



Kiwanis 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

September 1, 2025

Coming up . . .

August 25 – Club Social, Bambei

Brewing, Superior, 5-7PM

Sept 1 – Labor Day, no meeting

Sept 8 – Board Meeting, Brewing Mkt

Sept 15 – Higgins-Schmidt, club's Investments, markets & financial outlook

Sept 22 – Officer and Board installation for 2025-'26; President's report

Oct 6 – Board meeting

Oct 12 – Cool Dog Fundraiser celebration, at Bambei Brewing

October 13 – Chris Austin, incoming club president's meeting

October 20 – Helene Rose, Communication Hacks

October 27 – Club Social at Bambei Brewing

Program Chairpersons:

September – Bob Mohling

October – Lori McLean

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

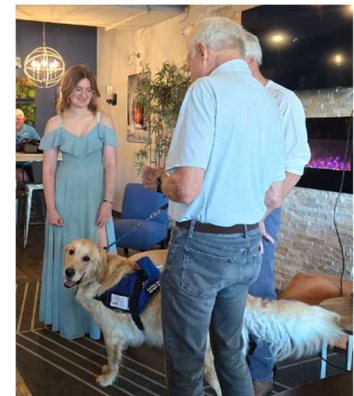
August 11 – Alert Dog Program and Dog Graduation

On August 11 a formal recognition ceremony was held for the graduation of Niffler (and owner Serenity) from our club's Alert Dog

Academy. Dave Rogers presented an overview of the program and its history. Dave's granddaughter, Darla, was also present; she was the first recipient of one of our dogs, in 2010. Her need was due to a severe peanut allergy. A tribute to Jerry Grilland, the program's founder, was also part of the presentation. Dgs are

chosen as pups from Alan's chosen breeders. They are selected based on principles developed by Jerry, on characteristics they show as baby pups – key characteristics are already evident at 8 weeks old. The pup is then purchase placed with the child at this young age, and they bond, recipient child as the alpha. They go through a two-year program together, passing several tests along the way. We have placed well over 40 dogs already, and all but two for Type 1 Diabetes.

August 18 – Our own Pam Behler, executive director and founder of MyChoice Caring Pregnancy Center spoke to us about MyChoice: how it



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works, intakes, and gave interesting and alarming data on the current state of abortion, including that every year in Colorado 128 babies beyond 28 weeks are aborted. The Fatherhood initiative has been added to the program. Men serve as volunteers to chat with the child's fathers, answering questions, assuaging fears and encouraging them to step up the prospective role, its responsibilities and rewards. MyChoice largely serves immigrants (usually undocumented, "illegal") and they need Medicaid funding, which is now difficult. A beautiful thing is that MyChoice offers support post-birth, which often encourages the couple to proceed to delivering new life. A presentation both uplifting and alarming. Pam- Thanks for speaking to us and being part of our club.

Rocky Mountain District Convention news – Bill Lester

Many thanks to the club for sending the three amigos, Dave Rogers, Norm Cizek, and Bill Lester to the Kiwanis District Convention at the Sheraton Tech Center. It was a day of valuable training and insights when we attended sessions like **Rebuilding Existing Clubs**, **Connecting Generations**, **Raise the Stakes** by increasing impact, **Meetings That Matter** by bringing fun and energy to a club meeting and more. We listened to the speeches and the Q&A of our two Governor-elect candidates, Andrea Weule and Dominick Breton. At the end of the day, we also were able to connect with the Broomfield Kiwanis Club of North Metro to help them sort, organize, bag, and load the coats they collected for donation in the colder. (Pictures) Throughout the conference at our table we communicated about our "Coolest Dog on the Front Range Contest" program and passed out our literature to help spread the word across the district. Good conversation with our fellow Kiwanians as always at a DCON.

Dave Rogers: In addition to the fine report submitted by Bill, I add the following.

Regarding our RMD Foundation status, total assets are currently \$702,587 and applications for aid are encouraged. Total grants issued to date in the 2024-'25 year are \$24,600, compared to \$17,000 last year. Over \$74,000 are still available for distribution this year.

Re: the Forum on "Connecting Generations: Growing Kiwanis Through Intergenerational Engagement".

We are encouraged to "*Meet people where they're at*" in our recruiting, and as we all are aware, different generations have varying traits. Gen Xers (1965-81) are still willing to volunteer, but more for single events rather than on-going projects. And they also are not big on attending weekly meetings. Millennials (1982-'96), unfortunately in my opinion, are more concerned about societal change and social injustice than old-fashioned needy people.

In the forum on our International Foundation, we learned that that \$261M have been contributed to our three major programs since the 1990s - Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) in the '90s, Project Eliminate, to eliminate neonatal tetanus in the early '20s and the current KI Children's Fund (KICF), where the goal is to raise \$25M over the next five

years. 97 clubs have pledged a total of \$1.9M to date. Notable is the fact that the **Foothills Club of Boulder Valley** is the only club in the RMD to have pledged to date.

I would encourage all our members to attend a district convention in the future. I have attended several over the years and find them very informational and motivational. Thank you for funding my participation this year.



News Items:

Cool Dog Contest. We are doing much better with **sponsorships**. We need to promote them, I put it on our website and social media. Always be looking to **hand out material**, to recruit contestants and sponsors.

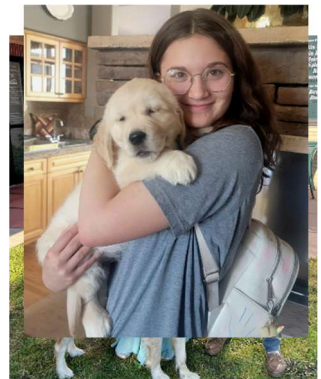
Carry those pamphlets with you. Never too late. We can't have a contest without contestants.

The contest website is up! Entries and voting through September 21.

Our club website header has been updated to promote this important fundraiser.

More dog Ceremony Pictures

The day Serenity met Niffler.



Upcoming Community Service/Kiwanis Events

- **August 1 – September 21**, Coolest Dog on the Front Range, Foothills Kiwanis of Boulder Valley Foundation Fundraiser
- **Sept 5, Young Life Golf fundraiser, Todd Creek, Thornton**
- **September 13** – Clay shoot fundraiser for **MyChoice Resource Center**, Caring Compassionate Pregnancy Services.
13600 Lanewood St, Brighton, CO
Volunteers NEEDED 8AM-noon.
Contact Bob Mohling or Pam Behler
- **September 20** – Broomfield Days, volunteers needed
- **October 12** – Cool Dog Contest closing celebration

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