



Kiwanis Club of the Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org
Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at the Egg & I,
2574 Baseline Rd, Boulder, CO 80303, 303-494-0555

Feb. 24, 2014

Coming up . . .

- 2/24/14 – LtCol Russ Bergeman, USMC, Retired, "Kick the Tires, Light the Fires"
- 3/1/14 – Horizons baseball/softball field cleanup; 10 am to noon
- 3/3/14 – Kathleen Alexander, Boulder Parks, The Emerald Ash Borer Problem
- 3/6/14 – 7:00 a.m. Foothills Board Meeting at The Egg & I
- 3/10/14 – Open
- 3/17/14 – Open
- 3/24/14 – Open
- 3/31/14 – Open

Program Chairpersons:

- February – Joe
- March – Allison
- April – Bob

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

February 10 – Jerry Gilland, Service Dogs for Kids

Our member, Jerry, spoke to us of the need for service dogs. He explained that there is an increasing population of children with allergies, diabetes, and other developmental conditions. Our club goal is to provide low-cost alert dog to warn of a specific problem. In addition to warning, the dog is protective and provides emotional support to the child. He indicated that we have had two tracts for training and socializing the dog: Tract A where we do training, and Tract B where the family does the training. In fifteen years, Jerry has been involved in the training of 12 dogs. Jerry provided a breakdown of the \$8,500 spent in 2012-13 administrative year: 70% puppy purchase, 6% vet's charges, 10% promotion, 14% miscellaneous supplies and materials. The program funds come from: cash sponsors, fundraisers, family donations, and in-kind support. Jerry will give this presentation at Mid-Winter Conference next Saturday to describe this service opportunity to other clubs in the Rocky Mountain District. Thanks, Jerry, for all you do for this program!



February 17 – Susie Fox, Sweet Dream in a Bag

In 2010 Susie Fox founded "Sweet Dream in a Bag," a public charity 501 (c) (3) organization, providing needy children with their own new, colorful, and comfy bedding. Currently her organization serves 25 agencies and has gifted over 2,000 needy children. Susie started Sweet Dream in a Bag because of her own experiences as a child, with encouragement from her church and help from family and friends. Sweet Dream in a Bag has continuously expanded and serves Metro-Denver, Colorado Springs, Fort Collins, Loveland, Mexico, and an orphanage in India. (OVER)



President

Adam Pauluhn

Past President

Gary Symes

President-Elect

(Open)

Secretary

Dennis Hubbard

Treasurer

Jerry Gilland

Board of Directors

Paul Bailey

Rudi Baumann

Jim Creasey

Allison DeYoung

Bob Mohling

David Rogers

Mary Schweitzer

Pete Sprengle

KIWANIS: Serving the Children of the World

Susie's God-given gifts have been developed over many years, and give her joy to serve the Lord in all the things she really enjoys doing. Susie and her husband, Wayne, work together to make these children and their families feel loved and important. Our thanks to Susie and Wayne for helping children – one child at a time!



Jerry, Dave, and Adam at Mid-Winter Conference

February 15 – Mid-Winter Conference Report by Dave Rogers

SERVICE DOGS FOR KIDS - A FOOTHILLS KIWANIS CLUB PROJECT

Facilitator: Jerry Gilland

Jerry made a very good presentation covering the purpose, history and status of the project. This included several testimonials, including two made by receiving families who were in attendance. Jerry suggested two ways to get involved - start a like project in their own club (with our help) or financially support our project. The program was well received with many staying after the allotted time to talk with the involved families.

Jerry also received at least two requests to make the same presentation to other Kiwanis Clubs.

BUILDING STRONGER RELATIONS IN THE K-FAMILY

Facilitators: CKI Governor Alyssa Smalley, Key Club Governor Zac Fangman, and RMD Governor LeAnn Zetmer

The presentation was really a discussion, with a lot of audience participation, including comments from the CKI International President. The main point made was that we, as a club and individually, need to be involved with these kids. It should not be a parent/child relationship, but rather a partnership. Several Kiwanis clubs have open invitations for the sponsored club members to join them for a free meal at all club meetings with good success. Regular participation

in each other's projects also promotes a feeling of family. The end result should be that a young person not look at his/her club as an entity unto itself, but to really feel a part of the K-family, naturally transitioning from a Key Club to a CKI Club to a Kiwanis Club as they move from one life-phase to another.

FOUNDATIONS YOU CAN BUILD ON

Facilitators: Thom Nolan, RMDK Foundation President, and Bert West, KI Foundation, RMDK Chairperson

Bert discussed the primary thrust of our International Foundation over the last 20 years, IDD and Project ELIMINATE, including recognition levels and the current status of each. He did not go into details on ELIMINATE, as that was being covered in a separate session. Bert did point out that RMDK has the highest per capita level of giving in all Kiwanis.

Thom pointed out that our District Foundation is developing a new focus, as our KPTI partnership with Children's Hospital has been dissolved, due primarily to a reorganization at Children's and their desire to fold KPTI into a larger outreach program, whereby Kiwanis would be a supporter, but not a partner. The partnership ended on a friendly basis and the RMDK holds title to the KPTI name.

As a result of the above changes the District Board is concentrating on supporting individual club projects through grants while establishing a more focused project that all District clubs could really feel a part of. Most of you are probably aware that Dave Rogers is currently on the RMDK Foundation Board of Directors and would appreciate any comments you have on this subject. All Kiwanis members are members of the Foundation.

February 15 – Mid-Winter Conference Report by Jerry Gilland

YOUTH SAFETY

I attended the Youth Safety session Saturday afternoon. It was mostly about keeping Kiwanis safe from litigation involving sexual encounters with children. Kiwanis International has set forth "requirements" covering training for Club members who are involved with children. These requirements include background checks for youth project coordinators. The presenter considered these to be firm requirements on all clubs. There was quite a bit of discussion and many questions about Key Clubs and the general feeling that I came away with is that to be on the safe side, Clubs must comply with the KI "guidelines" for Key Club participants. I tried to get clarification on just what was meant by "child involvement", as the service dog project certainly has some degree of involvement. When I pointed out that, in our case, a parent was always present, he felt these requirements did not apply to this project.