Kiwanis Club of the Foothills

Club Website: *www.foothillskiwanis.org*
Meetings: 2nd & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 am at The Brewing Market, 2770 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO

Nov. 2, 2026

Coming up . . .

11/2/26 – Board Meeting at the Brewing Market
11/9/26 – Capt. Josh Boyd, TSA's Red Kettle
11/16/26 – Jeff Rose, AI Uses
11/23/26 - Club Social, 5-7 pm, Bambei Brewing, 100 Superior Plaza Way, Superior
11/30/26 – Roundtable Fellowship at the Brewing Market
12/7/26 – Board Meeting at the Brewing Market
12/14/26 - Marty Sugg on the Colorado Real-Estate Market
12/21/26 - Larry Howell, Risk Manager for the Rocky Mountain District (tentative, via zoom)
12/26/26 - Club Social, 5-7 pm, Bambei Brewing, 100 Superior Plaza Way, Superior

Program Chairpersons:
Nov – Open
Dec - Open

Club Officers

President
Jim Behler
Past President
Chris Austin
President-Elect
Jeff Rose
Secretary
Matt Fredrick
Bob Mohling
Treasurer
Joe Girard
Board of Directors
Bill Anderson
Felipe Conreras
Lori McLean
Dave Rogers

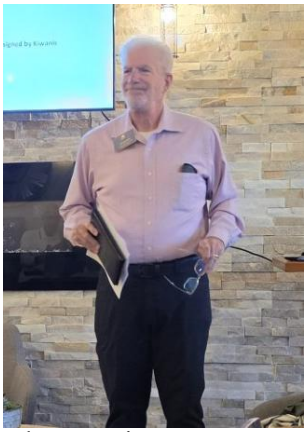
Snippets from Recent Club Programs

10/12/26 – Higgins & Schmidt, Foundation Investments Update



Mollie Cooper and Allie Schmidt provided a presentation of their annual strategic update of our long-term investments for our foundation. Their firm now has a team of seven; Steve Higgins has left the group due to a medical issue. They focus on providing financial planning with an emphasis on tax efficiency and exceptional client experience. Our two foundation portfolios, Foundation and Alert Service Dogs, have been assigned to money market and 42/28/30 (stocks/bonds/money market) split, respectively. Our portfolio return is 4.16% YTD and 7.33% since inception. Our takeaway through 2026 is: stay invested but diversify – US stocks are not universally overpriced! Mollie and Allie do a great job for us!

10/19/26 – President's Plans & Goals for 2026-27 Administrative Year



On 10/19 our President Jim Behler gave a great presentation around his and the club's 2026-27 goals. He wants to continue to get the word out, increase public awareness, step up social media, team up with others, connect w/ local businesses, grow our numbers (30+), show up at events, keep meetings exciting, have fun together, and share new ideas. We need champions in specific areas and really work together as a team. Our call to action is getting executive groups and meetings put together to bring the ideas to fruition. We spoke about different events and areas where we can reach the public. A couple of specific areas of focus are 1) Social Events: quarterly outside of meetings and 3rd Monday club socials to include Dougherty antique car museum, Clive Cussler museum, and live theater, and 2) Outreach/Membership: growth network with Chambers of Commerce to get cheaper access to events, senior events at Community Centers, revisit local Chambers of Commerce to partner with businesses that already have a table/tent at community events, and rec centers – contact events coordinators. Thanks, Jim, for your many ideas!

KIWANIS: Serving the Children of the World!

10/5/26 – CU Circle K International (CKI) Project Event
--Sierra

Here is a photo of our Puppies and Pumpkin Spice event that we hosted two weeks ago. Students could bring a food drive item and get the chance to pet a puppy, Millie, eat yummy fall themed snacks, and watch cozy fall movies. We had a great time.



Millie at CKI event with food items

10/2/26 & 10/9/26 – Peak to Peak Key Club Officer's and Club Meetings
-- Bob

The officers have had a couple of meetings to plan for the monthly club meeting. Planned projects are: Sweet Bag in a Dream gifting, campus cleanup, the UNICEF Halloween Fund raiser, and The Salvation Army Red Kettle program. This information was provided to the club members at their meeting on 10/9. In addition, plans were made to meet with the P2P Builders Club at 3:30 pm on 11/5 for a joint meeting. Membership dues are to be paid by November 1.



P2P officer leadership team

10/10/26 – Pete Sprenkle Coaching Excellence Award
--Bob, Dave



Dave, Bob, Brian, and Craig

Members, Dave and Bob, presented the coaching award to Brian Diedrick at the Fall Ball Tournament at the Garden Acres Park in Longmont. They were assisted by Craig Goodard, who helped out because Misie Goodard, President of the Indian Peaks Girls Softball Association, had broken her ankle the previous day. Brian was presented the award and a restaurant gift certificate because he embodies what makes a great coach, he makes softball fun for his players, he cares, and his practices challenge the girls while teaching them new softball skills. There were 182 teams in the tournament at 10 ball park complexes from Colorado Springs to the Wyoming border. Thanks, Misie, for all you do for the youth of our communities!

10/11/26 Coolest Dog Contest Celebration at Bambei Brewing
--Jeff, Bob



Bill recognizes contest winners Claire and Indie

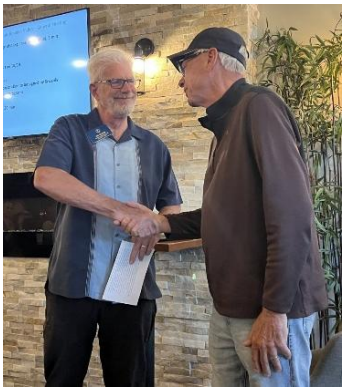


Some contest winners: Anna & Adara, Ashley & Stanley, Lynne & Bear, and Claire, Johnny & Indie

Bill D, our able MC, provided comments to the crowd (about 25 humans and 6-8 dogs) comprising Kiwanis history, our Alert Service Dog Program, appreciation to our participants and sponsors, and results of our Coolest Dog on the Front Range contest to provide funds for the dog project and our other youth-oriented projects. Our Treasurer's preliminary report shows we netted over $10k. Great job, team!

10/12/26 – Lusche Award to Bill Duclos
--Bob

President Jim presented the Lusche Award to Bill D for his outstanding support to the club and its projects for the 2025-26 administrative year. The award is from the Rocky Mountain District in memory of Norris Lusche, a past International Kiwanis president from our district. Congratulations, Bill, for all you do!



Peak to Peak Builders Club Meetings
--Vince
Builder's Club has met twice in September and twice in October. We started the school year with 12 members, but recently several sixth graders have joined and we are up to 17 members. The Connect Activities include Reverse Charades, Back Painting, Hallway Bowling, and Halloween Jeopardy. The service projects include disinfecting desks in the Middle School, campus trash pick up, and making boo pops for friends and family.







<u>Upcoming Community Service/Kiwanis Events</u>

- **November 4, 2026**, Silver Bells Red Kettle Kickoff with Rich Karlis at Aloft Hotel, at 5:30 pm
- **November 8, 2026 –** City of Louisville Walking Tour, Benjamin White-Patarino at Courtesy & South Boulder Road
- **November 14, 2026,** Sweet Dream in a Bag gifting event at Sacred Heart of Mary at 10 am, 6739 S. Boulder Road, Boulder
- **January 17 & 24, 2027**, Shroud of Turin by Rudy Dichtl at Risen Savior, 9:15-10:15 am, 3031 West 144th Ave., Broomfield
- **June 16-19, 2027 –** Kiwanis International Convention, Dallas, Texas
- **July 17-21, 2027 –** Key Club ICON, Washington DC
- **August 6-8, 2027** – Kiwanis District Convention in Grand Junction, CO
- **August 21, 2027 -** MyChoice Clay Shoot at Colorado Clays, Brighton, CO