



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

Jan. 23, 2012

Coming up . . .

1/23/12 Ken Schuetz, Roles of Boards and Staffs

1/30/12 Captain Laura Fenton, Salvation Army Bell-Ringing Results

2/6/12 Emily Ditty, Boulder County CareConnect non-profit (RSVP)

2/9/12 7:00 a.m. Foothills Board Meeting, Parkway Restaurant

2/13/12 (Open)

Program Chairpersons:

January – Bob Mohling

February – Mary Schweitzer

March – (Open)

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

January 9 – Tanya Leontov and Jennifer Edmiston, “FOCUS” Boulder County Jail-Release Mentor Program

Tanya spoke about the “FOCUS” program that trains mentors to help those released from Boulder County jails to resume a normal life, including taking care of debts, getting a job and/or going to school, setting up bank accounts, and finding a place to stay. Through this mentoring, only 16 percent of FOCUS clients return to jail, whereas the normal rate is 70 percent. This saves Boulder County much money since it takes about \$3000 per year to mentor those released, compared to \$24,000 to house one of them in jail. The 4-person staff of FOCUS is supported by grants from state and community. Mentors who volunteer go through a 16-week course, and are then assigned to a person released from jail. Mentors meet once a month with professional therapists and counselors for additional training. A product of the FOCUS mentoring program is former club member Jennifer Edmiston, who was in local jail for an extended period of time. She talked about how she was helped by FOCUS, and is now supervising training of FOCUS members. For more info and/or to volunteer as a mentor, go to – www.focusreentry.org.



January 16 – Mandy Pinkston, “Major Mom”

Mandy told club members about her small business that has the primary goals of – 1) Home or office organization; 2) Streamlining work processes; 3) Paper management; and 4) Creating/organizing file systems. She noted statistics that about half of U.S. homes do not have enough space in their 2-car garage to park two cars, and that a majority of people spend an hour each looking for things in their home. Also, some people waste money by buying the same item they’ve lost in their home. Another problem with not being organized is that it can put unneeded stress on a marital relationship when bills go unpaid when lost. The approach that Major Mom uses working with clients is called the “3 P’s” – Picture (what an organized home would look like), Plan (how to organize your home), and Proceed using the Major Mom “STEPS” of Sort, identify Treasures, Establish storage places, Put things away, and Start new organizing habits. For more information, go to -- www.majormom.biz.



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Update on Monarch High School Key Club and Recognition for Bell-Ringing by Key Club Members

Monarch Key Club co-leader Kaitlin White and club member Birk Nielsen attended our January 16 Foothills meeting to provide club members with an update on community-service projects their club has done or will do during this school year:

- Conducted a bake-sale fundraiser in October that raised \$183 of which went \$50 to pay for 190 “Restoring Vision” reading-glasses and sunglasses taken by Kerry Hassler to Nicaragua in November. The remaining \$133 of funds was used to make a donation to Sister Carmen in Lafayette.
- Conducted a Key Club Book Fair on December 3 that raised \$833, of which \$500 is being donated by the club to KPTI and \$333 to the Boulder County “Meals on Wheels” program.
- Have been volunteering to help the Sister Carmen Food Bank in Lafayette.

Also, during the meeting Foothills Kiwanis Bell-Ringing Project Leader Kerry Hassler presented Kaitlin and Birk with a “Key Club Bell-Ringing Thank-You” certificate in recognition of the 10 Monarch Key Club members doing bell-ringing at the Louisville King Soopers on the Saturdays of December 10 and 17. In all, these Key Club members rang a total of 15 hours, collecting \$980.40 on behalf of the Boulder County Salvation Army. Shown below with Birk and Kaitlin are our club’s Monarch Key Club advisors Kerry and Waverly Person.



February RMD MidWinter Conference in Longmont

The annual Rocky Mountain District MidWinter Conference will be held from February 17-18 at the Longmont Plaza Hotel. The Friday and Saturday morning information forums include the topics of -- Achieving Club Excellence, Using Social Media, Club Leadership Education, Risk Management, Toy Making 101, Project Eliminate, Young Children Priority One, and Attracting Young Professionals to Your Club. The Friday night social event is an interactive dinner-theater play "Murder at the Mardi Gras". The Governor's Banquet on Saturday night includes an “On to New Orleans” celebration to provide information about this summer’s International Kiwanis Convention, followed by "Casino Night". The early registration fee of \$40 (\$50 after February 3) is covered by our club. For more conference info, go to our RMD District website at -- www.rmdkiwanis.com/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?PageID=708

“Dog Days” at Lake Valley Golf Course in June -- by Foothills Service Dog Project Leader Jerry Gilland

Our Board has initiated a new golf tournament fundraising project for this year. The format will be much like our many successful tournaments of the past. The main difference is that it will build on our new Service Dog project to attract a new set of sponsors and golfers. We have permission from Lake Valley golf course to allow dogs on the course for this event and have reserved June 11 as the event date. Our dogs-in-training will, of course, attend. However, we will also be inviting golfers to bring their pet dogs to accompany them on their round. We plan a dog-oriented theme with contests for handsomest dog, biggest dog, etc. We’ll be selling “Muttigans” and dogbone shaped hole stretching tapes. The difference between a “Mulligan” and a “Muttigan” is that the later allows the player to growl about his prior stroke☺.

We, of course, will be contacting many of our prior tournament sponsors for support of this event. However, we feel that this theme will allow us to develop a new set of sponsors from the Boulder and Longmont dog world. Pet stores, veterinarians, trainers, breeders, boarders, etc. should all look at this as an opportunity for some relatively inexpensive public relations and advertising.

We project that with minimal effort, we can clear about \$4,000 from this event. However, with support from all club members, proceeds exceeding \$10,000 will be achievable. Think about what we can do with our scholarships or KPTI or support of youth athletics or some new need, etc. with that kind of money! As always, with the exception of funds that donors specifically direct, our Board will decide how this windfall is to be utilized. The difference between the \$4,000 and \$10,000 numbers is directly proportional to the number of sponsorships sold, the number of golfers signed up, and the number of silent auction items gathered. Your golf committee (Bob, Dave, Jerry and Joe) appreciate those who have already signed up on our general sheet. However, now that the wheels are turning, we will soon have lists of candidate sponsors, etc. where we will need help from members who are familiar with these sponsors. Later, we will be identifying, more specifically, our silent auction needs. We have over 20 active members! If each member only contributes one, or two, sponsors or lines up a couple of foursomes, or brings in three or four silent auction items, we will be well on our way to that \$10,000 number.

We will also need the support of our Kiwanis members on the day of the tournament. As we get closer to June 11, we will identify the tasks that need to be accomplished on tournament day so you can pick those of interest to you. We appreciate the help of our club members in pulling off another successful event for our community.

The Service Dog Days committee thanks you in advance for your support of this ambitious club project.