



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

Oct. 22, 2012

Coming up . . .

10/22/12 – Bob Garretson, Past President of the Rocky Mountain District

10/29/12 – Boulder Kiwanis Service Club Projects

11/1/12 – 6:45 am Foothills Kiwanis Board Meeting at the “Egg & I” (Basemar)

11/5/12 – Open

11/12/12 – Boulder County Salvation Army Director Isaias Braga

11/19/12 – Open

11/26/12 – Open

Program Chairpersons:

October – David Petrick

November – Mary Schweitzer

December – Gary Symes

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

October 8 – Liz Kritza, CU Volleyball Coach and Players

Colorado native Liz Kritza was named the fourth head volleyball coach in University of Colorado history on February 10, 2009. She is currently in her third year at the helm of the program. She came to CU after a very successful four-year stint at Tulane, where she led the Green Wave to an overall record of 76-39 and a Conference USA record of 41-21. Under Kritza's watch, the Green Wave won its first conference championship in 2008 and tied a C-USA record with 15 wins. Tulane earned its first berth to the NCAA Tournament after winning both the C-USA regular season and tournament championships. Tulane advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament after defeating Tennessee Tech in four sets but fell to Western Michigan in the second round. Liz founded a non-profit organization dedicated to helping girls from the New Orleans area and is still active in its' operation. You can read about her community service work at [Girls First](http://GirlsFirst.org). With Coach Kritza are: Emily Alice Todd, Assistant Coach Kristee Porter, and Ana Patovic.



October 15 – Thomas Jefferson by Dr. Jack Van Ens

Jefferson was brought to life by Van Ens, a member of Colorado's Civic Canopy. Presenting in the Chautauqua style, Jack achieved the uncanny sense of Jefferson's presence through well-studied knowledge and characterization of Jefferson and his times. His portrayal captured the passion, poise, and humanity of this important historic figure. The election of 1800 between Jefferson and John Adams was the foulest, mudslinging presidential election ever. The Federalist Party smeared Jefferson, accusing his of bringing the atheistic French Revolution to America. His opposition spread rumors that Jefferson would use the guillotine on political enemies. Jefferson's party shot back that his opponent, incumbent John Adams, was a power monger who deprived citizens of civil liberties. The Presidential Election of 1800 reminds us how governing a Republic is messy. Acquiring freedom is never easy but always essential.



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KIWANIS: Serving the Children of the World

Update on 2012-2013 Monarch HS Key Club

-- *Kerry Hassler*

Thanks to the leadership and enthusiasm of co-Presidents Darlene Wen and Natalie Forman, the Monarch High School Key Club began their 2012-2013 school year with a total of 38 students ranging from freshmen to seniors. Besides Darlene and Natalie, other Key Club officers are co-Vice Presidents Katie Yarnell and Mia Mulvahill, Secretary Changdae Hahm, and Treasurer Nik Lesch. During September, the Key Club held several bake-sales to raise funds for their upcoming community-service projects. During October, club members are planning a "Children of Peace (COPI) Halloween Fundraiser" that will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 2-6 p.m. in the Monarch HS gym. The fundraiser will offer games with candy prizes, a costume contest, and healthy snacks for elementary-level kids accompanied by their parents. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Rocky Mountain Key Club District-wide goal to raise \$25,000 by the end of this school year to help build a new COPI school for needy kids in Vietnam (see -- <http://rmdkeyclub.org/copi>).

After the Halloween fundraiser, in November Monarch Key Club members raised funds to pay for 100 pairs of "Restoring Vision" reading-glasses that Kerry Hassler will take with him to Thailand on October 30, and give to missionaries in Chiang Mai to distribute to needy tribal people in northern Thailand. In December, Key Club members will again do Boulder County Salvation Army bell-ringing on behalf of the Foothills Kiwanis Club at the King Soopers in Louisville.

In addition to Monarch Key Club being supported by Foothills Kiwanis through co-Key Club Advisors Kerry Hassler and Waverly Person, our club will again be providing \$500 to the Key Club out of its Boulder Foundation funds to help pay for Key Club members to attend the RMD Key Club District Convention in Denver from April 5-6, 2013. Waverly and Kerry are trying to arrange for a visit to Foothills Kiwanis by Monarch Key Club officers in December.



Key Club Officers: (L-R) Natalie Forman, Changdae Hahm, Katie Yarnell, Mia Mulvahill, Darlene Wen, with Co-Advisors Kerry Hassler, Waverly Person



Monarch Key Club members and Faculty Advisor Reid Walker with Restoring Vision reading-glasses



Wednesday, September 26 Key Club Meeting

The Club is "Going to the Dogs"

-- *Jerry Gilland*

We are fortunate to have found two deserving families to join our Training "Academy". On Saturday (10/13), I accompanied the Rivera family (parents, Emilio and Ginger, daughter Isabella, and 12 year old Jaden, the juvenile diabetes sufferer) to Windsor to select a puppy to be an alert dog for Jaden. Jaden has been depressed since she was diagnosed a year ago, but her father thanks us for giving his daughter back, as he says the puppy has brought her back into the world again! Emilio will become a member of our Club.

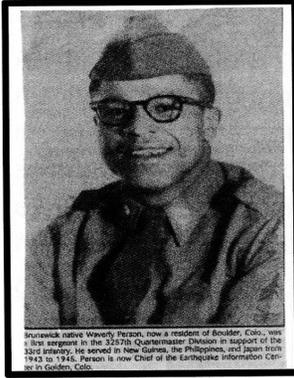
On Saturday (10/20), I make the trek to Windsor again to select a diabetic alert pup for Ryan Meiners, age 8. Ryan and his family (parents, Jeff & Bridget and two brothers and a baby sister) live in Colorado Springs. They are so excited by our program, that they are willing to make the drive to Boulder twice a month for puppy classes. Jeff will become a Limited Member of our Club.

We now have 4 families in our Academy, plus Buffy, Dusty and our recent graduate Casey, resulting in 7 children having a safer and more normal life.

Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

October 13, 2012



Waverly Person: Waverly was born in Blackridge, Virginia, close to the North Carolina border. In the early 1940's, blacks were not allowed to attend the local public high schools. They were just expected to "go back to the farm." However, Waverly's parents wanted their children to get an education, so they somehow got the money together to send Waverly to the Episcopal high school in nearby Lawrenceville.

Waverly did very well in high school and was on track to graduate in May 1945. However, during this period each county's draft board was required to fill a quota and they would not consider giving Waverly a deferment. As a result he was drafted in December 1944. Waverly was sent to Ft. McClellan, Alabama for basic and advanced training. He had wanted to join the 82nd Airborne Division and had passed all aptitude and physical exam tests. However, the Army refused and instead assigned him to the 93rd Division, an all-black unit then currently fighting in New Guinea, in the Pacific theater.

Mid-1944, Waverly arrived at Milne Bay, New Guinea, which was the headquarters for the 93rd (black) and 33rd (white) Divisions. He was told he would not be sent into combat until he was 20 years old. Instead he was assigned to a security guard unit, which followed the assault forces to secure any captured areas. However, this assignment also proved to be quite deadly to the soldiers from isolated pockets of Japanese troops and snipers.

During the summer of 1945, Waverly and other troops were transferred to the Philippines to train for the final assault on the Japanese main islands. In August, they were loaded on a convoy headed for Wakima Island, Japan, when they learned of the atomic bombs being dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. However, the decision was made to go ahead with the invasion.

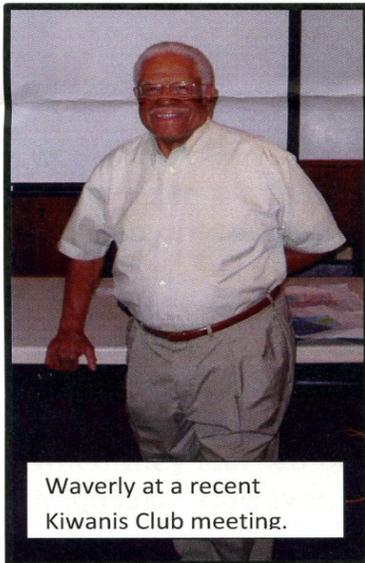
For the assault on the island, the white units were landed first to be followed by the segregated black units. Waverly carried a Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) for this operation. The first assault forces faced stiff opposition, so when the subsequent black units landed everyone was mixed up and they were forced to fight together. As Waverly told some white officers who did not like this, "bullets don't know if you are black or white." After severe fighting, which required flame throwers to attack pillboxes, tunnels and other concrete fortifications, the island was secured. Subsequently, the units were reconstituted back into segregated units.

As part of the occupation forces, Waverly spent some time in Kobi, Japan before returning to Ft. Lewis, Washington in 1946. By this time Waverly had attained the rank of First Sergeant (Master Sergeant). From there he took a troop train to Ft. Bragg, NC for discharge, and at that time decided to join

the reserves. As a sad reminder of the condition for blacks in our country, when Waverly got on a public bus in Fayetteville while wearing his uniform, the bus driver told him he could not sit up front. Waverly indicated he "blew up" at that affront and told off the driver and said he would not move... and the passengers on the bus clapped!

As for many soldiers returning from war, Waverly started the next phase of his life. He recognized the importance of continuing his education. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War and the desegregation of the armed forces. Overcoming many obstacles he became recognized as the expert spokesman and Chief of the National Earthquake Information Center for the Department of Commerce and NOAA. However, all this is best told directly by Waverly..... What a story!

93rd Infantry Division: This was a "colored" segregated unit of the United States Army in World War I and World War II. During tough combat in France it soon acquired from the French the nickname ***Blue Helmets***. This referred to the service of several of its units with the French Army during the Second Battle of the Marne. Consequently, its shoulder patch became a blue French Adrian helmet, to commemorate its service with the French Army during the Spring Offensive.



Waverly at a recent
Kiwanis Club meeting.

The division was reactivated as infantry on 15 May 1942 at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and shipped overseas in 1944. Most of the division saw service in the Pacific Theater during World War II, but the division's regiments were mainly utilized as construction units and in defensive operations. After being placed under the command of the 14th Corps, the 93rd division was largely deployed in combat support positions throughout the theater, relieving companies and regiments of the Americal Division and the all-white 37th Infantry Division on Guadalcanal, Bougainville, New Georgia, and Green Islands.

During the summer of 1944, elements of the 93rd passed through the Southwest Pacific Theater of Operations, relieving the 41st and 31st Infantry divisions stationed on New Guinea, Treasury, Los Negros, and Morotai Islands of base security and service support duties as they advanced towards the Philippines islands and Japan. During the assault of Morotai Island, division troops engaged in subduing and capturing Japanese forces stationed in the area. There, division patrols earned the distinction of capturing **Colonel Muisu Ouchi**, the highest-ranking Japanese prisoner of war in the Pacific war.