



Kiwanis Club of the Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org
Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at The Egg & I restaurant, 2574 Baseline Rd., Boulder CO 80303

Dec. 23, 2013

Coming up . . .

12/23/13 – Emily Milan, "Junior Achievement Program"

12/30/13 – Foothills Kiwanis "roundtable meeting" (no program speaker)

1/2/14 – 7:00 a.m. Foothills Board Meeting at The Egg & I (Basemar Shopping Center)

1/6/14 JosMarie Vanderspeck, "Living under Nazi Occupation in the Netherlands"

1/13/14 (Open)

1/20/14 (Open)

1/27/14 Captain Isaias Braga, Review of 2013 Salvation Army Bell-Ringing and Events

Program Chairpersons:

December – Mary Schweitzer

January – Joe Girard

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

December 9 – Gwen Scherer, "Preserving Media and Photos"

Gwen (president of "Memories to Digital" along with husband Eric) provided an interesting presentation about her company's expertise in recovering photos, VHS tapes, movie film, and other media damaged by water or other things. This was especially important after the flooding in Boulder and surround areas from September 11-13, when many home basements were inundated with water. This disaster led to Linda and Eric founding the "Memory Preservation Coalition" non-profit in 2013 with a mission to educate and help families to recover flood-damaged media. They collaborated with three other member companies to open six "memory recovery centers" that helped flood-affected families. The centers included "do it yourself" washing stations, drying racks, and scanners, but soon they realized the families needed more assistance. Consequently, they recruited volunteers to help with the flood victims' media recovery. In total, the centers donated over \$2000 in supplies and countless volunteer hours to the families. Over 40,000 photos were dried and/or scanned, as well as over 2000 slides and over 200 films/videos. For more information about "Memories to Digital" services, see -- <http://mtdigital.com/>



December 16 – Linda Trumble, "Sew Much Comfort" (making special clothing for injured vets)

Linda spoke to our club about the "Sew Much Comfort" non-profit she started that provides specially-tailored clothing to injured and disabled veterans to accommodate their prosthetics and/or wounds. To do this, velcro is used to replace zippers and buttons, or to have "tear-away" panels that make it easy for a vet to dress in pants, pajamas, polo shirts, T-shirts, athletic wear, and other types of apparel. The inspiration for this special clothing came from an 11-year-old who had muscle cancer that Linda made special clothing for. When the boy watched a TV show where a disabled vet received the Medal of Honor, the boy thought the vet could also use such special clothing. Consequently, a nation-wide request looking for volunteer seamstresses resulted in 1000 responses, where 140 are now making the special clothing. One of the main benefits of this clothing is that vets are able to get out of their hospital bed and walk around much sooner. The operating budget for "Sew Much Comfort" is about \$150,000 per year, mostly coming from private donations. In all, over 135,000 items have been shipped from the Denver distribution center, many going to Walter Reed Hospital and Brooke Army Medical Center. For more information and/or to donate, go to – www.sewmuchcomfort.org.



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2013 Foothills Kiwanis Bell-Ringing Update

Thanks for all who've volunteered for Salvation Army bell-ringing this holiday season! As of Thursday, December 14, the total collected by Foothills Kiwanis and non-Foothills volunteers at our two sites was -- **\$5645.53** (\$4161.06 at King Soopers, and \$1484.47 at the Meadows Safeway). Leading Foothills Kiwanis bellringers this year are Kerry Hassler (23 hours), Bob Mohling (22 hours), and Mary Schweitzer (21 hours). Leading non-Foothills bell-ringers are Laurance Hubbard (23 hours), Lynn Dyba (22 hours), Linda Beacher (16 hours), and Hope Steffens-Nett (14 hours). Thanks to all for your bell-ringing support!



Dave Rogers and Snoopy



Allison DeYoung



Adam Pauluhn



Arlene Devore / Jim Creasey

Info about Kiwanis International "ELIMINATE Project" and Status of Ending Neonatal Tetanus (MNT)

What is MNT? In 25 countries around the world, maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) can quickly turn the joy of childbirth into tragedy. MNT kills one baby every nine minutes. Its effects are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. There is little hope of survival. And tetanus kills mothers too.

Who suffers from MNT? MNT is caused when tetanus spores, found in soil everywhere, come into contact with open cuts during childbirth. The disease strikes the poorest of the poor, the geographically hard to reach and those without health care.

Can MNT be stopped? Yes! MNT is highly preventable. Just three doses of a 60-cent immunization protect mothers, who then pass on the immunity to their future babies. Together, Kiwanis and UNICEF can stop this disease.

Why hasn't MNT been eliminated already? UNICEF has helped to successfully eliminate MNT in many countries. But in 25 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and North America, it still strikes babies and mothers who have little or no access to health care — either because they are poor, live in remote areas or are caught in humanitarian emergencies. More funds and resources are needed to reach all babies and mothers at risk.

What will it take to eliminate MNT from the Earth? More than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take \$110 million of funding from Kiwanis International and the dedicated work of UNICEF and members of the Kiwanis family.

Why focus on this issue? It is unacceptable that innocent newborns and their mothers suffer and die from MNT when it can be prevented so easily. This is also an amazing opportunity to reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with lifesaving health care. Developing delivery systems for MNT vaccines will blaze a trail to provide additional desperately needed services to these marginalized families.

Status of MNT Elimination Efforts Since 1999, UNICEF and its partners have eliminated the disease in 34 countries, including Sierra Leone, Gabon, Cote d' Ivoire, Iraq, Cameroon and China. MNT still remains a deadly threat in 25 countries.

ELIMINATE Project Fundraising Status Kiwanis clubs around the world are doing fundraising to support this Kiwanis International project, but we have a long way to go!

Kiwanis International:

- Goal by 2015: \$110 million
- Total raised as of December 16, 2013: \$44 million

Kiwanis Rocky Mountain Division

- Goal by 2015: \$948,800
- Total raised as of December 16, 2013: \$429,180

In Memory of Foothills Kiwanis Member Jean Cramer

Sadly, former Kiwanis Club member Jean Cramer passed away on December 10, 2013. We were fortunate to have Jean be involved with our club for many years in her providing meals for our club meetings and other club events at the La Hacienda Restaurant on 55th Street and Arapahoe Avenue in Boulder. Donations in her memory can be made to:

Rocky Mountain Cancer Assistance
P.O. Box 6625
Denver, CO 80206

