

**Club Website:** <u>www.foothillskiwanis.org</u> **Meetings**: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at the Spice of Life Event Center, 5706 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder CO

# Kiwanis Club of the

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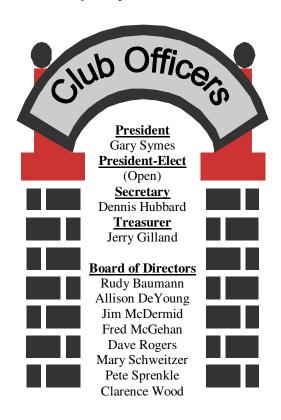
 <u>1/9/12</u> Megan Letts, The Collaborative Community
<u>1/16/12</u> Nandy Pinkston, "Major Mom"
<u>1/23/12</u> Ken Schuetz, Roles of Boards and Staffs

 <u>1/30/12</u> Captain Laura Fenton, Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Results
<u>2/2/12 7:00 a.m.</u> Foothills Board

Meeting, Parkway Restaurant

## **Program Chairpersons:**

January – Bob Mohling February – (Open)



# Snippets from Recent Club Programs

Jan. 9, 2012

## December 12 - Vivian Lam, "Reviving the Traditional Chinese Culture"

Vivian, co-founder of the Colorado Chinese Divine Culture Association (CDCA), spoke to our club about the "Shen Yun" classical Chinese dance company and the rich cultural history of China expressed in their performances. Since the transition of China to the Peoples' Republic of China in 1949, many of the religious landmarks in China and its traditions of spiritual enlightment have been suppressed or destroyed. The Shen Yun perfomers keep this history alive through their authentic customes, dances, and renactment of classic Chinese stories. Based in New York, Shen Yen performs in over 100 citeis in the U.S., Asia, and Europe each year. The group will be performing at the Buell



Theatre in Denver on February 22 and 23. (Our club may attending one of these performances using ticket discounts offered by Vivian.) CDCA's goals are to educate the public concerning traditional Chinese history, culture, ethics and art; and to promote multiculturalism in the community involving people of Chinese descent. For more information about CDCA, go to -- http://chinesedivineculture.org/

## December 19 - Bob Mohling, "Mission Trip to Cambodia"

Bob presented a slideshow of the experiences of the nineperson mission team in Cambodia from November 10-25, 2011. This team from Risen Savior Lutheran Church spent time in Phnom Penh, Battambang, and Siem Reap. The team helped Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Battambang with theological training to 12 Khmer pastors; maintenance and repairs of the church, school, and member homes; teaching English teachers; restoring vision with eye glasses; and teaching music harmony. They worked one day with Cambodia Habitat for Humanity by making home bricks. The team also visited the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocide (a former high school) in Phnom Penh where in



1976 the Khmer Rouge government (led by Pol Pot) began torturing and killing their own people, especially professionals such as doctors and dentists. It was a grim reminder of the estimated 1.7-2.5 million citizens who were executed in the "Killing Fields" of Cambodia until Vietnam overthrew Pot Poi's government in 1979. The team learned that today Cambodia is very poor and corruption is widespread. The team left impressed by the strong faith of the Trinity Lutheran congregation in spite of their poor situation. It was a wonderful experience – we learned much from them even with our language barrier!

#### January 5 Foothills Kiwanis Board Meeting Minutes -- Secretary Dennis Hubbard

The Board of the Foothills Kiwanis Club met at the Parkway Restaurant on January 5, 2012. President Symes called the meeting to order at 7:00. Eleven members were present. Attending were Board members President Symes, Treasurer Gilland, Secretary Hubbard, Baumann, Girard, McDermid, McGehan, Rogers, Sprenkle, Schweitzer, and Wood. Guests: Hassler

SECRETARY'S REPORT: December minutes were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes. Passed. TREASURER'S REPORT: Gilland presented the December

General account budget. Gilland also recommended he transfer the CD money to the checking account for closer control. The CDs are not earning very much interest. A motion was made by Baumann and seconded by Sprenkle to approve the report. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Gilland and seconded by Baumann to grant a 2-month Leave of Absence for David Petrick. Motion passed. Another motion was made by Baumann and seconded by Rogers to grant Terry Hardie two 3-months Leave of Absence. Motion passed. Both LOA's are effective January 1, 2012.

--Several ideas were discussed for possible membership drives. McGehan will contact the now defunct Optimist club members as possible Foothills' members.

--District communications person Alan Arbuckle would like more information from the Foothills Club. It was suggested that the newsletter is among many items found on the Club's website.

--The Kiwanis Midwinter Convention will be held in Longmont in February.

--A suggestion was made to hold a social event before summer. Symes will present the idea at a Club meeting to determine if there is any member interest.

--No interest was expressed regarding the Chinese Dance at the Buell Theater. Tickets start at \$43, with 5% going to the Club. --Hassler reported the Salvation Army bell ringers collected \$21,212; \$2,000 more than last year. Monarch Key Club rang at the Louisville Kings Soopers; 5 coins of unknown value were collected; Rogers had the most hours ringing with 32. The Board meeting adjourned at 7:45.

# January 5 Kiwanis Club of the Foothills Boulder Foundation Minutes

-- Secretary Dennis Hubbard

The Board of the Foothills Kiwanis Club Boulder Foundation met at the Parkway Restaurant on January 5, 2012. President Symes called the meeting to order at 7:46. 12 members were present. Attending were Board members President Symes, Treasurer Gilland, Secretary Hubbard, Baumann, Girard, McDermid, McGehan, Rogers, Sprenkle, Schweitzer and Wood. Guests: Hassler.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: December minutes were presented. A motion was made by Sprenkle and seconded by Rogers to approve the minutes. Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gilland presented the Foundation report. Gilland reported The Kiwanis Club of the Foothills' 501 (c) (3) has not yet been received and therefore the \$3300 contributions for the dog project were being held by the Longmont Club in its 501 c (3) account.

NEW BUSINESS: Girard will try to find out the status of the 501 (c)(3) application.

--Hassler reported on the Salvation Army bellringing project. \$21,212 was collected, a \$2,000 increase over last year. Key Club members rang at the Louisville Kings Soopers; 5 coins of presently unknown value were collected; Rogers rang 32 hours for the individual high.

--Hassler also report the Key Club at Monarch High School is very active.

--Sprenkle reported that the Taste of Downtown Boulder is scheduled for April 21. Letters to prospective restaurants will be mailed on February 16.

--Gilland reported on the dog project. A policy statement to clarify the project's policy has been written for prospective contributors. Karen's dog has been successful bred for future project dogs. Gilland also is looking for Type 1 diabetes person for dog training.

The Foundation Board meeting adjourned at 8:14.

#### **Foothills Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Final Results**

Many thanks to all who volunteered for Salvation Army bellringing this past holiday season! From November 25 through December 24, the total collected by Kiwanis and non-Kiwanis bell-ringers at our three sites (Boulder Sunrise King Soopers, Meadows Safeway, and Louisville King Soopers) was **<u>\$21,212.48</u>**, compared to last year's total of \$19, 958.60. Leading Foothills bell-ringers were – Dave Rogers (32 hours), Kerry Hassler (27 hours), Mary Schweitzer (23.5 hours), Bob Mohling (18 hours), and Gerald Mordhorst (16 hours). The leading non-Foothill bell-ringer was Lynn Dyba (28 hours). Special thanks go to Monarch Key Club members who rang at the Louisville King Soopers on December 10 and 17, collecting a total of \$980.40. Boulder County Salvation Army leader Captain Laura Fenton will speak to our club on Monday, January 30 about this past season's bell-ringing campaign, and present our club with the Boulder County Salvation Army's Bell-Ringing Award. This will be the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row Foothills Kiwanis has received this award for collecting the most donations of any Boulder County volunteer organization.

#### February 17-18 RMD MidWinter Conference in Longmont

The annual Rocky Mountain District MidWinter Conference will be held from February 17-18 at the Longmont Plaza Hotel. The Friday and Saturday morning information forums include the topics of -- Achieving Club Excellence, Using Social Media, Club Leadership Education, Risk Management, Toy Making 101, Project Eliminate, Young Children Priority One, and Attracting Young Professionals to Your Club. The Friday night social event is an interactive dinner-theater play "Murder at the Mardi Gras". The Governor's Banquet on Saturday night includes an "On to New Orleans" celebration to provide information about this summer's International Kiwanis Convention, followed by "Casino Night". The early registration fee of \$40 (\$50 after February 3) is covered by our club. For more conference info, go to our RMD District website at -www.rmdkiwanis.com/public\_district/pub\_Content.aspx?PageI D=708