



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

June 7, 2010

Coming up . . .

6/7/10 John Carlson, "Our United States Courts" (how they operate)

6/14/10 Gordon Page, "Spirit of Flight Center" in Boulder

6/21/10 Dennis Hubbard, "Iceland"

6/28/10 Judy Toran Cousin, "Blue Sky Bridge"

7/1/10 7:00 a.m. Foothills Board meeting at Parkway Restaurant in Boulder

7/4/10 Foothills 4th of July Folsom Field Fireworks Donations Collection Project

Program Chairperson(s):

June – Mary Schweitzer

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

May 10 – Katie Frye, "Family Self-Sufficiency" Program

Katie told us about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program within the Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services. It is a five-year program designed to meet the education and career goals of low-income families. It gets funding from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, from the county, and from private donations. The typical participant is a single mother with two or three children. There are 150 families currently in the program, with a long waiting list of applicants. "There's been a large increase in applications over the past year because of the economic downturn," Katie said. Every family is in public or assisted housing and gets help with budgeting and health issues. Childcare and tuition assistance are offered, and many families are on food stamps and Medicaid. Katie, who has a Master's Degree in social work, is a case-worker and visits some 60 families each month. She talks with them about short-term personal goals such as filling out a financial aid form for college or getting counseling or planning a budget.



May 17 – Dennis Evans, "St. Lucas Toliman Scholars Program in Guatemala"

Dennis, an Englishman who has lived in Guatemala for 20 years, told us about his program to educate extremely poor Guatemalan children through high school. It is called San Lucas Toliman Scholars and is named for the small highland town where most of the children live. The UN estimates that 36 percent of residents in this area live in extreme poverty. Once students get to junior high school and high school, their families are required to pay \$200 per year for tuition, uniforms and supplies. Most families cannot afford this. Since 1996, the SLT Scholars program has helped over 1,200 students. With a high school education, children can get higher-paying jobs and begin to break the cycle of poverty. The minimum wage in Guatemala is \$7 per day but many in San Lucas Toliman are paid only \$4 to \$5 per day to pick coffee beans, the principal crop and means of support in the area. "We need more sponsors," Dennis told us. For information on how to become a sponsor, go to -- www.sltscholars.org.



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Gary Symes

Clarence Wood

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May 24 – Captain Mark Beckner, Boulder Chief of Police, “Rules/laws for medical marijuana in Colorado”

Captain Beckner talked to our club about the challenges faced by police to control the growth and distribution of marijuana in Boulder and other communities in Colorado after the passage of Amendment 20 by Colorado voters in 2000. This statute legalized the use of marijuana for medical purposes, where individuals are allowed to have no more than two ounces of medical marijuana and up to six marijuana plants if they have a doctor’s approval. However, the lack of firm guidelines to get approval has allowed many to take advantage of this statute. Also, it’s relatively easy to set up medical marijuana dispensaries by individuals whose only purpose is to sell marijuana to those who don’t need it.



Project leader Bob Mohling with wife Marilyn and family friends

Bolder Boulder 10K Starting Line Fundraiser Results
-- Project Coordinator Bob Mohling

This Foothills project was a huge success in that our volunteers started over 53,000 runners in this year’s Bolder Boulder 10K race, the largest such race in the U.S. Fred Fusilier, supervisor of the Bandit Control starting-line security team, relays his thanks and appreciation for a job well done by Kiwanians, their spouses, and friends. We had 21 volunteers sign up, and 18 participated in the starting-line volunteer duties this year. Our members who participated were: Barb Brown, Kerry Hassler, Fred McGehan, Bob Mohling, Gerald Mordhorst, Waverly Person, and Dave Rogers. Our family and friends who helped were: Marge Atkinson, Jan Graphenteen, Karen Hammer, Kay and Stan Moeller, Marilyn Mohling, Jan Rogers, Betty and Ralph Van Houten, and Kristine and Charles Wussow.



Dave Rogers listens to race starting instructions from Fred Fusilier

We’ll receive a check for \$360 from the Bolder Boulder for the work of our Foothills volunteers. Our Board approved action for this money to be donated to the Team River Runner (TRR) non-profit organization that was formed in 2004 to give active duty service members and veterans an opportunity to achieve health, healing, and new challenges through whitewater boating and other paddling sports. Thanks to all who volunteered for this annual Foothills Kiwanis fundraising project for our vets.



Club volunteers help start 88 waves of Bolder Boulder runners



Foothills Kiwanis Bolder Boulder 10K Starting-Line Project volunteers



Folsom Field finishing-line for Bolder Boulder 10K race

June 3 Foothills Board Meeting Notes

-- Gary Symes (on behalf of Dennis Hubbard)

The Kiwanis Club of the Foothills Board of Directors met at Parkway Restaurant on June 3, 2010. President Hassler called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. Attending were:

- Board members: President Hassler, Treasurer Girard, Brown, Lefferdink, Mordhorst, Person, Schweitzer, Sprenkle, Symes
- Guests: (none)

MINUTES: May Foothills Board minutes were approved as presented by President Hassler on behalf of Treasurer Hubbard.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Girard report was approved as presented.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Note: Secretary Hubbard was not able to attend this Board meeting)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pete Sprenkle reported the final total of club Project Account funds raised by the Taste of Downtown Boulder event will be \$2520.
- Treasurer Girard reported the cost of the club accounting software purchased in May was \$162.23 (as approved by during the May Foothills Board meeting).
- The proposed Foothills Kiwanis "Child Protection Policy" (distributed by Barb Brown during the May Board meeting) was discussed by Board members, resulting in a change to the wording in the 3rd bullet from "... that person shall not touch any child for any reason other than as is reasonably necessary to protect the child from imminent danger of bodily harm" to "... that person shall not touch any child inappropriately". Barb made a motion to introduce the Child Protection Policy with this change, which was seconded by Person and unanimously approved by Board members.
- For the Foothills May 31 "10K Bolder Boulder Starting Line" fundraising project, the final number of our club's volunteers was 20, resulting in a \$400 total payment to our club that will be forwarded to the "Team River Runners" non-profit organization that helps vets to recover from war trauma.
- President Hassler reviewed the status of the Foothills "New Member Contest" that was launched during the club's April 5 Monday meeting. As of our May 24 club meeting, no guests have been invited to attend one of our club meetings as was hoped would happen due to the contest. If no new club members are achieved by the contest through club member invitations before its end date (June 28), the planned July 19 "New Member Contest Award Dinner" at Mary Schweitzer's home may be changed to simply a Foothills Kiwanis "Summer Social Gathering".
- As noted by Person that some people he's talked to about joining were not interested since the club's quarterly membership dues are \$151.25, President Hassler brought up the possibility of changing from the current Foothills dues structure with a set amount to cover the contractual Spice of Life breakfast meals expense, to a "pay when you eat" plan where club members are charged only for the a meal when they attend. However, it was thought by some the club Treasurer's accounting required to keep track of a "pay when you eat" plan would be too difficult.

NEW BUSINESS:

- President Hassler presented a list showing start-end dates for the 2-year terms of current Board members, where:
 - Board members with 2-year terms ending 9/30/10 are McGehan, Mordhorst, Schweitzer, Wood
 - Board members with 2-year terms ending 9/30/11 are Brown, Person, Sprenkle, Symes.Board members Symes and Lefferdink agreed to be the club's Nominating Committee to determine club candidates to serve a 2-year Board term from 10/1/10-9/30/12, targeted to be completed by the end of June.
- President Hassler reviewed the club's 2009-2010 Project Account budget line-items not yet paid out with the Board. Symes made a motion that we pay out \$84 for the Project Account budget line-item for the Rocky Mountain District "Lucky 7" High School Circle K support fund (seconded by Sprenkle and approved by the Board). President Hassler recommended we also pay out the remaining \$500 of the Sister Carmen line-item, pending feedback from member Ruth Perry about how this donation would be used (to be confirmed during the July Board meeting). For the \$615 remaining in the Project Account's discretionary "Serving the Children of the World" line-item, President Hassler suggested a possible candidate for some of these funds is the "Crayons to Calculators" program that provides school supplies to needy elementary kids who'll be attending Boulder Valley School District schools this upcoming school year (Mary Schweitzer will look further into this program.)
- President Hassler distributed several other requests to Foothills Kiwanis for donations that did meet our club's criteria for our donation recipients. These requests will be circulated during an upcoming Foothills meeting for possibly one or more club members to make an individual donation.
- We need to begin signing up volunteers for our club's annual Folsom Field 4th of July Donations Collection. Despite Woody's recent eye surgery, it is thought he will again coordinate this club fundraiser.
- President Hassler presented the invitation for an Attention Homes "Volunteer Appreciation BBQ" event on June 16, sent to our club since we did a club project last October to improve the landscaping at the Attention Homes facility on North Broadway in Boulder. Since this project's leader Mary Schweitzer can not attend this Appreciation BBQ, it is hoped another club member may attend to receive the thanks of Attention Homes leaders.

ROUND THE TABLE:

- Brown said the recipient of this club year's Foothills \$1000 Tuition Scholarship Award winner will be publicized within the next week, notifying initially the members of the Tuition Scholarship Committee. Barb will contact Mary to arrange for the Award to be presented during a Monday club meeting in June.
- McGehan said our club has received a "Thank You Plaque" from the "Alive at 25" Colorado State Police teen-driver safety program that our club donated \$1000 to this current club year. Unfortunately, there is no place at our Spice of Life meeting place to put this award on display.

The Board adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Foothills YCPO Fundraising Campaign Check Presented to Mapleton Rehab Center during May 24 Club Meeting

During our May 24 Monday morning club meeting, a check for \$1100 was presented to Boulder Mapleton Rehab Center representative (also club member) Sandy Felte to help pay for a climbing wall and other related items at the Center. Thanks much to Jerry for leading this club fundraising project!



Update from Quinn Flannagan, a 2008-2009 Foothills Kiwanis Tuition Scholarship Award Recipient **-- Letter from Quinn forwarded by Pete Sprenkle**

In a letter written by Quinn Flannagan, one of our 2008-2009 Foothills Tuition Scholarship Award winners, she includes thanks for helping to cover her first-year college tuition with this award. Here are excerpts from her letter:

"I began this school year nervous but enthusiastic. I arrived at Franklin College Switzerland never having been to Switzerland, not speaking the local language, which is Italian and unfamiliar with local customs and life. ...

In my Introduction to International Relations class, I was first initiated into the topic that will be my major. My professor for this class, Alessandro Leto, was the senior economic advisor to the prime minister of Italy, which opened up the opportunity to travel to Genoa to attend his film release. This was an incredible experience where I was able to meet representatives from the Italian government and the UN as well as experience the beautiful port city of Genoa.

My final, one credit course was my academic travel. This semester I went to Hamburg, Lübeck, Copenhagen and Malmö to study sustainable harbor development. I also had the time of my life traveling with my class. We learned a lot, particularly in Hamburg, which was recently named European green capital of the world. I also visited Tivoli gardens in Copenhagen.

I also participated in the school's production of *Rope* by Alfred Hitchcock. I programmed the lights, designed and constructed the set and helped with costuming, make up and publicity. I also was a member of the school's safe program which allows and promotes safe spaces and people for individuals struggling to come to. I worked in the gym and an Athletic Center

manager and taught karate. I also made deans list with a 3.7 GPA.

My classes for this semester included Human Geography, Introduction to Political Science, Made in Switzerland; German 301, Microeconomics, Introduction to Communications and a Travel to Istria and Belgrade. We focused on the economic implications of the privatization of the Former Yugoslavia. This travel was a partial service travel, which meant that we volunteered at an orphanage in Belgrade. This volunteer work changed my perspective on the reality of the world. To see the children who were 6 and had been working for every meal since they were two really opened my eyes to the distribution of resources and wealth. It further confirmed my desire to volunteer after college.

I also directed the first ever entirely student-run production at Franklin. We performed *Fools* by Neil Simon, which went over as a roaring success and I have been asked to direct once again next spring. I received the highest leadership award given at Franklin for my work as student director. I received a 3.465 for the semester kept a Cumulative GPA of 3.5 and remained on Deans List.

Overall I had the most life-changing experience at Franklin and can't wait to return in the fall. I will be an orientation leader for the incoming class, which includes both showing them the ropes of the school the first week and acting as a peer mentor for the rest of the year. This is an incredibly exciting position that I think I will enjoy greatly. Once again, THANK YOU very much for your support in my endeavor of becoming a world citizen. The scholarship was very much appreciated."

Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas

This year's annual Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Las Vegas from June 25-27. The featured speaker will be former Secretary of State Colin Powell, and entertainment on Friday evening June 25 will be provided by Tonight Show host Jay Leno. The Saturday morning breakfast speaker is Jerry Mathers ("Leave it to Beaver" star and former Key Clubber).

If you're interested in attending, you can get more information about the daily events and workshops at -- <http://sites.kiwanis.org/vegasICON2010/home.aspx> On-line registration is now closed, but you can register at the event beginning on Wednesday, June 23, at 7 a.m.

91st Rocky Mountain District Annual Convention

This year's Rocky Mountain District Annual Convention will be held from August 13-15 in Laramie, Wyoming, at the Hilton Garden Inn. If you plan to go, you may book a room at -- www.rmdkiwanis.com/RMD_91th_Annual_Convention.html As yet, no registration or convention schedule information is available. Hopefully at least a few members from our club will be able to attend this RMD event to take part in the workshops, general meetings, and social events to learn about our district's activities and meet fellow Kiwanians in our district. Please consider attending this event!