



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

July 25, 2011

Coming up . . .

7/25/11 – Gary Symes, “April 29 2011 Boulder Children’s Day and Awards”

8/1/11 – Open

8/4/11 – 7:00 a.m. Foothills Board Meeting, Parkway Restaurant

8/8/11 – Open

8/15/11 – Open

Program Chairpersons:

July – Fred McGehan

August – David Petrick (on assignment in FLA; could use a substitute!)

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

7/11/11 – 7/18/2011 → Dennis Hubbard, “Scenes from Semester at Sea” and his trip around the world.

Dennis Hubbard regaled us on consecutive weeks, sharing his experiences of his 4-month-long “semester at sea.” Week 1 was largely an overview, including a summary of the history of Semester at Sea. The trip involved many “field trips” (land based) and some side water trips, including a trip up the Amazon.

Dominica, in the Lesser Antilles, is a beautiful island retaining the influence of the French in its architecture – and possessing a Carnegie Library. Did you know that the Amazon drains a watershed the size of the United States? They fished for piranha in the Amazon. Cayman (wee-gators) populate the Amazon and its jungles. The city of Manaus, well up the river, is now a thriving manufacturing city, largely attributable to its status as a Free Economic Zone (Free Trade).

Ghana, on Africa’s gold coast, sports a dark history as a center of slave trade, 12-14 million taken from this region, the vast majority ending up in Brazil, the Caribbean and (unexpectedly) the east African coast. Approx 1/2 million ended up in British colonies that eventually became the US. Gold is still mined there, and it is a source of strife between the various tribes. A curious gov’t structure, wherein the leader is selected by a Queen Mother, who is elected directly to solve intertribal conflicts.

In South Africa, they were privileged to tour the local wine country just outside Cape Town, as well as several Habitat for Humanity sites.

Through the Indian Ocean they stopped by the island country of Mauritius as well as a surprise health-emergency-related stop at the US Naval base at Diego Garcia, which is leased from the British government.

In Hanoi the older folks on the tour insisted that the field trip stop by the “Hanoi Hilton” – sad to say that many of the students had no idea what it was, or that Cap’t John McCain was tortured there for six years. Evidence of the French culture – which largely departed after the colossal loss at Dien Bien Phu in 1954 – is still evident. Now, more than 35 years after the end of the US-VietNam war, it is becoming rather a tourist attraction.



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Sadly, on account of the March 11 earthquake, tsunami, and subsequent Fukushima nuclear disaster, the tour had to avert Japan.

There is so much more to share. Thanks Dennis. Space and time limit me from sharing more. What a great experience.



Our speaker on July 11 and 18th; Dennis Hubbard who is also our spectacular club secretary.

August 11-14 Rocky Mountain District Annual Convention. The District convention will again be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on the south side of Colorado Springs this year. Our club is authorized to assign delegate status to up to three members. Please sign up with Jerry Gilland to get your registration fees paid.

Foothills Kiwanis Reminders

- For the first club meeting of each month, bring either –
 - Snack items, or a grocery coupon for buying snack items, to help Blue Sky Bridge kids in counseling – OR –
 - Bar soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, and other personal care items to help Sister Carmen in-need families that'll be forwarded to these organizations by Woody. Thanks for your contributions!
- The 92nd Annual Rocky Mountain District Convention will be held from August 11-14 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs. On-line registration forms can be found at -- www.rmdkiwanis.com. Consider attending this annual event!

7/18/11 – Fred Fusilier presents check to Foothills Kiwanis

Fred Fusilier, representing the Bolder Boulder Race, attended our meeting and thanked us very much for our help provided to him and his security team at the starting line of this year's BB. He also showed a brief slide show of pictures made of high def overhead pictures made during the race start that will be used to show how things can be improved in the future ... especially useful considering that 2011 was the first year with this starting line location and direction.

This money will be donated to Team River Runners, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to therapy and welcoming home of our service men and women, and their families, who have been wounded, injured or psychologically affected by their service to our nation and its allies overseas.

<http://www.teamriverrunner.org/>



Fred Fusilier, presents check to President Joe at the July 18 meeting of Foothills Kiwanis