



Kiwaniis Club of the Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org
Meetings: Mondays at 7:00 a.m. at the Brewing Market, 2770 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO 80026, (720) 890-3993

August 14, 2023

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

Coming up . . .

- 8/14/23 – Jo Ann Joselyn: What's Happening in Sudan
- 8/21/23 – Gerry Morrell, Front Range Photography
- 8/28/23 – Report on DCON from attendees
- 9/4/23 – Round Table (meeting not formal convening)
- 9/11/23 – Board Meeting
- 9/18/23 – Greg Fickbom, Denver's Tramway History
- 9/25/23 – Virginia Breyer, Cultivate (formerly RSVP)
- 10/2/23 – Officer and Board members installation
- 10/9/23 – Board Meeting
- 10/16/23 – Education: Club Project Updates
- 10/23/23 – Education, Fiscal Year transition, officer reports
- 10/30/23 – Salvation Army Red Kettle kickoff for 2023

Program Chairpersons:

- August – Vince VanZago
- September – Bob Mohling
- Erie Satellite Meetings**, 2x/month, Erie Library, call (704) 905-1089 for upcoming dates and times.

7/31/2023 – James "Mac" McCarty. Mac gave us an

astonishing, surprising, and rather gloomy summary of his extensive research on the terrorist attacks on US facilities in Benghazi, Libya. This is all extensively covered in his recent publication "The Benghazi Betrayal" (available on Amazon both used and new). Starting with the Arab Spring and the removal of Ghadafi (2011) he describes Middle East history until the attacks on Sept 11, 2012. The day of the attacks is described in detail, nearly minute by minute: what was going on in Benghazi, Tripoli, US bases around the Mediterranean, and most interestingly, in the White House (which was largely nothing in regard to action and decision). The administration's errors, misjudgment and "paralysis by analysis" – from toppling Qadhafi, to lack of any planning as to what should happen after, and throughout the day Sept 11, 2012 are astonishing. We had plenty of notice via violent hostility toward the US at the Benghazi mission compound for months – warning shots that weren't heeded; in fact, the US State Dep't drew down security forces in response. MacCarty has details on all these, and more; he's not afraid to name names. His major sources were the (very lengthy) House Select Committee on Benghazi Report and a book by Mitchell Zuckoff, "13 hours: The inside account of What Really Happened in Benghazi." His presentation and book reveal terrible (and fatal) consequences of the administration's poor and slow decision making, lack of appropriate planning and action. The main upshot of that was 4 Americans died, including Ambassador Stephens. In short, a substantial government effort (less than 2 months before a presidential election) to withhold and cover up information regarding the Administration's failures. Several club members have read, or are reading, McCarty's book. All strongly recommend reading.



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8/7/2023 – Board Meeting.

Regular Club

- Programs filled until end of October.
- To speed up meetings: in future tangential discussions not on the agenda should be moved to standing committees or ad hoc committee. Report to be given at next meeting.
- Recruit Anthem Ranch and Erie members to attend the Red Kettle Kickoff meeting. Needs a belly button.
- Club social/recruitment contest moving to later in October.
- Community engagement project opportunities: two Habitat for Humanity projects soon; one in Longmont, one in Loveland. Contact President Matt for info or to sign up.
- Anthem Ranch: to everyone's amazement the club has been chartered.
- Anthem Ranch club looking for support for their Soles for Souls project. Bring shoes, matched or not. Jim Bensman can collect.
- Meeting day, time and location to be considered for change. We are rather "old fashioned" (we prefer "traditional"). Ad hoc committee formed (Bill D, Matt F, Joe G and Vince) to start recommendation discussions this week. The 7AM and every week routine turns off a lot of prospects and can also discourage members' attendance as well.
- Two new members were approved for membership, but I forgot their names. One was one of the new Broomfield Salvation Officer.

Foundation

- Cool Dog status
- Alert Service Dogs: two new pups purchased, given to Diabetic local kids. The training cycle starts again. Good work Alan!

More Great News from Anthem Ranch.

They've been chartered! Great work Jim!!! They've already been helping significantly to promote our Cool Dog contest. And they already have a project underway: Soles 4 Souls. They're collecting shoes for the needy. Shoes of all sorts, even singles, are needed.

Upcoming events and volunteer opportunities

Cool Dog Contest: This week represents our last week that has potential to make a big impact on funds received from the contest. Number of entries is really lagging this year.

- **Coolest Dog Contest**, Major legwork push... NOW! Contest August 1st to September 20th.
- **Fundraiser for MyChoice Resource Center**, Sporting Clay Shooting, September 22, Noon till 3 or 4:00-ish. **Volunteers needed.** Call Pam at 303-416-0255
- **Broomfield Days**, September 23 – let's show the Kiwanis Colors!

- **Sweet Dream in a Bag** workday, **October 7, 2023**, at the Salvation Army office, Broomfield
- **Cool Dog end of event celebration, October 21, 2023**, 1-3 PM, at Mash Labs and Kitchen in Windsor, CO
- We have **youth mentoring opportunities** coming up, contact Bob Mohling for more info.
- President Matt is working on Habitat for Humanity build projects in October. Contact him for info.

➔ **ABR: Always Be Recruiting.**