



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

Mar. 29, 2010

Coming up . . .

- 3/29/10** John Anderson, "Alive-at-25"
Colorado State Highway Patrol program to prevent teen-age driving deaths
- 4/1/10 7:00 a.m.** Board Meeting at Parkway Restaurant in Boulder
- 4/5/10** John Hafnor, "Strange But True, America"
- 4/12/10** Spence Havlik, "Cuba"
- 4/19/10** Gemma Webster, "World of Wonders Children's Museum" located in Lafayette (also known as "WOW")
- 4/26/10** Terry Hardie, "Scenes of Turkey"

Program Chairperson(s):

April – Mary Schweitzer

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

March 15 – Rudi Baumann, "Blue Danube Trip Photos"

Rudi showed to club members photos of a riverboat cruise taken with wife Sharon from Prague to Budapest on the "Blue Danube". They saw many churches and palaces along the way, including an opera house where a different opera was performed every day. Countries visited were the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, and Austria. In these countries, they visited the cities of Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, and others locations. Thanks to Rudi for showing our club members photos of these beautiful places!



March 22 – Dr. Richard Cross and Eye Health Institute non-profit Treasurer Carl Gentzel, "Vision-Screening of Jamaica School Kids"

Dr. Richard Cross talked to club members about the volunteer eye-care project he started in 1996 that helps provide vision care to children and adults of all ages in the western areas of Jamaica. Every November for two weeks, Dr. Cross and up to 20 other eye doctors, opticians, and vision specialists from Colorado and other states pay their own way to Jamaica to provide children and adults with vision care. This includes giving basic eye exams and glaucoma tests, prescribing/fitting glasses, and (for eye surgeons in the group) doing cataract operations and other types of eye surgeries. Since 1996, Dr. Cross and his volunteers groups have provided vision help to over 5000 Jamaicans, delivering over 3000 pairs of glasses there. Last November, a 20-person volunteer group gave 186 eye exams, 267 vision screenings, and 134 pediatric exams; performed 16 eye surgeries; and saw a total of 598 patients. NOTE: If you have glasses not being used, you may donate them to Dr. Cross' Eye Health Institute (EHI) non-profit to match them up with people in Jamaican by calling EHI Treasurer Carl Gentzel at – 303-440-5541. For info about EHI's projects as well as vision equipment needing donations for helping Jamaicans, see -- www.eyehalthinstitute.org



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KIWANIS: Serving the Children of the World

Saturday April 3 Pancake Fundraiser for Girls' Softball
-- Pete Sprenkle, Girls' Softball Coach

The Boulder Stars Pancake Breakfast fundraiser is being held this Saturday morning April 3 from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. at Applebee's in Boulder on 28th Street. Tickets for adults are \$7.00 per person; and for children under 12, \$5.00. Tickets may be bought from Pete or at the door. All fundraiser proceeds go to help buy equipment, pay fees, etc. for the Boulder Stars "14U" softball team that Pete coaches and on which his granddaughter Julia plays. Thanks for helping to support the youth of our community if you can attend this fundraising event.

"Taste of Downtown Boulder" Club Fundraising Project
-- Pete Sprenkle, Project Leader

Good news! For the Taste of Downtown Boulder fundraiser being held on Saturday, April 17 from 1-4 p.m., we now have at least 15 downtown Boulder restaurants who've signed up to participate in this annual fundraiser, including several new establishments. The strong support for this club project shows how much our Kiwanis activities and donations to various organizations that help kids are appreciated in our community. Thanks to all those who made calls, pounded the pavement, and manned the phones to sign up these restaurants.

"Taste of Downtown Boulder" Updated Ticket Policy
-- Kerry Hassler

As a reminder to all Foothills club members, **it is not required that any club member sell tickets for the Taste fundraiser.** As is true of any club fundraiser or event, club members have the choice to "opt out" if they choose to do so. All we can expect is that if club members choose to sell tickets, they do the best they can. **There is no minimum number of tickets a club member is required to sell if they choose to sell Taste tickets.**

Club members may get tickets for the Taste from Pete or Kerry. Please give your ticket sales proceeds and/or your own donation for this fundraiser to Joe Girard. Thanks for your support!

Sign-Up for April 30 Boulder Children's Day Event

Fred McGehan is coordinating our club's sign-up for "Boulder Children's Day" event being held on April 30 on the Pearl Street Mall where Kiwanians will teach kids about safety using various kinds of demonstrations and the Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District's Junglemobile. Other Boulder-area Kiwanis clubs will participate in this event. So far, Dave Rogers, Jerry Gilland, Bob Mohling, Waverly Person, and Kerry Hassler have volunteered to help in addition to Fred, but additional volunteers are welcomed. Contact Fred if you can also volunteer.

"Thoughts for the Day" from previous Club Meetings

- (March 15) "Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read." -- Groucho Marx
- (March 22) "The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has." -- Will Rogers

March 27 Rocky Mountain District Key Club Convention

From March 26-28, the annual Rocky Mountain District's Key Club Convention was held at the Sheraton Denver West in Lakewood, attended by over 190 Key Club members from many of the RMD's 90 Key Clubs in Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska. Kerry Hassler attended the 8-11 a.m. "Key Club Advisors Workshop" to get information about Key Club leadership and activities to forward to Waverly Person in expectation he'll be the Foothills Advisor for a new Key Club at Boulder High School we'll try to start again in September.

During the Saturday luncheon (attended by Foothills members Dave Rogers and Kerry Hassler), the focus of the program was recognition by RMD Key Club Board members of fundraising done by many of the district's Key Clubs for Children of Peace International (COPI), a Kiwanis project started in 1998 by Binh Rybacki of the Ft. Collins Kiwanis Club. The initial COPI goal was build a school in Vietnam that would allow children to attend without needing to cross a dangerous river by ferry boat in which several kids of the existing school had drowned. Today, COPI supports 11 schools and orphanages in Vietnam which serve over 4500 children. The current total of COPI funds raised by RMD Key Clubs is over \$31,000 that's targeted for another school in Vietnam to be built, with a goal to raise \$32,000 more for the school within the next two years. A presentation was given by five current/former RMD Key Club leaders about a trip they made to Vietnam in 2009 to bring medicine and other needed items to orphanages and schools supported by COPI. A member of this group was Phuc Tran, former president of the Peak to Peak Charter School Key Club and Division 11/16 Key Club Lieutenant Governor, to whom our club made a 2009 donation to help her go on this trip. It was inspiring to see how Key Clubs in our district are following the Kiwanis motto of "Serving the Children of the World".



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 will be forwarded by Ruth Perry to these organizations.