



Kiwanis Club of the Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org

Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at Coal Creek Golf Course, 585 W. Dillon Rd, Louisville, CO 80027 (303) 666-7888

Snippets from Recent Club

Coming up . . .

12/14/20-David Turner NOAA Meteorologist

12/21/20-Bob, Dave, Joe New Kiwanis Member Education
Gordon Fordyce, Club Fundraising Proposal

12/28/20-Round Table

1/4/21-Round Table

1/6/21-Board/Foundation Meeting

Program Chairperson:

Dec-Bob

Jan-Major Mike

11/2/20-Bob Mohling, Recognizing our Veterans and Front Liners

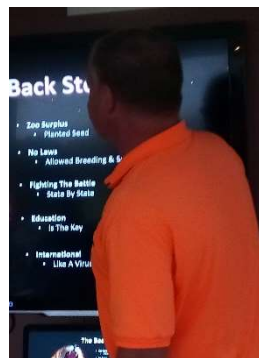
Bob Mohling honored club veterans and front liners with a tribute to each member's service. The tribute covered the periods WWI (1914-18), WWII (1939-45), Korean Conflict (1950 – 1953), Vietnam Era (1961 – 75), Gulf War (1990 – 91), United States Capitol Police (1801 – present), and the Salvation Army (1865 – present). The program opened with Paul Bailey's Grandfather, Dr. George Bailey who served during WWI as an airborne medic. He was stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, MD. Foothill's Waverly Person served in the US Army during WWII from 1943 to 1945. Waverly was a 1st Sergeant who served in New Guinea, the Philippines, and Japan with the 375 Quartermaster Corp in support of the 33rd Infantry Division. Gerald Mordhorst also served in WWII first as an aviation machinist and then flight engineer in the US Navy. Richard Duclos, Bill's father, served in the Army from 1943 to 1946. He saw 110 days of infantry duty during the Battle of the Bulge, and the invasion of Germany. He celebrated VE day after meeting the Russians along the Elbe River. Craig Hurst's father and brother both served in the Army. His father John E. retired after 21 years as a Colonel after serving in Korea and Vietnam. Craig's brother John J. served for 11 years from 1982 to 1992 and saw duty with the 24th Infantry during the Gulf War. Matt Frederick's grandfather John Meyers served with the Army during the Korean Conflict. Honorary member Pete Sprengle served prior to the Vietnam Era as an Air Force Reservist from 1954 – 1962. Pete was a trainer in Data Processing for the AFQT. Active member Rudi Baumann received an Army ROTC commission while at Michigan



State University. Rudy served six months active duty as Financial Officer at 5th Army HQ in Chicago. Dave Rogers served during the Vietnam Era from 1961 to 1963. He was a company CO with the 92nd Engineering Bn at Ft. Bragg, NC. Dave's son-in-law, Lt Col Robb Kammerzell, is an Airborne Ranger who served in Iraq. Laurence Hubbard was in the Marine Corp from 1961 to 1963. He served at the Marine Corps Air/Ground Combat Center in 29 Palms, CA. Bob Mohling was in the Air Force for 3.5 years from 1962 to 1965. He was a SAC Aircraft Maintenance Officer at Loring AFB, ME and later a Rocket Propulsion Engineer at Edwards AFB, CA. Bill Anderson served with the US Army Corp of Engineers as an Engineers Officer. He served first at Ft. Knox, KY in demolition development and then was sent to Vietnam where he was in facilities construction and maintenance. Vince Van Zago spent 2 years and 8 months in the Army from 1969 to 1972. He was a computer and machinery specialist serving 24 months in two countries overseas with the Corp of Engineers. Phil Rutledge was in the Air Force. He was an operating room technician from 1976 to 1980. He served on the SAC Base in Minot, ND. Randy Hayden was with the US Capitol Police. He served from 1993 to 2018 in several capacities such as Detective/Special Agent and collateral positions as instructor for K-9, HazMat, CDU, Chemical Weapons, and Ceremonial and First Responder Units. Major Michael Paugh has been with the Salvation Army since 1995. He served as Emergency Disaster Services Director in the Western Territory of the US. The Salvation Army Disaster Services responds to such emergencies as fires, earthquakes, airplane crashes, floods, and suffering humanity. Foothills Kiwanis thanks all who served and thank you Bob for honoring all our club's vets and first liners and compiling some interesting information about the members that served.

11/9/2020 Kent Drotar, the Wild Animal Sanctuary

Kent grew up in Arvada and attended Arvada High School. He received an AV degree from Metro State. A veteran of the US Air Force, Kent piloted RS135 transport planes. After serving for five years as a volunteer at the Animal Sanctuary, he was hired full time and has worked at the Sanctuary near Hudson for 10 years. He is currently Director of Public Relations. Kent's role as director requires many speaking and tour engagements. These days, engagements are mostly by ZOOM. Live is certainly better. Educating the public about



the plight of captured exotic animals is Kent's primary mission. There are 4,000 tigers living in captivity in the state of Texas, whereas there are only 3,800 tigers living in the wild. The Wild Animal Sanctuary was founded by Pat Craig in 1980 and was originally located at 75th and Valmont in Boulder. Pat found out that unwanted exotic animals were being euthanized. He wanted to set up a place to rescue these animals. Pat moved the Sanctuary from Boulder to Lyons, where he had 160 acres. Then he acquired 789 acres near Hudson, where the current Sanctuary is located. Recently, the Sanctuary acquired 10,000 acres 35 miles from Springfield, Colorado, and refuge land about 40 miles from Ft. Worth, Texas. Recently 35 lions were placed on that refuge after being rescued from a Bolivian circus. The back story is that captured animals live in horrible conditions. Zoos often dump their surplus animals on private owners, who confine the animals in small cages. Since laws are few, breeding and pelting activities are not controlled. Four educators who work for the Animal Sanctuary fight the battle by meeting with official's state by state to encourage legislation to protect these exotic animals. Efforts have recently been extended into the International realm. No location is too far, difficult, or remote for the Sanctuary to undertake an animal rescue. Bad people are involved in trading exotic animals. For example, a man named Joe Exotic has threatened Pat Craig many times. He and his employees are well armed. His organization breeds and sells tigers. Fortunately, he is currently serving a term in Federal Prison. Rescued animals come from all over the country and countries such as Spain, Lebanon, Guatemala, Portugal, and Guam. Five state have no laws, and other states allow possession of exotic animals by permit, but there is no monitoring or enforcement. One example was the Sanctuary being asked to rescue two tigers and a bear from captivity in Spearfish, South Dakota. The animals lived in small cages with no ability to move around. Sometimes animals are happy to be rescued, but some react with fear since they have spent their entire life in a cage. There are currently 500 lions, tigers, bears, wolves, and other large carnivores roaming the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary has 130 to 140 volunteers and is closed only four days per year. Most employees started as volunteers. Rescued animals in the sanctuary never try to get out. Black bears can climb wooden fence posts (for fun), so the Sanctuary uses eight-foot steel fences. Sanctuary animals have no hunting skills because these skills are taught by mother's to cubs. Animals do not reproduce because males are neutered except for lions. Female lions are on contraception. Wolves are the most euthanized captive animals. Owners acquire them as pups, but because they are wild animals, they do not respond with affection and will

not obey as pet dogs will. The Springfield Sanctuary is not open to the public, but only to Founders and contributors. The mortgage on the facility is \$777 per acre. The club thanks Kent for this informative and heartwarming presentation. For more information, see the website at www.WildAnimalSanctuary.com

11/16/2020, Steven Lembke Sweet Spot, Valuable Coins and Currency

Steven has a background in restaurant food service and he also ran a gas station. He loves to search for and discover artifacts and treasure. He also has a passion for coins. Steven showed the group a bank note that a relative, Clyde



Cleveland, won in a pool game in 1945 in North Africa. Clyde served with the 52nd Bomber Group in WWII. The bank note was one of a few printed and dated 2/4/1939. The note is worth over \$500. Bills and notes have a “coolness number” that can be valuable to collectors. Steven once had a 1-dollar bill with a rare coolness number that he sold for \$27. Steven had eight different bills with star notes to indicate reprinting and cool numbers that brought \$60 to \$500 on Ebay. Steven loves to clean and polish old coins so that printing is legible. He has eight books of coins with dates or mint errors such as double stamping that make them valuable. For example, a penny with a rare stamping error and uncirculated can bring \$85K to \$126K. A 1992 D (from Denver mint) Lincoln Penny, as another example, had a die circulated and proof mix-up so that the AM letters had a spacing too close. This penny in good condition can bring \$500. Some 1993 D pennies have stamping from front to back 180 degrees off. These can bring \$125 to \$350. Most errors are in coins die stamped by hand. Hand stamp dies were usually used until the die wears out. Dies that are cracked will put a mark on a coin. Polished dies also specially mark a coin. A “vamp” is a mark where an old die is used on one side of a coin and a new die on the other side. There are other errors that are worth money. A quarter with an extra leaf can bring \$60. A limited amount of 2000 Sacajawea silver dollars were minted and mostly put in cereal boxes. These silver dollars showed the veins in the eagle feathers. One of these dollars uncirculated can bring \$10,000. In Centennial, there is a grading company that can evaluate a defect and grade to determine the worth of a coin. Buy, grade, and sell coins is

what Steven does. A drop chip or crack can also bring up the value of a coin. Three feathers instead of two can also raise the value of a buffalo nickel. A re-punched mint mark on a coin can fetch \$125. Thank you, Steven, for an interesting presentation and all the excellent service we have enjoyed at the Sweet Spot Café.

11/23/2020, Major Mike Paugh, 2020 Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Salvation Army Bell Ringing started in the late 1800's when Captain McFee, rang a bell with a sign that said, “Keep the pot boiling”. To emphasize the importance of the Red Kettle Drive, Major Mike played a video about breaking the cycle of poverty. Because of the COVID-19 challenges in 2020, the Salvation Army introduced a virtual red kettle drive with the theme, “Help us rescue Christmas”. Live bell ringers will take special precautions this year. In addition to masks (provided), temperatures will be taken and recorded for each ringer on a two-hour shift. Foothills Kiwanis club members started volunteering for bell ringing in the early 70's. Last year, the club ringers brought in \$15,402. Over the Denver Broomfield area, the SA took in \$150,000, but this year, because of restricted access and eliminating paid workers, ringers will be lucky to bring in \$50,000. A comedic video “Bean and Barley” emphasized the Army's war against poverty and hopelessness. Last year, SA aided over 8,000 impoverished people. This year the number is expected to exceed 10,000. Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones is on the Salvation Army Advisory Board. Every home game, he puts Salvation Army Red Shield signs all over the Dallas Stadium contrary to NFL policy. Every game, Jerry is fined by the League, and gladly pays it to advertise for the cause. Thank you, Major Mike, for an inspirational presentation. Our Club goal is to beat last year's ringing total.



11/30/2020, Rashika Kartik, Creative Activism

Rashika is a 15 year-old student at Highlands Ranch High School. Rashika is an artist who uses her work as a vehicle for justice, fairness, and change. Rashika's inspiration for activist art started when she had the opportunity to volunteer at the **Andros Center** for blind children. At the time she was a visual artist, but she became aware that visual art could actually connect with everyone. While volunteering at the **Colorado Center for the Blind**, she discovered tactile art for the blind can enrich them and activate their emotions. She found that there are huge cultural benefits extending art to the blind and elderly. Rashika became president of the **Colorado Tactile Art Club**. This organization started locally, but has now branched out internationally. Even through ZOOM, tactile art has blossomed. Rashika has also connected art to the blind through the **National Federation of the Blind**. Through this connection she was led to found **Vision of the Artist Soul**. Through this program, Rashika emphasized art museum accessibility for the blind, and with the NFB affiliation, she created touch and create workshops to help blind people express themselves artistically. At the NSB Washington Seminar, Rashika became empowered to become an activist for more inclusion of the blind in our society. While doing this, she founded "White Cane Day" to further this cause of inclusion. Ultimately, Rashika hopes to expand her message to all ages of the blind and visually impaired. Sculpture is another form of art that can non-visually expand the perspective of the blind. Rashika credits her school's Community Service Supervisor and Art Teacher for being mentors and inspiring her efforts. Our club is grateful to Rashika, a very special young lady, for showing us how activist art can change our society.



2020 Salvation Army Bell Ringing Has Started

The 2020 SA red kettle bell ringing season kicked off on November 27th and will run through December 23rd. Foothill's Club location for ringing this year is again the King Soopers at 136th and Zuni, primarily the East door. Through the first six ringing days, the red kettle donations are over \$4500. See a collage of our club's most photogenic ringers below.





**Front Row: left Bill Duclos; right Dave Rogers
Second Row: left Bob Mohling; right Marty Sugg
Third Row: left Bill Anderson; Matt Frederick**

Kiwanis of the Foothills Receives Membership Growth Award

The Foothills club was awarded \$750 from the Rocky Mountain District for 2019/2020 membership growth. The award was earned by adding five new members, with a net of four (we lost one). Let us do even better in 2020/2021. Bob Mohling (“the Velvet Hammer”) sponsored many new members. Bob’s outstanding work in recruiting should motivate all of us to bring in new members.



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New Alert Service Dog Placed



Chayse and Fitz

Randy Hayden, Service Dog Committee Chair, announced that the Foothills Kiwanis Alert Service Dog Program has placed a new pup with a new family on 12/7. The new pup is a golden retriever. The pup’s name is “Fitz”, and he is one from the first litter of 11 born to veteran service dogs Shelby and Elway. The happy girl receiving the pup is Chayse Tapley. She is 17 years old and a junior at Fairview High School. Family and pup will participate in two years of training before graduating.



The Shelby_Elway Litter

Foothills Kiwanis Club Metrics October and November 2020/2021

October/November	Year-to Date
Attendance: 14 avg/16.4 avg.	15.5 avg.
Service Hours: 234/257	491
Members Participating: 14/14	28
Non-Members Participating 4/4	8
Guests: 3/7	10
New Members: 0/0	0

