



Kiwaniis Club of the Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org
Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Coal Creek Golf Course, 585 W. Dillon Rd, Louisville, CO 80027 (303) 666-7888

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

Coming up . . .

- 8/1 – 9/13/20 Coolest Dog Contest
 - 9/7/20-Labor Day Round Table
 - 9/9/20-Sept Board Meeting
 - 9/14/20-Key Club Presidents
 - 9/21/20-Circle K Zoom Presentation
 - 9/28/20-Installation of Officers & New Members
- Program Chairperson:**
Aug – Dave R.
Sept-Bill A.

8/3/2020 Rick Fernandez-Taxpayer Bill of Rights

Rick Fernandez has been married 28 years and has a 27-year-old child. His grandparents were founding members of Risen Savior Lutheran Church. Rick brought out that according to the US Constitution, all men are endowed by their creator with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. No matter where you live in this country, citizens can create their own pursuit of happiness. In Colorado, the Tabor Taxpayer Bill of Rights, passed in 1992, allows the citizens to vote on the taxes placed on them by the government. In Colorado, Covid-19 has caused a 285M state wide budget shortfall. 15M of the shortfall is in Broomfield. Broomfield Taxpayer Matters formed a non-partisan 501-C4 organization that advocates issues, not candidates. The organization was founded just prior to Covid surfacing in the US and formed to push back on the \$3,000 per member City Council salary when serving on the council was supposed to be voluntary. There are mill levees to get the salary money for a group that meets six hours per week. Broomfield has six issues related to tax increases that the Taxpayer Matters group is pushing back on plus the notion that the taxpayer is below their elected officials, when in fact taxpayers oversee their officials. The Taxpayer Matters group wants to change this thinking. The City Council, for example, is supposed to be serving the people, that is, they are stewards of the people’s money. It is not the council’s money. The council is not smarter than the people who elected them. The group also put out information not only on what a tax bill says, but what it really means. The group is also fighting at the state level. Matt Gray, the Broomfield House representative, introduced a Bill to ignore the US government CARES Act. The group is pushing back on this. The state and city governments are chipping away at Tabor and hope to repeal it. The Taxpayer Matters group is standing in the way, and now officials want a dialogue. For information on issues the group is fighting for, see [Broomfield Taxpayer Matters.com](http://BroomfieldTaxpayerMatters.com).



Club Officers

	<u>President</u> Craig Hurst	
	<u>Past President</u> Dave Rogers	
	<u>President-Elect</u> Brian Coleman	
	<u>Secretary</u> Vince VanZago	
	<u>Treasurer</u> Joe Girard	
	<u>Board of Directors</u> Bill Anderson Rudi Baumann Alan Boeve Matt Frederick Randy Hayden Bob Mohling Annette Wagenknecht	

8/10/2020 Sam Peterson-Colorado Dept of Wildlife

Sam Peterson is the District Manager for the Southern Boulder and Broomfield District. Raised in Sedalia, CO, Sam graduated from CSU with a degree in Wildlife Management. He received his master's degree from New York University in Syracuse. His training with CDW consisted of seven months of wildlife training and five months of law enforcement. In his current role, Sam spends 30% of his time in law enforcement, 40% in wildlife management, and 30% in education. Education has recently backed off because of Covid. There are 150 CDW districts in Colorado. Sam's district is medium size. Typically, managers respond to bear issues, moose issues, hunter issues, and at times hunter harassment. The CDW Agency is focused on preserving wildlife for future generations. Hunting and fishing dollars support all wildlife management. Because of the decline in predators in the late 1800's and 1900's, hunting is the only vehicle for big game herd management. Over population can accelerate the spread of diseases and damage rangeland and feeding areas. Also, predatory species are being reintroduced in Colorado. Mountain lions are thriving. So are black bears, but they are not super predatory. There is a ballot issue to reintroduce wolves, but this is not popular with hunters, and wolves colonize slowly. There are no current plans to reintroduce grizzly bears. Fishing is also an important wildlife issue and the agency conducts many education classes around fishing—particularly for kids. One of the biggest challenges currently for the agency is an uptick in interaction and harassment of people with wildlife. There is a wildlife harassment statute because people tend to get too close to wildlife. At times, they will pick up injured animals and put them in their vehicles. In state and out of state elk hunting permits are the biggest generator of revenue for CDW. Also, permits for moose, mountain goat, and bighorn sheep contribute large amounts. Permits for these species are drawing only and preference in the drawings are based on points. Thank you, Sam for this informative presentation.

8/17/2020 Dave Allison-Monuments in Our Time

Dave Allison is a native of Terre Haute, Indiana. He has three daughters and one son. Dave is currently the manager of the Broomfield History Museum and held similar positions with the Golden History Museum in Indianapolis and the Denver Museum. Also, David Designed the Golden History Pack while in Indianapolis and is author of a book, "Living History Monuments". Monuments are much in the news these days. The person memorialized often has a living legacy associated with the monument. For example, a statue of Robert E. Lee represents the Confederacy and the

preservation of slavery. There are often social and political motivations for building a statue. For example, Christopher Columbus, although he sailed under the banner of Spain, was Italian. In the 1920's, there was a national prejudice against Italians, even though they are just as American as anyone. The statue of Columbus was erected to counteract the prejudice. Statues are often useful to extreme racist and nationalist groups. The largest Confederate statue is in Stone Mountain, Georgia. There is a big rally held at this statue every year. Another question is how statues are to be interpreted today. Lucifer, the horse statue at the entryway to DIA, was originally supposed to symbolize the diversity of the West and hopes for the future. Now, it is generally considered to be a symbol of the Denver Broncos. The Peyton Manning statue outside the stadium in Indianapolis is another example. What will be the interpretation in 100 years? What will be the significance of football at that time? The past and history are different. The past is what happened. History is an interpretation of the past. 66 statues have been removed since the George Floyd incident. Most of these were built 1910 to 1920 to represent the emergence of the South from defeat in the Civil War and that they were again an equal part of the Union. According to Dave, these statues were erected as symbols of white supremacy and the North and South coming together around "whiteness". Dave feels that there is justification to remove these statues, but they should be placed in museums as part of our country's past, not just pulled down. There should be discussion around the context. A good model for discussion is a confederate statue in Bull Shoals, Alabama. The community had a dialogue around the history of the statue and decided to remove it. Europe does a better job of using monuments that reflect on their history rather than deny their history. Thank you, Dave, for your insights into a topic that is relevant to events of the day.

Kiwanis of the Foothills Finishes Third in July Service Hours Contest

Congratulations to the club. We finished third with 508 hours in July's District Service Hours Contest. Two Wyoming clubs came in first and second. Better luck in August. The recipient of the donations will be determined during the next Board/Foundation Meeting.

Coollest Dog Contest

There is just six days left in the Coolest Dog Contest. It's crunch time. So far there are 51 dogs entered and \$7200 donated by contestants and voters. Let's make sure our suppliers have plenty of brochures and leaflets for a strong finish.

Foothills Kiwanis Club Metrics

	July	YTD
Attendance/meet	13.3	14.4
Service Hours	508	2393
# Reporting	16	11.5/mo
Guests	8	5.9/mo

Board/Foundation Meeting Minutes August

Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:03 AM

Those Present

Bill, Joe, Dave R., Annette, Randy, Rudi, Bob, Alan, Matt, Brian, Craig, and Vince

Minutes Approval

Minutes approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report

We are in good shape. We took in more dues than we paid out in expenses. Negotiating the meal prices was a big boost. No need to raise dues for a while. Treasurer's Report Accepted Unanimously.

Secretary's Report (Dashboard)

Attendance: July = 13.3 average. June = 16.4. Service Hours: July=508 hours with 16 reporting. Non-member = 12. June=313 hours with 12 reporting. Non-member hours = 68. Guests: July = 8 and June = 4.

Chair Reports – (excluding Service Project Report)

Invocation/Greeter – Dave

Invocations set through the end of the year.

Speaker Program – Dave

(Aug), Bill (Sep) August speakers set. Dog graduation set on August 31st. Limited to 50 people. RSVP's will tell us how many will attend. Key club presidents moved into September. See schedule at the end of the Foundation Minutes. Need program chairs for October and November.

Communication/Education – Vince/Joe

The Committee took over the newsletter publication in July. Club metrics will be

reported starting with mid-August publication. Still need to update Website, Facebook, LinkedIn, and dog websites. It was observed that the Website is dated 2018. Brian observed that the website is still relevant even if it is two years old. Brian can provide access.

Membership/Recruitment – Bob/Joe

Bob has updated his list of prospective members and rated the enthusiasm for membership. Phil Rutledge and Carolyn Mann put in applications in July. See New Business. Bill Duclos has indicated he will join. Note: application submitted 8/10 for approval in September Board meeting. Annette reported that potential members Nancy Johnson (moving to Iowa) and Becky Hoffman (lives in Henderson) are no longer viable new member options.

Community/Inter Club Liaison - Matt

Matt would like to hear what comfort level (Covid related) members are at for activities such as Habitat. Bob proposed one shot type program for the kids in community.

Fundraiser – Randy/Alan

Fundraiser discussed in the Foundation Meeting

CKI/Key Club – Bill A.

School is online at least well into September.

Old Business

None

New Business

New member Approval

Carolyn Mann and Phil Rutledge were approved unanimously for club membership. Now have 23 members.

Carolyn's dues

Most of Carolyn's dues will be picked up by \$599/12 services rendered. That leaves her out of pocket charges (mostly for coffee) to be \$10.58 per month starting Oct. 1.

LOA for Gerald

Gerald had a heart attack. He will be unable to attend meetings for a time. It was moved and seconded to make his status Leave of Absence. Passed unanimously. Gerald's LOA will be affective July 1. His current quarterly dues check will be held.

Club Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 AM

Foundation Meeting

☐ Those Present

Bill, Joe, Dave R., Annette, Randy, Rudi, Bob, Alan, Brian, Craig, and Vince

☐ Minutes Approval

Minutes approved unanimously.

☐ Treasurer's Report (Foundation)

Perfect Snacks donated \$2000 in support of the Coolest Dog Contest. Originally reported as \$3000. Randy verify exact amount. Treasurer's report accepted unanimously.

☐ Treasurer's Report (Service Dogs)

No activity except vet bills of \$230. Alan to bring receipts. Six dogs in pipeline. Two or three more pups in pipeline. Report accepted unanimously.

☐ Service Project Chair Report

The \$500 that the club won in the June Rocky Mountain District contest has been requested by the Salvation Army's after school program assuming certification. 20 kids are full time. Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

☐ Service Dog Program Update – (Jerry/Carolyn)

Committee is relying on training material to be distributed online. Committee not getting together for Zoom meetings. Since not everyone has Zoom access, a conference call meeting is being set up. This will keep the program moving ahead despite difficulties with Covid. If families approve, committee can still tour houses. Brian has offered RSLC for dog graduation ceremonies. Chet Bunting has been invited to next graduation (8/31) for plaque presentation. Home visit gives interaction between families and Bandit. Jerry is not sure that dogs can be Covid carriers.

☐ Old Business

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☐ Coolest Dog Fundraiser

14 dogs (as of 8/5) have been entered so far. \$3000 has been raised so far in addition to the Perfect Snack donation. Keep getting leaflets and brochures distributed. 66 dogs entered last year. Key is getting more dogs into contest.

☐ New Business

☐ CKI Support

We still have \$3000 set aside for Sweet Dreams in a Bag. This service project is currently on hold with no event planned. It costs \$500 to charter five CKI clubs at CU. It was proposed that we take this money out of the Sweet Dreams fund for CKI. Approved unanimously. Check to be issued by 8/8.

☐ Graffiti Removal Project – Brian

Graffiti is on Anthem and Broomfield signs. Graffiti movement is dying down so club can help in other ways. Graffiti was reported and removed within two weeks.

☐ Meeting adjourned at 8:43AM



August Program Chair Dave
8/10/20: Sam Peterson District Manager
Colorado Department of Wildlife
8/17/20: David Allison Broomfield History
Museum Manager
8/24/20: Phil Rutledge on Service
8/31/20: Service Dog Graduation