



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

August 18, 2014

Coming up . . .

8/18/14 – Dave Rogers, “History of Ball Aerospace, Part II”

8/25/14 - Boulder District Attorney Office, "Speak Out for Safe Business"

9/1/14 – (Labor Day – no club meeting)

9/4/14 – 7:00 a.m. Foothills Board Meeting
at The Egg & I, Basemar Shopping Center

9/8/14 – 7:00 a.m. Club meeting and visit to
Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum

Program Chairpersons:

August – Dave Rogers

September – Rudi Baumann

October - Open

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

August 4 – Dave Rogers, “History of Ball Aerospace, Part I”

Dave (a longtime employee of Ball Aerospace) showed a video about the history of the Ball Brothers Research Corporation (BBRC) started in a building constructed on Arapahoe Avenue in Boulder in 1956 to initially build a control-cell product. This evolved into developing technology to point rocket-borne instruments towards the sun, launched from White Sands Proving Grounds in New Mexico. In the 1960’s NASA approached BBRC to provide them with technology for the Orbiting Solar Observatory (OSO) via an \$860,000 contract from 1962-1971. Club member Jerry Gilland was a hardware engineer who played an important role in this project. BBRC also started developing new antenna technologies for NASA spacecraft. In 1973, BBRC had four projects involving ultraviolet technology on the SkyLab project. The second half of the video will be shown by Dave during our August 18 club meeting. Thanks, Dave!



August 11 – Katie Timmons, Update: Water-Related Projects in Kenya

Katie told club members about her recent trip to Kenya with a group from the “The Invictus Initiative” non-profit organization to help build a new bridge in the village of Sigomre in the western part of the country. The group found that the villagers had not fulfilled their part of the agreement arranged last year with them to do fundraising to help pay for the bridge. Consequently, their time was spent with village representatives to talk about how to raise funds for the bridge to be completed now next year if they’re successful. The construction plan for the bridge is still being discussed between a lower-quality design that can be finished in 3 months, versus a much better steel bridge that would last 20 years or more. The group also visited primary and secondary schools in the village, where there is a great need for textbooks. The schools have been raising funds for the books by selling bracelets the kids make. Life is difficult for the students who get up early to study from 4:30 – 6 a.m., go to school from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and study again from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Students from the Colorado School of Mines (where Katie is a student) are starting a project to provide hand-powered “kinetic study lamps” for the village students. The Kenya group also visited a medical clinic that helps those afflicted with HIV and other diseases. She was impressed by clinic leader Jerod and the quality of care given there. The group enjoyed going on a short safari and meeting Masai warriors before returning home.



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KIWANIS: Serving the Children of the World

Volunteer Opportunity with Sweet Dream in a Bag
-- by Bob Mohling, Sweet Dreams in a Bag Club Coordinator

Please consider a "Treasure Time Gifting Event" at 5 p.m. on Friday, August 29 at 3805 Marshall St. in Wheatridge. We will distribute packed bags to in-need children, which includes also reading a personalized short story to them. Please let Bob Mohling know if you'd like to carpool to the event. Thanks for your consideration to help children through Sweet Dream.

2014 Foothills Kiwanis College Scholarship Winner Casey McClure -- Gary Symes, Scholarship Committee

On August 11, our club welcomed our fourth \$1,000 Foothills Scholarship winner, Ms. Casey McClure from Peak to Peak High School. She attended our meeting with her father, Andy. Casey thanked us for the scholarship which she will be using to attend Whitmore College in Washington, where she will be majoring in Secondary Education to prepare for a teaching career. Casey was an outstanding student like our other winners this year. In her essay, she did a great job of explaining her commitment to community service, both locally and globally. She has given her time to Habitat for Humanity helping others less fortunate in the Boulder area for the past eight years. This past October, she was selected as the only high school student to travel abroad with Habitat to the country of Paraguay to help build homes. At Peak to Peak, she has been one of six leaders of PAC (People Authentically Connecting.) This group of forty students helped younger students adjust to their new school and taught life lessons. Casey was also very active in sports and worked with younger students in the Erie Recreation Department. In her essay, Casey said she "hopes to work at a low-income high school teaching, mentoring, and coaching youth, while at the same time giving back to the community."



(L-R) Gary Symes, Casey's father Andy, Casey, and Joe Girard (not shown – Scholarship Committee member Greg Lefferdink)

Notes from August 8-9 Rocky Mountain District Annual Convention in Grand Junction

Foothills Kiwanis members Dave Rogers and Kerry Hassler represented our club during the August 8-9 RMD Annual

Convention in Grand Junction. Following are notes taken by Dave and Kerry about the sessions and meetings they attended.



RMD Convention Session/Meeting Notes – by Dave Rogers

• **"Human Trafficking" – presented by FBI Agent Erin Falb**

Human Trafficking is a growing problem worldwide, nationwide and here in Colorado. It is defined as any activity performed by a person of any age as a result of force, fraud or coercion. The primary acts involved are labor and sex, with sex being more prevalent in Colorado. Child pornography, pertaining to anyone under 18 years of age, is growing very rapidly and is a major segment of sex trafficking. In addition to the social media, Agent Falb feels one cause of this growth is that parents no longer teach values and concerns to their kids. Agent Falb advises all parent groups to never have a computer in a child's bedroom. Have all computers in an open area.

Agent Falb is assigned to the Grand Junction FBI office and spends approximately half of her time on human trafficking.

• **"Swan Center Outreach" – presented by John Longhill**

Swan Center Outreach provides leadership and self-awareness programs, with rescued horses, that empower and support youth in the achievement of their life goals, while demonstrating the educational, therapeutic and spiritual value, of a loving relationship with animals.

Located on a ranch a few miles north of Silverthorne, CO, John Longhill and his staff (mostly volunteers) use horses and other animals as teachers, healers and friends. Children are taught that a primary component of leadership is communication and that communication includes vocal, body language, and energy. Horses look for a leader and children are taught how to become a "leader" of a horse. These learned leadership traits also apply to human relationships. I was struck by the parallels between the leadership approaches being taught at Swan Center and the same approaches being taught our service dog children.

• **"Ronald McDonald House Charities" – presented by Beth Alessio, Executive Director of Southern Colorado RMHC**

Children's Hospital had a major reorganization recently and, while there are still opportunities to support Children's Hospital, the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI) ceased to exist as an organization. Since that time, the RMD Kiwanis Foundation Board has been looking for a project or projects that would be of interest to and could be supported by the entire district.

A very worthy candidate for such a District Project is to support the Ronald McDonald House facilities in Denver and Colorado Springs and a similar organization, St. Mary's

- **Hospital Foundation in Grand Junction.**

The purpose of this seminar along with Friday's Foundation Luncheon program was to inform attendees on the how these programs operate, and to discuss ways in which Kiwanis could team with them.

The three facilities all offer free or very low cost lodging for parents of children hospitalized in the area. Lodging stays vary from one night up to six months, with the average stay being 13 nights. While the Ronald McDonald facilities have the McDonald name, only 17% of the budget comes from McDonalds.

The two Denver facilities have a total of 55 - 60 rooms with access to kitchen and laundry facilities. The Colorado Springs facility plans to increase their capacity from the current 11 bedrooms to 30 to 35.

These facilities truly serve our entire district and I personally endorse our establishing a relationship with them.

- **"Circle K International (CKI)" – presented by CKI Gov. Austin Good and RMD CKI Administrator Jan Reed**

There are currently nine official CKI clubs in the District, with a potential of 15. The CKI Board is working hard to promote relationships between CKI clubs throughout the district to provide synergy and a mutual support structure for the clubs.

Max Williams, Monument Hill Kiwanis Club, is the Administrator of the RMD "Key Club Graduate" program. This program maintains a roster of Key Club graduates in an effort to connect them with a CKI club when they start college. He currently has the names of two students at CU interested in CKI.

The RMDCKI is hosting a CKI Retreat at Camp Kiwanis, Grand Junctions, on September 19 - 21, and are inviting non-CKI members specifically in the hope to establish interest in CKI.

- **"2014 - 2015 Forum" – presented by Governor Elect (now Governor) Steve Plank, and the House of Delegates Business Meeting of the RMD Annual Convention**

The "2014 - 2015 Rocky Mountain District Forum" presentations and discussion centered almost entirely on the two major proposed changes to the RMD by-laws. These two changes, which were later voted on in the House of Delegates are summarized as follows:

- 1) Create two new Board positions, that of Secretary and Treasurer to be appointed by the Governor, with approval of the District board. Both new positions would be voting positions.
- 2) Change the term of office of Lieutenant Governors from one to two years. Following significant discussion and several proposed amendments, the final disposition was, as follows.

The results of discussions and voting on these two items were:

- 1) The separate positions of Secretary and Treasurer were approved, and will be appointed by the Governor, with approval of the Board. However, they will not be voting positions. Pam Bilby has done an outstanding job as combined Secretary/Treasurer/Executive Director for several years. This change was done to lighten her work load and to allow her to assume some additional administrative functions, including working with the District Foundation.
- 2) The change to Lt. Gov. term of office was defeated, and will remain one year.

Other official business included the election of Steve Plank as 2014-2015 RMD Governor and John Mangino as Governor-Elect. Fifty clubs were represented at the convention. The 2015 convention will be held in Denver.

RMD Convention Session/Meeting Notes -- by Kerry Hassler

- **Blue Star Recyclers – presented by founder Bill Morris**

Blue Star Recyclers is an award-winning 501c3 social enterprise based in Colorado Springs. Founded in 2009, its core mission is recycling electronics and other materials to create local jobs for people with autism and other disabilities. Employees with such disabilities find it easy to take a computer and other electronic equipment apart. It has provided over 30 local jobs for people with disabilities in four Colorado communities, and will be starting operations in Denver soon.

Since 2009, it has resulted in over \$1.5 million in new local revenues and \$1 million in taxpayer savings. Over 5 million pounds of electronics have been ethically recycled. Kerry is trying to schedule a talk by Blue Star Recyclers in September. See - www.bluestarrecyclers.com -- for more info about this wonderful non-profit that helps especially autistic people in our Colorado communities to have a meaningful job.

- **"The Formula – LIVE IT, LOVE IT, SHARE IT" – presented by Jo Mangino (Division 12 Lt. Governor)**

Joe talked about how to attract new members to Kiwanis through the Kiwanis "3-2-1" format, where members do 3 community-service projects, have 2 social gatherings, and meet for 1 hour each month for club business. This reduces the cost of membership and increases the chances that young adults will be interested in joining. Such clubs could be started within a company so that club members could easily interact and meet within the company's premises. The meeting attendees also discussed their ideas to encourage club growth that included

having interesting speakers, and scheduling social events for club members to get better connected.

• **RMD “Key Leader” Leadership-Training Program – presented by RMD Key Leader Chair Barb Fuller**

There will be two Key Leader weekend leadership-training programs during this school year, including –

- Windy Peak (near Bailey) from October 10-12 led by Facilitator Craig Crawford, and
- Round-Up River Ranch (near Vail) from October 17-19 led by Facilitator Kelly Steir.

The programs start on Friday at 5:30 p.m. with dinner, with training on Friday night and Saturday nights, ending at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. The cost is \$175 for Key Club members; and \$200, for non-Key Club participants. Each Key Club student pays 1/3, their Key Club pays 1/3, and the sponsoring Kiwanis Club pays 1/3. Our club’s Kiwanis Advisor for the Monarch HS Key Club is hoping that at least two of this school year’s Key Club officers will attend.

• **RMD Key Clubs – presented by RMD Key Leader Administrator Dave Harris**

Dave talked about the keys to success for a Key Club with input from attending Key Club members about their projects and fun activities that bind Key Club members together. Kerry Hassler (Foothills Kiwanis Advisor for the Monarch HS Key Club) will pass along the information from this meeting to the Monarch HS Key Club leaders during the leadership team meeting he’s arranged on Tuesday, August 19.

Update about Kiwanis of Kiev Summer Youth Camp
-- by Sneja Shpak, former Youth Program Leader

Our Kiwanis Club of Kiev camp for children ended on July 19, 2014. The children stayed at the “Guesthouse Natalie”, located in the western part of Ukraine near the picturesque corner of Korsun-Shevchenko State Historical and Cultural Reserve, Cherkasy region. The unspoiled beauty of the forest and landscaped yards, decorated with natural stone, creates an artful composition with the shore of the Ros River. The Ros River is a great place for swimming, especially the amazing natural “whirlpool” that is enjoyable to everyone. Nature and a wealth of local history of the past improved the children’s mental condition. They get pleasure from walking through the Lopuchin-Prince Demidov area, drinking from a water source that creates “Princely Creek”, and a suspension bridge opened the fabulous world of the palace ensemble of the 18th century. Unmatched Ukrainian cuisine using only natural products and fresh air of the surrounding forest were used to help them achieve optimal health and keep it for a long time. The kids played with dogs, chickens, ducks and roosters, young horses, and cats. Care-giving was carried out with friendly competitions, activities, and programs with mini-performances, photo sessions, and games for them. Last year, they rested on the sea, but this year due to military action by Russia, we have

changed the place of rest. Safety and lives of children for us the most important thing. The kids are back in Kiev happy and rested. Parents of the children gave us a big thank you for the members of our Kiwanis Club who helped in the recovery of their children. Thanks to Foothills Kiwanis for your support of our summer camp!

