



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

April 25, 2011

Coming up . . .

- 4/25/11** – Gene Tomczak will speak about "The USO (United Service Organizations)"
- 4/29/11 11:30 a.m.** – Colorado Children’s Day project on Pearl Street Mall at 13th Street
- 5/2/11** – Becky Campbell-Howe Executive Director for the Colorado Youth Program
- 5/5/11 7:00 a.m.** – Foothills Board Meeting at Parkway Restaurant in Boulder
- 5/5/11 6:15 p.m.** – Foothills social event at Boulder Dinner Theater for dinner/show
- 5/9/11** – Bob Alm, retired U.S. Forest Service, “Pine Beetle Problems in Colorado” – or – Speaker about local water issues
- 5/16/11** – Donlyn Arbuthnot, “Boulder County Settlers and Niwot Early History”

Program Chairpersons:

- May – Adam Pauluhn
- June – Bob Mohling

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

April 11 – Jackson Kaguri, “Uganda Schools for AIDS Orphans”

Jackson spoke to our club about the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project that raises funds to build schools and provide other help to children and young adults in Uganda whose mother and/or father have died from AIDS. The Project’s initial two-room school building was completed in January, 2003, and since then a school in Nyaka for over 200 students, and another school in Kutamba for 150 students, have been built. For the schools’ 2008-2010 graduating classes, all seniors successfully passed Uganda college-entrance exams. In addition, the Project is providing better nutrition, school-based health care, clean water, libraries, and sponsorship of “anti-AIDS clubs” to improve the welfare of the students.

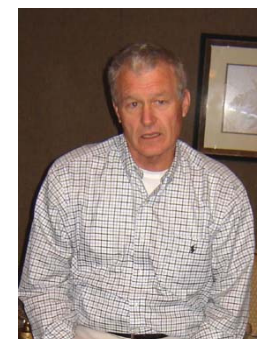


Jackson also talked about growing up in Uganda as the youngest of his siblings who were mandated by their father to succeed in school. There were few school supplies, so school pencils were broken into pieces by his father. He graduated from his high school as the only student in his class to qualify for high-level education.

To get more information about the Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project and/or to donate, go to -- www.nyakaschool.org. To get a free copy of Jackson’s book “Price of Stones” with your donation, go to -- www.thepriceofstones.com. You can also buy the Nyaka Grandmother Shop hand-woven baskets that are sold for the Project after Jackson’s talk at -- www.etsy.com/shop/NyakaGrandmotherShop

April 18 –Exec. Director Jim Rionoshek, “Update on Attention Homes”

Jim talked about how Attention Homes continues to help troubled youth in the Boulder area despite recent cutbacks in government funding due to the recession. This organization provides food, shelter, a safe environment, counseling, and teaching of life skills at their home shelters on Broadway in North Boulder, and on Chase Street in South Boulder. Besides helping youth referred to them by local agencies, Attention Homes volunteer teams are seeking out local homeless youth 18 years or younger who need help.



Attention Homes was founded in 1966 by Judge Horace Holmes and other Boulder-area citizens. They believed there needed to be an alternative to institutionalization or detention of troubled youth. Attention Homes has served over 6,000 youth in crisis over the past 45 years. We hope our club can do another club project with Attention Homes in the future. To get more information and/or volunteer with Attention Homes, go to -- www.attentionhomes.org



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April 9 Taste of Downtown Boulder Update/Photos

The total of funds raised on April 9 by this year's "Taste of Downtown Boulder" Foothills fundraiser is a little over \$2000. These funds will be used by our club to help organizations and individuals who help achieve the Kiwanis International motto of "Serving the Children of the World" Thanks again to Pete Sprengle and Clarence Wood for leading the Taste, and to all those who contacted downtown restaurants to arrange for their participation. If you go to any of these restaurants, please remember to thank the manager for their help this year.



Boulder Girls' Softball ticket holders at Boulder Cafe



Taste participants at "The Cup Espresso Café"



Chris Ball (co-owner of "The Cup Espresso Café") with Foothills Taste project leader Pete Sprengle

April 29 "Colorado Children's Day" Foothills Project

Thanks to everyone who signed up to help with this year's Colorado Children's Day event on the Pearl Street Mall on Friday, April 29. Volunteers will meet at 11:30 a.m. on the north side of 13th Street and Pearl to get assignments to tell kids about such safety topics as wearing bike helmets and observing traffic signs. Some will help show kids through the Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District's "Junglemobile" that provides safety information for avoiding/treating accidental poisoning and other topics. All safety training will end at 4:00 p.m. Many thanks go to Gary Symes for serving as the overall coordinator for this year's Colorado Children's Day event in Boulder.

May 30 Bolder Boulder "Starting Line" Fundraiser

Our club will again be providing security team starting-line support for the annual Bolder Boulder 10K citizens' race on Memorial Day Monday, May 30. David Petrick is coordinating our club's volunteer sign-up. We'll receive \$20 from the Bolder Boulder race organizers for each volunteer. As we've done for several years, all of the funds our club raises will be forwarded to the Team River Runners (TRR) non-profit that helps to rehabilitate disabled veterans through white-water rafting events in Colorado (see -- www.teamriverrunner.org).

Opportunity to Donate a PC or TV to "Tech for All"

As recently done as a club project by the Golden Nuggets Kiwanis Club in Boulder, you may donate an old PC or TV to "Tech for All" in Denver that refurbishes such items, and then gives them to teens or seniors who can't afford to buy one. In 2010, Tech for All gave 3000 refurbished PCs and TVs to recipients in the Denver/Boulder area. This is an alternative to disposing of these items, ideally at a recycling center.

To give a TV or PC to Tech for All, first call -- 303-989-2832 -- to confirm they can use your donation. If approved, then you need to take your donation to their office at -- 1709/1726 South Acoma St. in Denver. If several Foothills members would like to give an unused PC or TV to Tech for All, we'll arrange for one person to take multiple donations at the same time. Let Kerry Hassler know if you're interested in doing this.

Foothills Kiwanis Reminders

- For our May 2 club meeting (and for each first meeting of the month, bring either –
 - Snack items, or a grocery coupon for buying snack items, to help Blue Sky Bridge kids in counseling
 - OR –
 - Bar soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and other personal care items to help Sister Carmen in-need families
- That'll be forwarded to these organizations by Woody or another club member. Thanks for your contributions!
- This year's Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District Convention will be held from August 11-14 in Colorado Springs. The Friday Family Night will be at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo with dinner in the giraffe area, an activity all will enjoy.
- The year's Kiwanis International Convention is in Geneva, Switzerland from July 7-10. For info or to sign up, go to -- <http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/geneva-convention/>