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

August 4, 2025

Coming up . . .

August 4 – Board Meeting, Brewing Mkt
August 11 – Pam Behler, The Fatherhood Initiative
August 18 – Alan Boeve & Dave Rogers, Alert Service Dog Program Update
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 12 – Cool Dog Fundraiser celebration
October 13 – Chris Austin, incoming club president's meeting
October 20 – Helene Rose, Communication Hacks

Program Chairpersons:
August – Vince VZ

Club Officers

President
Bill Lester
Past President
Bill Duclos
President-Elect
Chris Austin
Secretary
Bob Mohling
Matt Fredrick
Treasurer
Joe Girard
Board of Directors
Bill Anderson
Alan Boeve
Norm Cizek
Bob Greenaway
Lori McLean
Lt. Tania Morales
Dave Rogers

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

July 7 – Maggie Babyak and Keather Korth, Co-founders of Our Front Porch (OFP)

Maggie and Heather smoothly tag-teamed to inform us about the organization they founded in 2015: Our Front Porch. OFP provides support to Colorado home fire survivors to navigate the entire recovery process. It's a 501(c)(3) org that provides these services gratis. Every day in Colorado, on average, there are 9 home fires … and 2 in the Denver metro area. They help navigate the insurance process. Only 55% renters have insurance. Many homeowners are underinsured. Insurance claims are usually a struggle as it's in the middle of the crisis recovery. Support includes coaching on talking with adjusters, salvaging property, creating property lists. Full recovery from a disaster takes 24 months, on average, with 100% reporting stress and anxiety. OFP provides resources & referrals for many things, including physical & mental health therapy and medical treatment, trauma recovery, basic needs like toiletries and women's sanitary, document replacement. OFP partners with groups like the American Red Cross, American Samaritan, and A Precious Child for co-support and to get client lists; 95% come from the Red Cross. They also screen and work with remediation companies. What a great organization! Ourfrontporch.org and OurFrontPorch.org/gethelp

July 14 – John Davis, Dean of the CU Music Department (also the director of the Jazz Studies Program) filled us in with a lot of information regarding the College of Music. It develops multiskilled, multifaceted universal musicians who are well-equipped to participate in the 21st century as artist, educators and scholars; as

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broadly based professionals with flexible career options as compassionate world citizens. Not just music. Well-rounded muscians who can prosper and engage. They have courses on entrepreneurship, management and leadership. Graduates can go into many fields, not just music. They offer 7 undergraduate degrees in 24 fields of study. They have many fantastic presentations open to the public throughout the year, including Opera/BMMT, the Holiday Festival, the Artist Series (with professional touring musicians) and the Takacs, a grammy award winning quartet.

News Items:

8/2/25 – Backpack Distribution Event at The Salvation Army (TSA)
-- Bob Mohling
About 100 backpacks were distributed to local school children at The Salvation Army Center gym, with volunteers from Foothills Kiwanis, TSA church and staff assisting from 11 am to 1 pm. Club volunteers included Dave, Vince, Lt. Tania, and Bob M. Children chose school supplies for their backpacks and enjoyed hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, and lawn games. Cloudy weather kept temperatures comfortable. Majors Cheryl and Nesan Kistan visited from Division Headquarters, and thanks go to Amy, Capt. Miguel, and Lt. Tania for organizing the event. [Backpack photos, 1) a happy family with full backpackpacks; 2) Many bags to choose from; 3) Amy, Dave, Vince, & Zack at registration; 4) Dave, Jeff, & Bob grilled hotdogs]

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 start August 1, 9AM.
Our club website header has been updated to promote this important fundraiser.

A sad farewell to Bob Greenaway, who has submitted his resignation. He just can't make it work with his load at his new job with Adams County. A great asset. We'll miss him. He hopes to attend some activities and participate in projects. He's gone, not forgotten. Hopefully he can return.

<u>Upcoming Community Service/Kiwanis Events</u>

- **August 1 – September 21**, Coolest Dog on the Front Range, Foothills Kiwanis of Boulder Valley Foundation Fundraiser
- **August 15-17, 2025** – Kiwanis District Convention, estimated cost: $225 per member, Denver Tech Center
- **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