



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

Aug. 22, 2011

Coming up . . .

8/22/11 Jerry Gilland, Overview of Service Dog Training

8/26/11 6:00 p.m. Foothills Kiwanis Summer Party at Gilland home

8/29/11 Dean Jones, "Coping with Hard Times"

9/1/11 7:00 a.m. Foothills Board Meeting, Parkway Restaurant

Program Chairpersons:

August – Kerry Hassler/Mary Schweitzer

September – Adam Pauluhn

October - Mary Schweitzer

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

August 8 – Ruth Perry, "Update on Sister Carmen Community Center"

Ruth gave club members an update on the Sister Carmen Community Center that serves the residents of Lafayette, Louisville, Superior, and Erie. A non-profit organization with no religious affiliation, Sister Carmen provides assistance to needy families by providing food, rent, utilities, transportation, medical care, and other basic needs. They also work one on one with individuals and families to assist them in their efforts to reach self-sufficiency. As Sister Carmen Food Bank Manager, Ruth talked in particular about their new food distribution program that allows clients to select a choice of foods from their Food Bank by using a point system rather than getting a pre-assembled package of food as has been the case in the past. Sister Carmen is trying through this new program to help clients pick a more nutritious combination of meats, dairy products, fruits, and vegetables instead of foods containing fats and chemical additives. Client families can get food from the Food Bank twice per month, where typically over 40 clients come to the Food Bank each weekday to get food. This past year, the Sister Carmen Food Bank distributed over 1 million pounds of food, much of it coming from the local Community Food Share warehouse and grocery stores such as King Soopers, Albertson's, and Safeway. Ruth deserves much credit for the fantastic job she does!

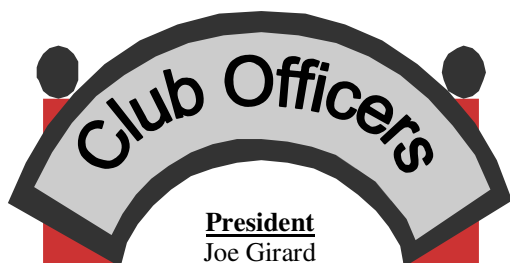


August 15 – Longmont Kiwanis "Craft Toys for Kids" Project

Chuck Everitt, the President Elect of the Kiwanis Club of Longmont, gave a presentation about the Craft Toys for Kids Project. Each week 6-8 members meet in his garage to make a variety of wooden toys and crochet dolls. Since last October over 700 of these toys have been donated to local charities that work with kids as well as far away as Uganda and Haiti. Also, about 500 toys have been sold to more than cover the costs of the project.

Next weekend more toys are offered sale at a booth at the Yester Year Farm Show held at the Dougherty Museum, one mile south of Longmont on Hwy. 287. One unique toy, a scale replica of a 1915 Case steam engine tractor with working levers and wheels, required 100 hours to build and will be sold at auction. The Show will open August 26 at 9:00 a.m., and run through August 28 to 8:30 p.m.

Joe Girard gave a short speech based on an essay he published on his blog several months ago, called *Eternal Life*. The speech covered three uniquely memorable lives of individuals from three different centuries. Each one enjoys a kind of eternal life today because their lives and actions were so interesting and distinguished.



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Notes and News from RMD Annual Convention

-- *Dave Rogers, Jerry Gilland, and Jan Rogers*

The Rocky Mountain District's 92nd Annual Convention was held in Colorado from August 11-14 Springs at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, with primary activities held on August 12 and 13. At the general business meeting, Bob Garretson from the Fort Collins Eye Opener's Club was elected Governor for the 2011-2012 year, and Jack Schwartz from the Denver Tech Center was elected Governor-elect. Dave Rogers was elected to another 3-year term as a director of the District Foundation.

PROJECT ELIMINATE - Dave attended the side session on Project Eliminate, presented by Dawn Ignatius, District Eliminate Chair. This program is the new project adopted by Kiwanis International with a goal of eliminating Maternal Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) in 38 Asian and African countries where over 59,000 babies die of MNT annually. This will be accomplished by giving a series of three shots to all girls of child-bearing age. This is a joint project with UNICEF that will actually give the shots. The 5-year goal is to raise \$110 million. Tetanus spores reside in the soil, and enter the human body through any open sore. With current birthing practices in Africa and Asia, the placenta is an open path for these spores.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT FOUNDATION - Closer to home, our District Foundation continues to struggle to meet our commitments to support the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute at Children's Hospital and grants to club projects within the district. Through July 31, 2011, the foundation has contributed a total of \$43,037.70 in grants and donations, with \$30,100 going to KPTI. At the Foundation Luncheon on Friday, however, over \$32,000 in donations and pledges were raised. Foundation Endowment funds currently total \$306,269.72.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER - Dave also attended the session, presented by Ken Bradley of the South Denver Club. This project, run by Ken's club, has spent over 6000 man-hours filling 246,000 meal-bags for distribution to needy children in 2011. Of the meals packaged, 20 percent go to Colorado, 40 percent to Haiti, and 40 percent to Africa. The meal bags have a 3-year shelf life and cost 25 cents per meal. The South Denver Club hosts several meal-packing events a year at their warehouse, but also go on the road for packing events.

OUR SERVICE DOG PROJECT TABLE: Our club had a table in the convention headquarters with a display advertising our Service Dog Training Project. Janet and Jerry Gilland spent Friday at the table with Casey, as did Ray Allison, his wife, and Buffy from the Longmont Club on Saturday. Dave and Jan Rogers also helped at the table on both days.

Jerry Gilland Notes: Eight or so useful contacts were made. Most contacts were just curious about our project and/or wondering what it would take for them to do a project. I had one very interesting contact with a Casper, Wyoming Kiwanian who suggested that they could sponsor a pup as their way of being involved. There were a couple of presentation requests.

Jan Rogers Notes: The non-Kiwanian spouses were treated to interesting tours of the Olympic Center, the Air Force Academy, and a day at the Broadmoor Hotel spa.

Next year's convention will be in Alamosa. The convention is really an excellent way to learn about Kiwanis and is a motivating experience. I urge each of you to attend one.



Jerry Gilland, and Ray Allison and service dog Buffy from the Longmont Kiwanis Club, at our Service Dog Project table



Jan and Dave Rogers helping at our Service Dog Project table

Recognition of 2011 Foothills Tuition Scholarship Recipient Mason McNutt (Centaurus High School)

During our August 8 club meeting, Mason McNutt was recognized as the recipient of our club's 2011 \$500 Tuition Scholarship Award. Aside from Mason's 4.7 GPA achieved at Centaurus High School, he was involved in many community service projects, including going on a mission trip to Washington DC to clean parks in slum areas, volunteering at the Boulder Homeless Shelter, stocking shelves at a Lafayette food bank, and serving as a volunteer referee for YMCA youth basketball programs. Mason has been accepted to attend the University of Colorado in Boulder this fall. Good job, Mason!



Debbie and Mason McNutt with 2011 Foothills Kiwanis Tuition Scholarship Committee Chair Kerry Hassler