



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

April 20, 2015

Coming up . . .

4/20/15 – Bob Bell, Chief Systems Engineer
of Space Exploration Systems, Sierra Nevada,
"Sierra Nevada and its Space Program"

4/27/15 – Sheri Michael, Casey Middle
School, Closing the Gap Program

5/4/15 – Open

5/7/15 – **7:00 a.m.** Foothills Board meetings
at the Egg & I in Basemar Shopping Center

5/11/15 – Open

Program Chairpersons:

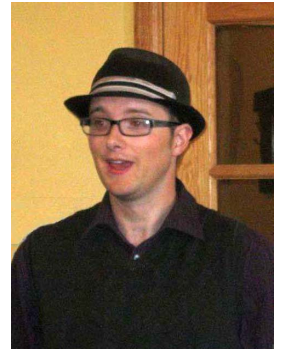
April – Kerry Hassler, Joe Girard

May – Open

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

April 6 – Austin Fracchia, Speech Instructor, "Importance of Good Communication Skills"

Austin, a speech and debate teacher at Niwot High School and also a teacher at Front Range Community College, spoke to the club about the lack of communication skills in our students today. He stated that a major cause of this is very little in the way of communication classes from grade school through high school. In grade school, kids learn to type on a keyboard. Often, this leads to computer use and texting but a disconnect as to verbal and written communication skills. He stressed that oracy (i.e., better known as public speaking skills) are crucial in college and in the job market. He also emphasized integrating more student discussion in the classroom. Open-ended questions are important for good discussion. Austin also spoke about how teens today use their phones for communicating only 39% of the time replaced by texting and email with less talking. In a United Kingdom study, it was found that in poverty areas 50% of kids with phones had delayed communication issues. It required a lot of support for these kids to catch up on communication. In summary, the solution seems to be more primary age classes in communication. Kids need to learn at an early age how to speak and feel comfortable speaking in public. This might lead to less fear of speaking in school and in adulthood.



April 13 – Rich Plumridge, Foothills Kiwanis, "Mission Trip to Cuba"

Rich talked about (and showed photos of his experiences during a March 2015 mission trip to Cuba organized by First Presbyterian Church of Boulder. Although, public churches are banned by the Communist government, home churches are thriving. The services the mission team attended at these churches were lengthy (at least two hours) with high-energy singing and dancing. The mission team traveled around in a 15-person van, where the roads they used were in good shape. The mission team's projects included:

- Painting of home churches and a library
- Providing care for handicapped kids at a community center to give their mothers a rest, as well as doing crafts with the kids
- Planting coffee trees (375 trees in only 3 hours).

Rich also talked about the current economic conditions of Cuba, where the average income is \$25, and the average price of a new car is \$100,000. However, medical care is free to all citizens, and they are happy, friendly, and well-fed. They have positive attitudes about America and the recent changes to Cuba-America diplomatic relations.



President

Adam Pauluhn

Past President

Gary Symes

President-Elect

Open

Secretary

Dennis Hubbard

Treasurer

Jerry Gilland

Board of Directors

Paul Bailey

Rudi Baumann

Bob Mohling

David Rogers

Mary Schweitzer

Pete Sprengle

KIWANIS: Serving the Children of the World

April 2 Foothills Kiwanis Boulder Board Meeting

Notes - Dennis Hubbard, Foothills Kiwanis Secretary

The Board of the Foothills Kiwanis Foundation met at the Egg and I Restaurant on April 2, 2015. President Pauluhn called the meeting to order at 7:14. Attending were: President Pauluhn, Treasurer Gilland, Secretary Hubbard, Bailey, Baumann, Rogers, Schweitzer, Sprenkle, Symes.

Guests: none

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made and seconded the March minutes be approved. Report approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made and seconded to approve the March Foundation Treasurer's report. Passed.

-- A motion was made by Gilland to separate the Dog Project accounting from the Foundation accounting "reports". This change is to simplify the two different reports. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made to contribute the budgeted \$1,000 to the Sweet Dream in a Bag project. Passed.

--A motion was made to contribute \$440 from the "coffee can" funds to Project Eliminate. Approved. It was noted that there will be no determined amount noted for the Kiwanis Int. Eliminate Model Club.

--An update on the Golf tournament was given by committee members.

--An update was given by Sprenkle on the upcoming Taste of Downtown Boulder. 395 tickets have been given out to Club members and other organizations to sell. Concerns were expressed that the Club will receive only \$5 per ticket and \$10 proceeds given to the other organizations should be considered as helping their fund raising efforts.

--Gilland reported that a possible dog project partnership is being considered. Gilland was approached by a Purple Heart organization to learn how to train dogs to help Veterans with PTSD issues. The Board suggested that Gilland research the organization's background and explore training possibilities further.

--Bailey reported on the past Stars of Tomorrow program. He confirmed that next year's program will be held in the Glenn Miller Ballroom on CU campus in March 2016.

--Bailey reported that the Regional Stars of Tomorrow competition will be held in Loveland on April 26. Boulder will send two senior division winners, Contemporary and Classical, to the competition. Entry fees of \$200 for each winner were approved by the Board. Bailey also reported that the Loveland club is looking to find a replacement club for the regional competition. Foothills Kiwanis club seems to be a good candidate to host the regional competition.

The Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting adjourned at 7:59.

April 18 Foothills Kiwanis "Taste of Downtown Boulder" Annual Fundraiser to Help Kids

This year's "Taste of Downtown Boulder" fundraiser was held on a nice spring day on the Pearl Street Mall. The participants enjoyed tasty food samples from the Boulder Cafe, Corner Bar, Falafel King, Jaipur, Lyfe Kitchen, Organic Sandwich Company, Lindsay's Boulder Deli, Nick N Willy's Pizza, Organic Sandwich Company, Pizzeria Locale, Rocky Mountain Chocolate, The Cup, Woody Creek Bakery & Cafe, and Zoe Ma Ma. Thanks to Pete Sprenkle who again coordinated the Taste fundraiser, and to all those who helped sign up restaurants in the Pearl Street Mall area for the event.



Bob/Marilyn Mohling with Risen Savior friends



Rich/Kim Plumridge with Mary Ann Johnson and international CU students from Ghana, China, and Egypt



Pete Sprenkle's girls' softball players



Monarch Key Club members Kylie Boren, Melissa Myer, and Leah Matsumoto with Kiwanis Advisor Kerry Hassler