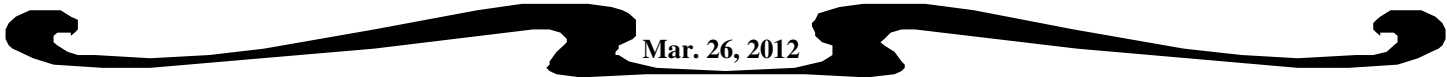




Kiwanis Club of the Foothills

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



Coming up . . .

- 3/26/12 Sylvia Tracy-Doolos, New Leaf Genealogy on researching ancestry
- 4/2/12 Andrea Kuwik, Hep C Connection
- 4/5/12 7:00 a.m. Foothills Kiwanis Board Meeting at Parkway Restaurant
- 4/9/12 Todd & Karl Tillapaugh, Cadence International
- 4/16/12 Historic Boulder, Hanna Barker House
- 4/23/12 Paul Washington, Denver's Economic Development Plan
- 4/30/12 Natural Gas & Oil Exploration in Weld County, Jake Hoover (tentative)

Program Chairpersons:

- March – Adam Pauluhn
- April – Bob Mohling
- May – Open

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

March 12 – Patti Micklin, “Special Transit”

Patti Micklin, Development Director, spoke to our club about Special Transit – a nonprofit organization that provides mobility options for people with limited mobility. Patti moved to Louisville five years ago with her family from New Orleans after Katrina devastated her native city. She told us that Special Transit is now called Via. Some of the services it provides are: door-to-door transportation, individual & group travel training, driver safety training programs, and it operates “The Climb” bus for the city. The organization provide a record 126,000 trips for 2,247 persons in 2010. She noted that the mobility service is “service dog friendly.” Special transit was founded in 1979 by the county commissioners; it now serves 19 communities in five counties of Colorado. Patti explained that their \$4M budget comes from service contracts, government grants, and donors. Ways for us to help are: spread the word, support Via with funds, and support their fundraisers. For more information, go to www.viacolorado.org.



March 19 – Ray Purinton, “Business Relations between China & the U.S.”

Ray, who lives in Brighton, spoke to our members about working in China as a Moog employee in the airline industry for five years. Ray is a CU graduate and mentioned that he ran cross-country on the Flatirons golf course. Moog, a fast growing aerospace company started by Bill Moog, increased its revenues from \$450M in 1997 to \$2.3B in 2011. The company got its start from the hydraulic servo valve developed by Bill Moog. Ray, in his position as Development Director, represented Moog to supply flight control components for the Chinese C919 airliner currently under development. Ray explained that there are three ways to do business in China: subcontracts, partnership, and joint ventures. In his position, he had to protect Moog’s intellectual property as well as defense technology under the rules of ITAR. Thanks for an interesting presentation!



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Update on Taste of Downtown Boulder

-- Pete Sprenkle, Taste Project Leader

The Taste of Downtown Boulder will be Saturday April 21 from 1 - 4 PM. Tickets will be available Monday April 2. This is our major fund raiser so start lining up customers now!

Interclub at Golden Nuggets Club

-- Dave Rogers

Members of our club attended the Golden Nuggets Club meeting this past week. The title of their speaker's presentation was The Aktion Club: A Service Organization for Adults with Disabilities. Speaker was Carl Shinn, Rocky Mountain District Aktion Club Administrator. There are 6 or 7 clubs in the District that include Scottsbluff, Cheyenne, Grand Junction, Pueblo or Colo Springs. Club members are special-needs young adults. Carl is also the AKTION News Letter editor and their Web Master. The Golden Nuggets are interested in starting a club in Boulder, so there was considerable discussion on what is involved and what is required to get a club started. It was pointed out that in some areas multiple Kiwanis Clubs are co-sponsors. So we may be contacted about our possible interest.

Inter-Club at Boulder Kiwanis Club

-- Gary Symes

On Thursday, March 22, Allison DeYoung, Jerry Gilland, Pete Sprenkle, and Gary Symes participated in an inter-club with the Boulder Kiwanis Club at the Carillon in Boulder. Their speaker was Vern Mertz, a U.S. Navy veteran who served on a LSM ship in the south Pacific during World War Two. He is also past president of the Estes Park Kiwanis Club. He recounted the days leading up to the invasion of Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945. It was critical we take the island for purposes of a landing strip for our bombers coming back from Japan. It was also critical as a staging area for any major attack on Japan. Japan was ready to defend the island, having built miles of underground tunnels including command centers, hospitals, and gun emplacements. Much of this infrastructure was as much as sixty-five feet deep. Leading up to the attack, we had bombed the island daily for seventy-two days. The morning of the attack, there were eight hundred ships involved in the invasion. It was very difficult bringing marines and equipment ashore due to soft volcanic sand that sank as one walked on the two-mile long beach. The focal point was to take the high ground of a dormant volcano 556 feet high. After several days of fighting, a small group of marines got to the top and planted a small U.S. flag. Vern witnessed this. It was later replaced with a larger flag, and a picture was taken. This is the image used for the Iwo Jima Memorial

in Washington, D.C. The battle continued for thirty-six days before the island was secure. Of 22,000 Japanese on the island, we took 1,000 prisoners. The rest were either killed in battle or committed suicide. United States forces lost approximately 7,000 dead with many more casualties. We had 94,000 men in the conflict. Vern explained how his supply ship made forty-five landings over the course of the battle. The LSM was 200 feet long and 35 feet wide with a draft of 3 ½ feet.

Dog Days at Lake Valley Status

-- Jerry Gilland

Time flies when you are having fun! We are about 80 days from tournament day. All in all, I would say we are on track for this point in the project. Our greatest need is for sponsors. We have distributed about 100 invitations with brochures. We currently have 10 who have agreed to be sponsors and 20 who have declined. Not a bad ratio! However, that means there are 70 more who have not been contacted or who have not yet committed. They need follow-up!

We just have a good start recruiting golfers with 11 foursomes signed up. We have room for 25 foursomes, so please let your friends and neighbors know of this opportunity to exercise their love of golf and love of their dog in the same unique event.

Silent auction items are starting to come in. We currently have in-hand 9 items with a value of \$500 and 16 more promised that have not yet been valued. Of course, we will only net a fraction of that, so need more. If each member would arrange for just one item, we would be very successful. I have found this to be the easiest part. I have already arranged for four items with a value of about \$130 by just giving people that I am doing business with the opportunity to contribute.

We are well on our way to success! I project that with everyone's support of the above needs, we could clear about \$10,000 from this event. This would essentially double our ability to support our favorite charities this year!

Editor's Note: All members of the club are encouraged to help in this major fundraiser for our club. Ask the committee how you can help. As a minimum, please help out by taking sponsor and golfer brochures and give them to your friends, neighbors and co-workers. The brochures have all the details of the golf tournament. Thanks for your help.

Bolder Boulder Bandit Control Starting Line

-- Dave Rogers

I have contacted Fred Fusilier, Bandit Control supervisor, to let him know our club wants to work the starting line for this major Boulder race event on Memorial Day. He will provide details to me as he gets them.