



Kiwanis Club of the

Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org

Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at the Egg & I,
2574 Baseline Rd, Boulder, CO 80303, 303-494-0555

Nov. 9, 2015

Coming up . . .

11/9/15 – Bill Obermeier, Update on the
Boulder Dairy Facility Renovation

11/16/15 – Mike Fellows, “Scenes of
Honor Flight Program” in Washington, DC

11/23/15 – Captain Mario Ruiz, “Salvation
Army Bell-Ringing”

11/30/15 – Joe Baghadjian, “Insights of ISIS
in the Middle East”

12/3/15– 7:00 a.m. Foothills Board meetings
at the Egg & I in Basemar Shopping Center

Program Chairpersons:

November -- Bob Mohling

December – (Open)

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

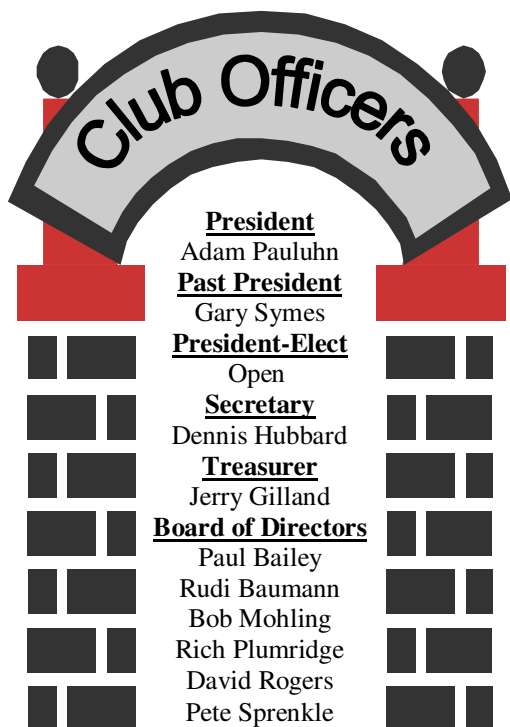
October 26 - Donlyn Whissen, "Stories from 1935 Colorado Hunting Journal"

Donlyn talked about the journal of an October 1935 hunting trip by Florence May Hill, a 20-year-old from Niwot, to hunt for deer, jackrabbits, rabbits, squirrels, and other animals. The hunting party included members of the Hill, Dean, and Robinson family from Niwot. The hunting was done from the “Red Dirt” base camp near the city of Walden, Colorado in the North Fork Valley area. Donlyn (Florence’s daughter) transcribed the journal using the same style as her mother used 80 years ago in her book From Niwot to Red Dirt: A Woman's 1935 Hunting Journal. The book has photos of the original journal pages and of the hunting party. Donlyn also talked about her family’s history in the Haystack Mountain area, moving there in 1933. They were familiar with the Native American leader Chief Niwot and his sons who were the original inhabitants of this part of Colorado. She included in her book a family timeline beginning with her grandfather's birth in 1879. You can buy a copy of this book at the Amazon website.



November 2 – Peggy Watson, “The Bird Conservancy of the Rockies”

Peggy talked about the varieties and status of bird populations in Colorado and surround states that are annually monitored by employees (up to 150 in the summer) and volunteers of the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. Most all of the \$5 million annual budget support coming from the U.S. Forest Service and private donations. With the increased development of open space and declines in wetlands in Colorado and other western states, the current bird populations have dropped to about 20 percent of what they were 100 years ago. Peggy described how the Bird Conservancy uses small “tracking backpacks” put on captured birds to do research on where and when they migrate. For example, our state bird (Lark Bunting) was found to migrate from central Mexico to southern Canada. The Bird Conservancy conducts educational programs for groups from 2 to 92, seeing very positive results from those who have Alzheimer’s and dementia. Every year on Martin Luther King’s Birthday, the conduct the “Christmas Bird Count for Kids”, going to places such as Bar Lake State Park where over 300 different bird species have been identified. Summer camps are also held in the mountains for youth from 2 to 17 to teach them about nature and how to count birds. For more info, see -- www.birdconservancy.org.



KIWANIS: Serving the Children of the World

Notes from November 5 Foothills Kiwanis Board Meeting -- Dennis Hubbard, Foothills Kiwanis Secretary

The Board of the Foothills Kiwanis Club met at the Egg and I Restaurant on November 5, 2015. President Pauluhn called the meeting to order at 7:01a.m. Attending were Board members: President Pauluhn, Treasurer Gilland, Secretary Hubbard, Bailey, Baumann, Mohling, Rogers. Guests: (none)

October 12, 2015:-- At a regular Kiwanis weekly meeting, a motion was made and approved to contribute \$40 to Rocky Mt. Honor Flight for Person and guardian Perkin for organizational meeting expenses.

Guests: None

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made and seconded to approve the October minutes. Report approved.

----A new application was presented and approved for Janet Gilland.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made and seconded to approve the November report.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Discussion was held concerning the upcoming Salvation Army bell ringing locations. The Board determined that due to the Club's small membership, that bell ringing priorities would be the Sunset King Soopers and the Meadows Safeway. The CKI members would also be at these two locations.

--A discussion was held about how the Club could recognize Sprenkle's service to the Boulder Valley Girl's softball organization. The Board decided to work with Boulder school board member Shelley Banford and work with Boulder City Park and Recreation to rename the Burke school softball field or another local field in honor of Sprenkle. The Board also discussed a way to honor outstanding Boulder Valley Softball coaches for their outstanding values in coaching.

The Foothills Kiwanis Club Board meeting adjourned at 7:38.

Notes from November 5 Foothills Boulder Foundation Board Meeting -- Dennis Hubbard, Foothills Secretary

The Board of the Foothills Kiwanis Foundation met at the Egg and I Restaurant on November 5, 2015. President Pauluhn called the meeting to order at 7:38. Attending were: President Pauluhn, Treasurer Gilland, Secretary Hubbard, Bailey, Baumann, Mohling, Rogers. Guests: (None)

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made and seconded the October minutes be approved. Report Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made and seconded to approve the October Foundation Treasurer's and Service Dog Project reports. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made and approved to make a \$200 donation to the Bird Conservancy.

--A motion was made and approved to donate \$500 to Project Sanctuary organization.

--Bailey reported on the \$398 donation from CKI from a tailgate party before the Oregon CU football game. The Board received the donation made a motion to match the \$398 donation. Passed.

--Bailey also gave an undetermined amount of coins as a donation from CKI to Project Eliminate. The amount will be reported at the next Board meeting.

--Mohling gave an update on the Peak to Peak school Key Club and will contact the advisor.

--Gilland gave an update on the Golf Tourney to be held on the second Monday in June. A committee will be formed to start the process.

The Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting adjourned at 8:13.

November 11 Memorial Day Observance / Broomfield

The staff of the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum has invited our club to attend this year's Veterans Day observance --

-- When: 10:00 AM - 12:00 p.m. November 11, 2015

-- Where: Broomfield High School Auditorium, 1 Eagle Way, Broomfield, CO 80020

Below is the schedule of the activities for the event. After the conclusion, the public is invited to an Open House at the Veterans Museum, at 12 Garden Center, until 3:00 p.m.

10:00 Introduction and welcome, Steve Higgins

10:05 Posting of colors by Broomfield Police Department Honor Guard

10:10 Pledge of Allegiance

10:15 National Anthem performed by Kayla Hruby

10:20 Invocation by Pastor Todd Scheuerman, The Ridge Community Church

10:25 Rocky Mountain Brassworks

11:00 Keynote Speaker Lt Col Daniel Finkelstein, USAF

11:20 Broomfield Civic Chorus, Barb Schipper

11:50 Words from Mayor Randy Ahrens

11:55 Thanks and invitation to Veterans Museum by Steve Higgins

12:00 Taps performed by Dave Burkhardt

Yearbook Photo of 2015-2016 Monarch HS Key Club

On Tuesday, November 3, the Monarch High School yearbook photo was taken of members of the 2015-2016 Monarch Key Club along with Faculty Advisor Kate Lunz (far left in front row) and Kiwanis Advisor Kerry Hassler (far right in front row). The Key Club T-shirts everyone is wearing were designed by Key Club Co-President Leah Matsumoto (standing next to Ms. Lunz). Also, this week Key Club members will be launching a "Penny Drive ELIMINATE Fundraiser" with a goal of raising \$500 towards the overall Rocky Mountain District Key Clubs' goal of \$25,000 towards ELIMINATE this school year.



Waverly's October 22-24 Rocky Mountain Honor Flight to Washington DC

-- Mike Fellows, Waverly's Honor Flight Escort

Waverly participated in a recent Rocky Mountain Honor Flight which brought 27 veterans of both WWII and the Korean War back to Washington, DC to view the many memorials. Mike Fellows, an Army veteran, accompanied Waverly as his escort. With escorts for each veteran and other support people, we had a total of about 54 people in the flight. At both Denver and Baltimore airports, wherever our group went there, we heard announcements of the Honor Flight, and other passengers clapped as we passed, often coming up to the veterans to shake their hands. We stayed at the Baltimore airport Hilton Hotel, and on Friday and Saturday took a comfortable tour bus into Washington, DC to tour the memorials.

Friday was a full day as we started off visiting the World War II Memorial, which was the main hit with everyone, especially Waverly. He repeatedly stated that just seeing that memorial made the whole trip worthwhile. Following that, we visited the Navy Memorial (The Lone Sailor), and then had a box lunch as we drove around the ellipse to see the White House, the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Center, and other sites of interest. The next stop was by the Lincoln Memorial where we were able to visit the Korean War Memorial and Vietnam Memorial. We ended the day at the Navy Yard in SE DC to visit the new Navy Historical museum at that location. After returning to our hotel for a brief rest, we then enjoyed a delicious dinner at the hotel. Mike Fellows' son, LTC Chris Fellows, who is stationed at Fort Meade, was able to join us for dinner.

Saturday started us off visiting Arlington National Cemetery where we observed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and participated in laying a wreath at the tomb. Following that, we visited the US Air Force Memorial and then the US Marine Corps Memorial, where we had a group photo taken. From there we adjourned to a nearby Chinese restaurant for a sumptuous lunch, and then loaded on our bus to head to Baltimore Airport to catch our flight home to Denver. The welcome home at Denver Airport was fabulous, and was a great way to end the marvelous trip.



Waverly at the entrance to the WW2 Memorial



Mike and Waverly at the Korean War Memorial



LTC Chris Fellows and Waverly at dinner on Friday night



Waverly with three other veterans at the WW2 Memorial



Group photo at the Iwo Jima Memorial (Marine Corps)

Boulder vet gets trip toward closure

Honor Flight program provides free three-day trips to D.C.

By Daniel Krum
For the Camera

What better way to honor elderly war veterans than take them on a free flight to visit memorials in Washington, D.C.?

Waverly Person, an 89-year-old World War II and Korean War veteran, recently returned from a three-day trip in the nation's capital, accompanied by 27 other veterans and their escorts — all expenses paid.

Through the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight Program, select elderly war veterans take a commercial flight from Denver to Baltimore, spending three days visiting war memorials. The Rocky Mountain hub is part of the Honor Flight Network, founded shortly after the World War II memorial was dedicated in 2004. Since the hub's first trip in 2008, it has served nearly 900 veterans.

Person described his recent trip as "first class," highlighting the extra measures the program took to ensure the veterans felt valued.

"They left no screws unturned," Person said. "To tell you the truth, it was the first time that I felt that I was appreciated for all I had done in the wars."

Person was born and raised in Virginia to a family who raised him to work hard, to persist, and to become successful, despite facing the disadvantages of being a black man in the south. While Person was slated to graduate in May 1945 at a private Episcopal high school, he was drafted in late 1944 in order to fill a local WWII drafting quota. At the young age of 19, Person was sent to New Guinea as part of the all-black 93rd Infantry Division, embarking to the Philippines in 1945 to train for the final assault on the Japanese main islands. The invasion of Wakima Island forced white and black units to fight together. Person said he would tell the white officers, "bulls don't know if you are black or white."

After returning home and achieving the rank of first sergeant, Person served in Fort Hood, Texas, during the Korean War. He experienced the integration of the military firsthand after President Harry Truman's executive order.

Person went on to study math at St. Paul College in Lawrenceville, Va., and became a seismologist after working as a technician at George Washington University in the early

1960's. Person achieved professional status as a geophysicist after the Alaskan earthquake of 1964, despite more discrimination. He settled in Boulder around 1970, rising to become the chief of the National Earthquake Information Center.

"I was the first African-American professional in earthquake seismology in the whole United States — I opened up the doors for everybody," Person said. "I never would give up."

Today, Person stays involved in the local community through his membership at Calvary Bible Church and the Foothills Kiwanis club.

"My early recollection of Waverly is that he had a big heart for the children of our community," said Bob Mohling, a fellow Kiwanis member. "He was the heart and soul of the club and inspired his club members to raise funds and work many community service projects."

Person's recent honor-flight experience illustrates is only one of many veterans' stories. The free memorial visitation allows veterans to experience closure by reflecting on their military service. Mary Haddon, president of the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight Program, said the trips help veterans put



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many of their nightmares is decreasing while the urgency to honor them is increasing. It is time for us of the lesser generation to honor our heroes," Michael Fellows, himself a veteran who spent 26 years in the military, served as Person's escort for the trip, and said he hopes Person's story will encourage other older veterans to apply to the program, which currently has a waiting list. Fellows met Person through the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum, which al-

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