Fair, January 10.

Ivan, Michelle and Mark. President-elect, Membership Chair and Board Member. At the member recruitment table. 10 prospects signed up for more info.



View of entire AR Fair Room



Be Well and

— ALWAYS BE RECRUITING!!

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