



# Kiwanis Club of the

# Foothills

Club Website: [www.foothillskiwanis.org](http://www.foothillskiwanis.org)

**Meetings:** Monday at 7:00 am at Coal Creek Clubhouse,  
585 W Dillon Rd, Louisville, CO 80027 (303) 666-7888

Feb. 26, 2018

## Coming up . . .

**2/26/18** – Cloe Bernier, Rilee Webb, Kyle Chan, Up with People

**3/5/18** –Foothills Board of Directors meeting at Coal Creek Golf Club; members invited

**3/12/18** - Parade of Lights & Louisville, Bill Carlson

**3/19/18** – Carlos Lerma, Nature Kids Lafayette and Lafayette community

**3/26/18** – Foothills United Way & Salvation Army, Doug Yeiser & Capt. Mark Czanderna

**4/5/18** - Foothills Board of Directors meeting at Coal Creek Golf Club; members invited

**4/12/18** – Open

**4/19/18** – Open

### Program Chairpersons:

February – Bob Mohling

March – Joe Girard

April – Dave Rogers

## Snippets from Recent Club Programs

### February 12 – Sherry Nicholas, Bird Conservancy Banding

Sherry Nicholas, the new Education Director at Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, described bird banding at the Conservancy. She was joined at the meeting by her daughter, Casey. Sherry explained that many birds fly each year from Canada to Mexico. It is important to track the birds, determine their age, sex, fat content, size, and population numbers. She assured us that banding is very safe and the birds are protected at all times. Prior to her current position, Sherry was the Field Trips Coordinator and was in charge of coordinating the banding stations. She holds a master’s degree in conservation biology and has a broad range of experience ranging from wildlife rehab, to research, zoology & most recently education. She told us that she has had a great passion for wildlife and conservation since a little girl, and has worked hard all of her life to inspire others to connect with & conserve nature. Thanks, Sherry, for an informative program.



### February 19 – David Petrick, United Launch Alliance’s Moon/Mars Missions

David Petrick, our club member and contract engineer at ULA, told about ULA plans to the moon and beyond and its manufacturing operation at Decatur, Alabama where the Delta IV and Atlas V rocket boosters are assembled. ULA is a consortium between Lockheed Martin and Boeing. David supports the launches of the Delta IV; it currently uses a Russian engine. They are looking at some of the current rocket engines under development by Blue Origin and Space X. Blue Origin uses liquid methane as a propellant. David is the proud dad of a new daughter, Irene. Thanks, David, for an interesting program!



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David Petrick

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**Peak to Peak Key Club Meeting**

- Bob Mohling, Kiwanis Club Sponsor

The Key Club met on February 12 to plan their games and crafts for when they host the Elementary School Early Release Program from 12:45 -3:00 pm on April 5. There were 25 students in attendance at the planning meeting. Ms. Medina informed our club that two eager students have registered for Key Club District Convention (DCON) to be held April 6-8 at Sheraton Denver West in Lakewood. She will be attending the weekend conference with them, and believes it will be an amazing opportunity for all. She is particularly excited as the ladies are both freshmen, so this is a great opportunity to grow them as Key Club leaders. The students who will be attending are: Jessica Kalloor and Tiffany Tran.



Ms. Medina & students practice game for Early Release

**Another Service Dog Milestone**

- Jerry Gilland, Service Dog Program

On Sunday, February 11 a graduation party/ceremonial was held at Alan Boeve’s home. Having completed their two year training course, Lelia, with dog Gizmo, and Luke, with dog Bodhi, took ownership of their pups and were certified for public access. The new couples are shown with their new life long companions. The event was attended by about 30 prior graduate families and sponsors, as well as 7 dogs. Counting the new graduates, the project has now successfully placed 18 dogs with needy children with type one diabetes or severe allergies, and we have six more in training, who will graduate in the next couple of years. These dogs will reliably alert the child, or parent if the child’s blood sugar lever becomes abnormal, or to the presence of dangerous allergens This is all learned by attending classes conducted by Jerry Gilland and Alan Boeve twice monthly for the two-year process. These classes teach the child and their family how to train their pup to be a full-service animal.

This has been one of the most satisfying endeavors of my life. The families are extremely grateful for our services

and one knows he is doing something worthwhile when a parent tells you “your dog saved my child’s life last week!” The only negative aspect of the project is that we have to turn away so many needy children. We have found that about six families at a time is the limit to conduct meaningful class groups. However, there is nothing to prevent us from setting up parallel class groups . The growing pains are over, with existing procedures, lessons and related resources which should make it possible for new members to hit the ground running towards a very satisfying end goal.



Graduates: Lelia, Gizmo, Luke, and Bodhi



Bandit, center, celebrates the milestone with the graduate families