



Kiwanis Club of the Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org
Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at the Spice of Life Event Center, 5706 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder CO

Mar. 12, 2012

Coming up . . .

3/12/12 Patti Micklin, "Special Transit" non-profit for special transportation

3/19/12 Ray Purinton, "Business Relations between China and the U.S."

3/26/12 Sylvia Tracy-Doolos, New Leaf Genealogy on researching ancestry

4/5/12 7:00 a.m. Foothills Kiwanis Board Meeting at Parkway Restaurant

Program Chairpersons:

March – Adam Pauluhn

April – Bob Mohlmg

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

February 27 – Patrick Dill, "Meteorological Satellites"

Patrick (a teacher of meteorology in Boulder for 17 years) talked to our club about the evolution of weather satellites, starting with the 1950's work of University of Wisconsin professor Verner E. Suomi. Professor Suomi is best known for his invention of the "spin-scan" camera which enabled weather satellites in geostationary orbits to image the earth continuously, yielding the weather satellite pictures now familiar to all TV-weather watchers around the world. Also, early pioneer was scientist Harvey Wexler published a milestone paper in 1954 entitled "Observing the Weather from a Satellite Vehicle" that spurred development of early U.S. satellites such as Explorer VI (first satellite photo from space) and Explorer VII (first good meteorological satellite) in 1959. In 1960, the first dedicated weather satellite (Trios 1) was launched; and in 1966, the first global polar-orbiting weather satellite was launched. Today, seven countries have weather satellites orbiting the earth to (among other things) provide data for real-time weather simulations (such as done by NCAR in Boulder), track the "Ozone Hole" at the South Pole, and study ocean currents.



March 5 – Richard Lisseveld, Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District - Division 11 Project Eliminate Leader

Dick gave our club members a presentation about the Kiwanis International "Project Element" global initiative that (in collaboration with UNICEF) has targeted 40 third-world countries in which the Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) disease will be eradicated. MNT kills newborn infants within seven days by causing muscles in the body (particularly the diaphragm) to stop working, and makes the newborn very sensitive to touch and light that prevents human touch. The cure to MNT is a sequence of three 60-cent shots given to a pregnant mother, followed by additional vaccinations to the child as it gets older. So far, MNT has been eradicated in 23 countries (the last being Senegal) with 17 countries to go. Aside from giving the MNT shots, UNICEF is working with these 40 countries to build the infrastructure to meet their commitment to continue eradication of MNT in the future. The KI goal for Project Eliminate fundraising by 2015 is \$240 million that will save 129 million babies, where \$8.3 million has been raised so far. Our Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District's goal is to raise \$1,800,000 through the end of 2016. Dick talked about various donation plans, where the Kiwanis Model Club" plan provides \$750 of Project Eliminate funding for each club member over a 5-year period, saving about 416 babies per year. For more information, see – www.TheEliminateProject.org.



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March 1 Foothills Kiwanis Board Meeting Notes

-- Dennis Hubbard, Foothills Kiwanis Club Secretary

The Foothills Kiwanis Club Board met at the Parkway Restaurant on March 1, 2012. President Symes called the meeting to order at 7:01. Attending were Board members President Symes, Treasurer Gilland, Secretary Hubbard, Baumann, DeYoung, Girard, McDermid, McGehan, Rogers, and Sprenkle. Guest: none.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: February minutes were presented. A motion was made by Sprenkle and seconded by Rogers to approve the motion. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gilland presented the Foothills Kiwanis Club Board financial report. A motion was made by Baumann and seconded by McGehan to approve the corrected report. Approved. An application was submitted to the Chamber of Commerce for membership. Membership will cost \$200; the Club has paid \$188, a donation of \$12 will make up the remainder.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- The Board expressed thanks to DeYoung for her role in scheduling and organizing the Nissi's jazz evening social event in February.

-- Rogers, Hassler, Gilland and Symes attended the Kiwanis Midwinter Convention in Longmont.

-- Gilland and Symes spoke with the Spice of Life manager concerning the variety and quality of the meeting breakfasts. The manager offered a list of various breakfasts at no additional cost.

-- Symes led a discussion about the theme of one of the meetings at the Midwinter Conference. A common problem for Kiwanis clubs is attracting and retaining new members. Symes suggested a new committee be formed to combine the existing Sunshine committee with a Membership committee. This committee would help with the finding of new members, having an orientation meeting and keeping in touch with the new members. May is Kiwanis membership month and using this new committee could be helpful in finding new members. Another suggestion from the DTC Denver Kiwanis Club was to form a satellite group of members age 21 to 40. This group was formed by age and meets monthly in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings. This group has taken on the extra task of providing at least 3 hours per month of community service in addition to the club's activities. This will be discussed in more detail at a later time.

--Discussion was held regarding the Limited Membership guidelines.

--At the Midwinter Conference, Symes was approached by the Boulder Kiwanis Club about the possible merger of our two clubs. The Boulder club has 14 members, and about 10 attend their biweekly meetings. It is the original Kiwanis Club in Boulder going back approximately eighty years. The Boulder club sponsors two Key Clubs and a variety of other projects. The next step will be an Inter-Club with their club in the coming weeks. We will discuss this further as a Board and with club members before any decisions are made.

--Girard will contact Petrick about his current LOA, which expired on March 1.

The Foothills Kiwanis Club Board meeting adjourned at 7:41

March 1 Foothills Foundation Board Meeting Notes

-- Dennis Hubbard, Foothills Kiwanis Club Secretary

The Board of the Foothills Kiwanis Club Boulder Foundation met at Parkway Restaurant on March 1, 2012. President Symes called the meeting to order at 7:51. Attending were Board members President Symes, Treasurer Gilland, Secretary Hubbard, Baumann, DeYoung, Girard, McDermid, McGehan, Rogers, and Sprenkle. Guests: none.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: February minutes were presented and the dog project report was amended to include "or purchase insurance". Rogers moved, McGehan seconded the report and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gilland presented the Foothills Kiwanis Boulder Foundation financial report. He reported he's paid out funds of \$500 to Alive at 25 and \$400 to BVGSA (softball). Sprenkle moved to approve the financial report, seconded by DeYoung. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

-- Sprenkle reported the letters have been sent to the prospective Taste of Downtown Boulder restaurants. Members are now contacting the managers for approval.

-- Girard reported the scholarship applications are due on April 8 with final selection and notification scheduled for May 1.

-- Gilland reported on the Dog Days Golf tournament. Sponsors are still needed; 13 golfers are signed up but about 100 golfers are needed.

-- Gilland reported on the Service Dog project. Our breeder has notified us of puppies being born this past week. We will be selecting our next puppy in the coming weeks, and that pup will be placed with Karen Mahon for training. Ernst & Caplan law firm will be the primary sponsor of this pup, as they have done over \$2,000 in pro bono work for our project. \$2,000 was given by Eastern Star for the next pup. Gilland also reported that there is a lack of applications for the present dog, Casey. He is being trained to detect diabetes problems.

-- Plans will need to be made soon for the July 4th fundraiser.

-- Hassler and Person will contact the Monarch Key Club to help with a pancake breakfast at Applebee's. The earliest date appears to be in June.

The Foothills Kiwanis Boulder Foundation Board meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Monarch HS Key Club Supports "Restoring Vision" Reading-Glasses Project for Tribal People of Thailand

On February 29, Monarch Key Club members provided \$50 of club funds to pay for 100 "Restoring Vision" reading-glasses taken by Kerry Hassler to northern Thailand for distribution to Akha and Karen tribal people in areas near Chiang Rai and Chiang Rai through American Baptist missionaries there. These reading-glasses will help elderly tribal women to continue to make hand-stitched craft items sold to generate family income (to buy on-line, go to -- <http://akhahilltribe.org>).



March 3 Burke Field Clean-Up Club Project

-- *Pete Sprenkle, Burke Clean-Up Project Leader*

Twenty-three volunteers braved the cold and wind to get the Horizons/Burke softball field and surrounding area cleaned up and ready for spring Saturday morning March 3. Eight Foothills Kiwanis Club members, and fifteen players and parents from the Boulder Stars girls' softball team, worked together to do a great job of making the entire field area look good. Thanks to all who helped with this club project!



Notes from February 18 RMD MidWinter Convention

-- By *Dave Rogers*

YCPO: Governor's Early Education Literacy Project

-- *Facilitator: Lindsay Morgan Tracy, Senior Director, Mile High United Way*

The purpose of this forum was to inform Colorado Kiwanis clubs of this reading project jointly sponsored by the Colorado Lt. Governor's office and the Mile High United Way.

Children "learn to read" up through the third grade. After the third grade they "read to learn." 30 percent of Colorado third graders read below level and statistically, 75 percent of those below level at the third grade will never catch up. The Colorado project team conducted a state-wide survey to determine what is currently being done, and what needs to be done. The intent of the project is to support on-going programs, not re-inventing the wheel with new programs.

Representatives of the Lt. Governor's office/Mile High United Way would appreciate an opportunity to speak to our club about the project and what we could do to help. Nationally, the United Way is attempting to recruit one million volunteers to go into schools to read.

Midwinter Conference Forum on Foundations: District and International -- Facilitators: Dave Webster and Bill Flint

All Kiwanis members are members of both Foundations.

The International Foundation's current primary project is Project Eliminate, which has a goal of eliminating infant tetanus in third-world countries. The financial goal is to raise \$110,000,000 by 2015. \$8.3 has been raised to date. Each Kiwanis Club is asked to contribute a minimum of \$5 per member per year. Clubs will be recognized as a Model Club by giving \$750 per member over the five-year period of the drive. Details of this project were presented to our club at our March 5 meeting.

The Rocky Mountain District Foundation, now 27 years old, was formed to support district-level projects and to provide support to individual club projects. The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI) is our primary District Project. The Foundation is donating \$60,000 to KPTI this year, in addition to club donations. The Foundation also provides up to \$2500 grants to individual clubs in support of their projects.

Bob Mohling was president of the District Foundation Board for several years, and Dave Rogers is a current Board member.

(March 17 All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

-- *Pete Sprenkle*

To support the Boulder Stars 16 U team coaches, attend their fundraiser at --

**Applebee's on 28th Street in Boulder
8:00-10:00 a.m.
Saturday March 17**

The cost is \$7.00 per person, which you can pay at the door. (NOTE: This is not Pete cooking!)

