



Kiwanis Club of the Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org

Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Coal Creek Golf Course, 585 W. Dillon Rd, Louisville, CO 80027 (303) 666-7888

Coming up . . .

8/1/20 – Coolest Dog Contest Begins
8/3/20 – Rick Fernandez, Broomfield Taxpayer Matters
8/5/20-Aug Board/Foundation Meeting
8/10/20-Samuel Peterson, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
8/17/20-David Allison, Monuments in our Times
8/24/20 Key Club Presidents Meeting
8/31/20-Alan/Jerry Alert Dog Graduation

Program Chairperson:

Aug – Dave R.
Sept-Bill A.

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

7/13/2020 Marty Dormish The Refuge

Marty Dormish was raised in Denver and is a Jefferson High graduate. He currently lives in Broomfield with his wife and four kids. Marty is not only the director of **The Refuge**, but he also works his faith as Minister of Community Engagement for **Code Blue**.



Marty's great grandfather, John Stengel, homesteaded the land at 75th and Arapahoe in 1892 and The Refuge is in the old Habitat Building near there. The Refuge has a few partners in the area including the **Food Pantry** and **Precious Child**. The calling for The Refuge is finding "Jesus in Disguise" by helping neighbors in need: that is, needy people can find presence and hospitality. Marty manages the **Refuge Café**, which for the last eight years has welcomed anyone of any income level who want to "hang out". The café offers free lunch and free Wi-Fi. Advocates such as Salvation Army are present at the café to provide information on resources. Businesses do not like people just "hanging out", so The Café offers TV's and sound hookups for those who want to spend time. Single mothers and whole families often come. There are accommodations for kids. The world is a difficult place for the needy to fit in and belong. The refuge is only one of two places in the Denver Metro area that offers showers and facilities for cleaning up. **Code Blue** was started to give police a resource when they find a person sleeping on the streets. This led to a creation of a "warming center". There are three official host sites: Hope Lutheran, Discovery, and United Methodist churches. The community really comes together during disasters to help all the shelters. Anticipating more evictions because the government moratorium ran out in July, many organizations are getting together to deal with this situation. Thank you, Marty for enlightening us on The Refuge and being a valuable service for the community.

Club Officers		
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	Matt Frederick	
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7/20/2020 John Covert the Action Center

John Covert is a retired fourth generation Salvation Army member along with his brother and sister (Major Beth Paugh). He is also a musician. He is currently Director of the **Action Center** located at 8755 W.



11th in Lakewood. The Action Center has been serving the needy in Jefferson County for over 50 years. Founded in 1968, the first building was a Quonset hut located in the United Methodist Church parking lot. It was purchased with \$1500 and a bunch of “green stamp” books. The goal of the Action Center is to teach people how to fish not get a fish. Now located in a former Post Office, the Center primarily serves Jefferson County, but will help anyone in need. About 20,000 people come to the Center for different services. 50,000 residents of Jefferson County are below the poverty level. Volunteers at the center accompany needy individuals on food shopping trips since the people cannot go alone. Volunteers work with the needy to make them self-sufficient. Another service offered is that the Center will cut a check to a landlord to prevent eviction that creates homelessness. The Center will also help kids with school supplies totaling \$125 per kid. About \$20,000 a month is needed for food supplies alone. A major fund raiser for the Center is called “Beautiful Junk”. Held at the 10,000 square foot Jeffco Fairgrounds, people donate furniture and other “stuff” for a 3-day gigantic garage sale with proceeds going to the Center. The Center works with 30 other agencies, plus word of mouth to advertise the event. There are also vocation counselors present for training and support. Right now, the Center is experiencing an increased stress on food resources as many homeless are migrating out of Denver to surrounding areas in search of a safer environment. Thank you, John for this informative presentation about a very worthwhile and important organization.

7/27/2020 Sherri Wolff The Relationship Between HUD and the Salvation Army

Sherri Wolff is the Manager of Silvercrest Broomfield. She has been with Silvercrest four years but has 30 years of experience in affordable housing. These times are difficult for seniors to make it. There is a two-year waiting



time between application and when seniors can move into Silvercrest. The rooms in the facility are small but comfortable. It is hard and very traumatic for seniors to make the transition from a house to an independent or assisted living facility. The rent at Silvercrest is on average about 30% of the senior’s income. The more money a senior has, the more they pay. Most pay between \$150 and \$750 per month. Most of the seniors in Silvercrest come from larger homes and must dispose of or give away many their possessions to fit into the small rooms. Covid 19 has made life even more difficult for the residents. Most of the residents are unable to get out. They feel isolated since they cannot gather in groups. Bingo and arts and crafts have been eliminated for now. The Holidays will be rough on the residents this year. One positive note is that the facility is pet friendly for animals up to 20 pounds. There is a service coordinator now and care givers are welcome. Silvercrest needs to requalify every year for their affiliation with HUD. Silvercrest has 35 facilities in the Rocky Mountains and the Midwest. The headquarters are in California. HUD picks up the difference between what a resident can pay, and the actual cost of a room. On average, there is a three year wait list to get into a Silvercrest facility. It is not necessary to be a Broomfield resident to move into Silvercrest, however, applicants outside the area must be willing to relocate. All Silvercrest facilities are classified as affordable housing. Thankyou Sherri for this enlightening presentation. Most of our club is familiar with Broomfield Silvercrest through our Salvation Army affiliation.

Kiwanis of the Foothills Wins May Service Hours Contest

Congratulations to the club. We won \$500 for the Foundation by finishing in first place in the June Rocky Mount District Service Hours Contest. 12 people had 313 service hours in June. Keep up the good work and let us take it in July as well. Where to contribute the money is TBD.



Board/Foundation Meeting Minutes Foothills Kiwanis Club

July 8, 2020 @ Sweet Spot Café (OUTSIDE)



Board Meeting

☐ **Meeting called to order at 7:05 AM**

☐ **Those Present**

Bill, Joe, Dave R., Annette, Randy, Rudi, Bob, Alan, Craig, and Vince

☐ **Minutes Approval**

Minutes approved unanimously

☐ **Treasurer's Report (Acceptance)**

There was a \$210 adjustment made to the May Report. Money was credited to Foundation from General. Happy Dollars were \$299. Treasurer's Report Accepted Unanimously.

☐ **Secretary's Report (Dashboard)**

Attendance: June = 16.4 average. May=13.2. Service Hours: June=313 hours with 12 reporting. May=440 hours with 11 reporting. Guests: June = 4 and May = 6.

☐ **Chair Reports – (excluding Service Project Report)**

Invocation/Greeter – Dave

July invocations set. August and September during 7/27 meeting.

Speaker Program – Maj Mike (July),

Dave (Aug), Bill (Sep)

See printout at the end of the club minutes

Communication/Education – Vince/Joe

The Committee will take over the newsletter.

Reporting will start with June 15

meeting—our first indoors. Club Metrics will be reported in the newsletter starting after July 27.

Membership/Recruitment – Bob/Joe

Bob has put together a list of prospective members and rated the enthusiasm for membership. Annette identified two prospective members from RSLC—Nancy Johnson and Becky. Annette to follow up.

Community/Inter Club Liaison - Matt

Report skipped.

Fundraiser – Randy/Alan

Fundraiser discussed in the Foundation Meeting.

CKI/Key Club – Bill

Waiting for state to rule on school openings.

☐ **Old Business**

None

☐ **New Business**

☐ **Indoor/Outside Meetings – light of uptick in COVID Stats**

Craig reported that Jerry was uncomfortable attending indoor meetings. It was moved and seconded to move the meetings outside under the tent. Passed unanimously.

☐ **Virtual District Convention**

The Virtual District Convention will be held August 7 thru 9. Club members can register online for programs and forums. We usually contribute \$100 from the Foundation to the Silent Auction. Approved unanimously. We need to come up with an appropriate gift card.

☐ **Membership for Carolyn**

Carolyn is Jerry's caregiver. She needs to accompany Jerry to meetings. Membership dues are difficult for Carolyn to afford. Foundation can pay Carolyn for "services rendered" up to \$599 dollars per year as Jerry's helper. \$600 or over requires a 1099. Jerry and Carolyn do not eat breakfast. Her club dues would be \$50 per month, picked up by the members, and mostly covered by the \$599. She would be a full-fledged member (pending Board approval in August) and her out-of-pocket expenses would be about \$10 per month, mostly for coffee. It was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously to pay Carolyn for services rendered.

☐ **Club Meeting Adjourned at 7:50AM**



Foothills Kiwanis of Boulder Valley
Program Speakers

- Program Chair – Major Mike
 - July 13 – **Marty Dormish**, Director of The Refuge and Code Blue in Broomfield
 - July 20 – John Covert, Director of Development, The Action Center
 - July 27 – TBD
- Program Chair – Dave
 - August 3 – Rick Fernandez, Broomfield Taxpayer Matters
- Program Chair - Bill

Foundation Meeting

☐ **Those Present**

Bill, Joe, Dave R., Annette, Randy, Rudi, Bob, Alan, Craig, and Vince

☐ **Minutes Approval**

Minutes approved unanimously.

☐ **Treasurer's Report (Foundation)**

\$250 from our 2018-19 membership addition went to Salvation Army. We have about \$5000 left in the budget and it is committed. One of the students winning a scholarship wanted to use his \$1000 to purchase a computer. Accounting would be problematic. Why not apply his scholarship to his tuition and use the tuition money saved to purchase a computer? Request was not approved. Paul to inform student. Foundation Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously

☐ **Treasurer's Report (Service Dogs)**

The Bob Waters Foundation selected us to donate \$3000 to the service dog program. The Foundation will distribute the funds. Alan's neighbor's boyfriend's Dad is a member of BWF. \$50 went to buy the plaque for Chet Bunting. In addition, polyhedron dog vests were purchased. Marty might be able to get dog money from the Masons. Service Dogs Treasurer's Report accepted unanimously.

☐ **Service Project Chair Report**

Salvation Army Food Share is the only active program. Project is ongoing and weekly on Wednesdays and Friday for Kiwanis members to serve. Everything else is on hold.

☐ **Service Dog Program Update –** (Jerry/Carolyn)

Service Dog Committee stopped because of Zoom Meetings. Training is on hold. Marty recently joined the committee. To give dogs to the families, committee members must go into homes, which is not happening with Covid. Short term, six dogs in training is

optimal. Long-term, possibly more would work. Purchasing three dogs per year with all bills paid is working for now. Rudi feels manpower is more of an issue than money. Public access test is needed for graduation and this is not happening with Covid. Jerry would not be comfortable with the liability if this requirement were waived. Should we as a club seek dog trainers as future members?

☐ **Old Business**

☐ **Chet – Plaque**

See Service Dog Treasurer's Report

☐ **Coolest Dog Updates/Decision Points**

Broomfield North Metro would like to trade donation for sponsorship in the dog program. They are currently not showing as a dog partner. We would give a donation to youth. We will meet with Michelle and determine appropriate amount. Michelle proposed silent auction at Coolest Dog awards ceremony. Not enough people there and would not be worth setting up support. Fox 31 has not responded so far (now they have) so we do not need to put them on the brochure. Signup sheets for shops and vets in the data base will circulate next Monday. (7/13). Brochures and posters must go out prior to August 1st. Bob has reached out to Mash Labs to let them know they are in the running. We need to pick our brewery this week. Have not heard from Upslope. They have the better name recognition and will discount the beer (our cost \$800). Mash Labs will donate the beer. No pressure for Mash Labs if we wait on Upslope. 30 days notification needed before end of contest. It was moved and seconded that we just forget US and go with Mash Labs. Passed unanimously. We can get two logos: one for the brewery and one for Perfect Snacks who donated \$3000 for Top Dog status. Stick with 7 dogs pictured. Winner plus six runners up. This will allow for bigger pictures. Too many pictures get lost on the can. Other sponsors can get their recognition in the Boulder Camera.

☐ **New Business**

☐ **Graffiti Removal Project – Brian**

Not discussed. Move to next meeting • .
agenda.

☐ ***Meeting adjourned at 8:45AM***