



# Kiwanis Club of the FOOTHILLS

Club Website: [www.foothillskiwanis.org](http://www.foothillskiwanis.org)  
 Meetings: Mondays at 7:00 am at The Brewing Market, 2770 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO 80026

Apr. 6, 2026

## Coming up . . .

- 4/6/26 - Board Meeting at Brewing Market
- 4/13/26 – Builders Club, Key Clubs & CKI Updates
- 4/20/26 – Bill L, Car Care Kit Assembly
- 4/27/26 – Club Social, 5-7 pm, Bambei Brewing
- 5/4/26 - Board Meeting, Brewing Market
- 5/11/26 – Matt Hayman, Autonomous Laser Sensors for Improving Weather Forecasting
- 5/18/26 – Joe Girard, Scholarship Recognition
- 5/25/25 – Memorial Day, Bolder Boulder Starting Line
- 6/1/26 – Board Meeting at Brewing Market

### Program Chairpersons:

- May – Norm
- June - Bill D
- July – Matt



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## Snippets from Recent Club Programs

### 3/9/26 – President Chris, Member Survey Update

Chris, Matt, and Bill D led us through the three areas of survey recommendations: community visibility, leadership & education, and club meetings & membership. The specific focus areas are: increase membership growth and education, improve community visibility with signature program articles and enhanced social media, strengthen our community partnerships, and retain our club meeting and social format (3-2-2), locations, and times, but to test potentially new locations by the Board with its meetings initially at The Salvation Army. President Chris provided eight recommendations with assignments for our members. Let's all complete our assignments to make our club better!



### 3/16/26 – Clint Folsom, Superior's Fire Recovery & Rebuild Update

Clint, a local realtor and former mayor of Superior during the Marshall Fire, gave a brief reminder of his personal experiences of the fire, and an update of progress made since the December 2021 fire. He was one month into his final year as mayor when the fire occurred. He told of the initial text and phone messages that he received from his mom and the town manager while he was skiing at Breckenridge. On his return to Superior that afternoon, he was met by many reporters wanting news of the fire. Superior and Louisville lost 400 and 550 homes, respectively. Both are presently over 80% rebuilt. FEMA coordinated the cleanup. The investigation concluded two probable sources of the fire. Last year Excel settled with \$640M of funds to home owners rather than go to trial. There was large prevention program introduced that included underground lines, fire resistant materials, and sprinkler systems. Thanks, Clint, for an educational and interesting program!



At the conclusion of the meeting, President Chris presented Alan with a Kiwanis tote bag in recognition of his faithful leadership of the Alert Service Dog Programs for Kids. Thanks, Alan, for all you do to improve the lives of children and families experiencing Type 1 diabetes.



**KIWANIS: Serving the Children of the World!**

### 3/7/26 – Kiwanis Mid-Year Rally and CKI DCON

--Bob

Four of our club members attended the rally at the CSU Campus in Ft. Collins. The interclub consisted of: Chris, Bill A, Jeff, and Bob. Each member provided a snippet of a



Foothills interclub members with Jo, past District Secretary, at Rally

forum or experience of the Rally and CKI convention.

**Chris, Membership Panel** - The Kiwanis district convention Membership Panel focused on strategies to strengthen clubs through quality member programming, engagement, and community connection. Successful clubs emphasized having purposeful meetings with strong presenters and maintaining high-quality membership. Growing from within and hosting “bring a guest” days were key tactics. The Arvada club was highlighted for its organic growth and reputation as the club to belong to, while Anthem Ranch demonstrated effective member conversion by meeting members where they are—especially in a retirement community—offering flexibility for life events like travel or illness.



Membership panel; note President Michele of Anthem Ranch Kiwanis Club in center

Panelists stressed the importance of appealing across generations by providing options that make involvement fun and family-like, including monthly service projects and visible club branding through pins and apparel. Meeting formats were adapted, such as shifting from weekly lunch meetings to twice-monthly evening gatherings, to better fit members’ lifestyles. Clubs also set clear goals, motivated by milestones like a 50-year anniversary and membership targets.

Social media and branding were recognized as vital, with successful clubs maintaining dynamic, updated content through dedicated volunteers managing newsletters, websites, and promotional materials. The panel encouraged embracing new ideas and technologies, including AI, to enhance club growth and partnerships with local cities, ensuring clubs remain relevant and vibrant in their communities.

**Bill A, Food Bank and Awards Sessions** - The food bank session was more about the Loveland food bank and their

programs that were centered around Loveland. Most was about how the present program was initiated and what contributions the food bank staff in promoting it. There was almost no information about other food banks in the area and was mostly focused on promoting themselves. Their emphasis was on freshness and quality of food. I did learn about their freshness and spoilage standards and why contributions have to have store-like packaging with dates on use by.

The awards breakout concentrated on the Kiwanis awards available from Kiwanis and the requirements for awarding them. There were several that I recognized because the club has awarded them to our members. Most came from contributions to the Children's fund by our club to Kiwanis. It seemed that all the awards were controlled by the Secretaries records and it was up to the club to keep members aware of the awards and the personal recording required for them. There are awards for years in Kiwanis, for perfect attendance, members monetary contributions to Kiwanis, and other achievements. In total 15 awards were reviewed and the requirements for the award. Most of the record keeping required more than is usually required of the Secretary and would require member input and request to achieve the award. It was interesting but not of significant concern for our club.

**Jeff, CKI Members Interview** - I interviewed a couple of Circle K kids at the CSU Kiwanis event. The students mentioned how they felt after their first volunteering experience. I was expecting



Foothills interclub members with Sierra & Sarah of CU's CKI Club

simple answers. Instead, I found something much deeper. They spoke about sorting donations, volunteering at events and smiling at strangers who quickly didn't feel like strangers anymore. One of the girls told me she had been nervous volunteering for the first time, unsure if she would make a difference. But then someone thanked her—it made her heart warm—and everything shifted.

My heart melted listening to their stories. I was listening how it makes them feel to give, and their words carry a quiet kind of wonder. They describe it like discovering something they didn't know they needed. One boy said he came to his first event, anticipating making some new friendships. Instead, he found his calling, and that is what he's majoring in; human services.

Nearby, Circle K members shared similar stories. First-time volunteers who came for hours but left with something



President Chris receives Outstanding Club Award

more. They laughed about mistakes, proud moments, and the surprising joy that simple acts can give a soul.

What struck me most wasn't what they had done, but how quickly they fell in love with giving.

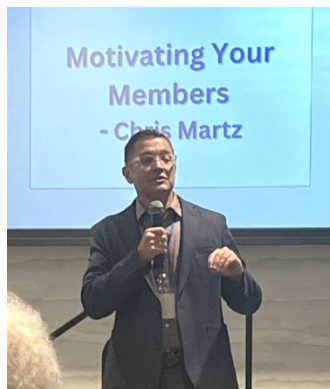
In their voices, there was no obligation—only excitement. No pressure—only purpose.

And as I packed up to leave, I realized I hadn't just interviewed them.

They had reminded me why giving matters to so many.

**Bob, Motivating Members Forum** – This forum was given

by Chris Martz, Director of Membership & Engagement at Kiwanis International. He described the three groups of every club and asked what motivates them. He encouraged us to make Kiwanis work for them, and challenged us to inspire all members to give their personal best and create an experience that fulfills them.



We should let everyone know this looks different for each person. He listed some positive items in recruiting new members: we must invite them to our meetings, determine their passions, introduce them to other members, explain our Kiwanis buzz words, and followup with them. He recommended that all club members be encouraged to recruit new members by using training sessions, roster analysis and brainstorming of candidates (friends, neighbors, co-workers), planning sessions with things to say and not to say in our recruitment pitches. One of the best ways to recruit new members is by inviting them to participate in a service project and/or club social. Kiwanis is amazing and we should want to share its benefits with our friends and neighbors.

### **3/6/26 – Peak to Peak Builders Club Meetings**

--Vince



The new officers' slate was decided on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The new officers will shadow the current officers for the rest of the year and take over in the Fall. The new officers are Yutika Chavhan, President; Jasmita Thenralmani, Vice-president; and, Ishaani Singh, Secretary. For service, the group made a gratitude chain and stretched it around the classroom to demonstrate all the things in their life they are grateful for.

### **3/6/26 – P2P Key Club Meeting**

--Bob



Eighteen members attended the pizza potluck meeting. Members were reminded that DCON registrations are due. The members were invited to be ushers at the Boulder Chamber concert later this evening. Members were reminded that they must participate in four volunteer opportunities by the end of the school year. Ms. Melber and two officers plan to attend the Foothill's SLP Clubs update meeting on April 13.

### **3/18/26 – Luncheon Optimist Club Visit in Boulder**

--Bob

Captain Miguel Morales of The Salvation Army, Bill Duclos, and I attended the Luncheon Optimist Club meeting at Back Country Pizza in Boulder on 3/18/26. Jim Hill, former President



and Board member, invited us to provide a PowerPoint presentation of service projects and fundraiser events sponsored by Foothills Kiwanis and The Salvation Army/Broomfield Corps. The highlights and action items from the meeting are:

- Optimist International is encouraging their clubs to collaborate with other community service organizations. Jim reviewed our club website and noted several areas of possible collaboration on children's service projects.
- Their club's primary projects are Brain Bowl, Boulder Justice, and Precious Child. Their primary fundraiser is parking cars for CU events. The annual Brain Bowl for middle schools requires many volunteers from all of the Optimist Clubs in the Denver area.
- They showed interest in many of our service projects and fundraisers. They support the Bolder Boulder 10k Race event on Memorial Day. They used to ring the bell with Boulder Kiwanis Club in the Boulder mall.
- We recommended at the conclusion of the meeting that their Board, with the support of their members, select projects of interest from the Foothills Kiwanis and The Salvation Army lists. If they are interested, we

volunteered to meet with their Board to brainstorm projects of possible collaboration.

The next step is in their court. If they are interested, they will contact us to brainstorm to find collaborative efforts.

#### **Upcoming Community Service/Kiwanis Events**

- **April 10, 2026** – 6 pm, YoungLife Banquet at the Establishment, Broomfield
- **April 10-12, 2026** – Key Club's 75<sup>th</sup> District Convention (DCON) at YMCA Camp/Estes Park
- **April 13, 2026** – SLP Clubs Presentation at Foothills
- **April 25, 2026** - Cornhole Tournament at Bambei Brewing starting at 11 am
- **May 2, 2026** – Colorado Feeding Kids packaging event, 10 am- 12 pm, 14107A E. Exposition Ave., Aurora
- **May 25, 2026** – 6 am, Starting line volunteers for Memorial Day 10k Race in Boulder
- **June 25-27, 2026** - The Kiwanis International Convention, Manila, Philippines
- **August 14-16, 2026** – DCON at the Pueblo Convention Center, Pueblo, CO