

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org

Meetings: Every Monday at 7:00 a.m. at the Egg & I, 2574 Baseline Rd, Boulder, CO 80303, 303-494-0555

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Coming up ...

<u>4/4/16</u> – Sam Cosgrove, CU Boulder Friends of International Students (BFIS)

<u>4/11/16</u> – Marc Brown, Spellbinders (Adults telling stories to kids)

<u>4/18/16</u> – Paul Jerde, Entrepreneurship in Colorado

<u>4/23/16</u> – Taste of Downtown Boulder from 1-4 p.m. on Pearl Street Mall

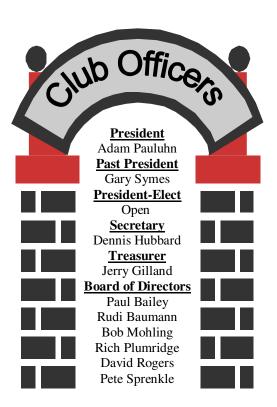
<u>4/25/16</u> - Rudi Baumann, Adventures in Antarctica

5/2/16 - (open)

5/5/16-7:00 a.m. Foothills Board meeting at the Egg & I in Basemar Shopping Center

Program Chairpersons:

April & May – Rich Plumridge June - Open



Snippets from Recent Club Programs

March 21 - Michael O'Neill, Update on the Switzerland Trail

Michael O'Neill (founder of the Switzerland Trail of America Foundation, a program of the Colorado Institute of Historical Geography) spoke to our club members about the Greeley, Salt Lake & Pacific Railway that operated" between 1882-1894 in the Four Mile Canyon area west of Boulder serving Ward and Eldora with the terminating point of Sunset. The railway was built with the financial support of Union Pacific with standard track-width to bring gold and silver ore, coal, and other mined materials to refineries and distribution centers in Greeley. The Railway used locomotives and rolling stock rented from the Colorado Central Railroad. The goal of the Railway



investors was to eventually reach Salt Lake City to link to the Union Pacific's Transcontinental Railroad, but that never happened. In 1919, the Railway went bankrupt, and was completely dismantled. Michael also spoke about the building of the Transcendental Railway that was completed in 1861 at Promontory Point in Utah, constructed by Irish starting west from Council Bluffs, Iowa; and starting east from Oakland California by mostly Chinese laborers. The railroad companies who built the Railway received huge incentives in free land along the railway right-of-ways and loans from the U.S. government that were never repaid. You can read information about the Switzerland Trail Railroad at -- www.switzerlandtrail.org.

March 28 – Nancy Geyer, CEO, Museum of Boulder

Nancy (graduate of CU and CEO of the Museum of Boulder) spoke to our club members about the current "Boulder History Museum" on University Hill in Boulder, and its transition to become the "Museum of Boulder" located in the former Masons building on the northwest corner of Broadway and Pine Street. This museum has a long history starting with its founding in 1860 by earlier settlers to Boulder drawn by the discovery of gold in the Gold Hill area in 1858. In 1944, it was called the Boulder Historical Society housed in the Central School Building. From 1938-1980, it was called the Pioneer Museum housed in the current Alfalfa's location on



Broadway. Then the museum moved to the Squires-Tourtellot House before another move to the Harbeck-Bergheim House in 1985. The current exhibits include the history of Chief Niwot and "story makers". The new building will have multi-media exhibits, with a museum for children on the first level for preschoolers up to age 7 with water play and climbing. The new building renovations has a \$9 million budget (\$4 million from the 2A Boulder Tax Initiative), and will be completed in late 2017. To get more info about the museum, see - http://boulderhistory.org.

April 2 Horizon Softball Field Clean-Up - Pete Sprenkle

Thanks to the seven Foothills Kiwanians (Kerry Hassler, Greg Lefferdink, Dave Rogers, Mary Schweitzer, Gerald Mordhorst, Paul Bailey, and Pete Sprenkle) who spent Saturday morning from 9:30-11:45 cleaning up the area around the ball field at Horizons School. We filled 11 leaf bags with trash, twigs, branches, stones, etc, plus a big pile of rocks. This is an annual spring club project, and the ball field and park area are ready for practices to start on Monday afternoon.





<u>Update on Taste of Downtown Boulder Fundraiser</u> – Joe Girard, Taste of Downtown Boulder Project Leader

One of our club's largest fund raisers -- Taste of Downtown Boulder -- is still ON for Saturday April 23 from 1-4 p.m. Ticket sales are in progress now. Please remember to kindly thank all patrons AND all restaurants who participate. There are 16 in all, a record! See if you can sample and give thanks at all of them. It can't happen without them, or without YOU. See you on the Pearl Street Mall! Thanks!

<u>Update on University of Colorado Circle K</u> - Paul Bailey, Foothills Kiwanis Circle K Advisor

On Sunday, April 17 from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., University of Colorado CKI will have a booth at Duane Field on the CU campus selling Taste of Downtown Boulder tickets during the Superhero 5K Race fundraiser for Femme International. You're

invited to dress as your favorite hero and help us out with either selling tickets! If you can help out during anytime that day, please contact Paul Bailey at -- 303-520-0200 or email to -- **g.paul.bailey@colorado.edu**.

<u>Update on 2016 Foothills Kiwanis Tuition Scholarships</u> – Paul Bailey, Tuition Scholarship Committee Leader

During April, our Foothills Kiwanis Scholarship Committee will be considering applications from seven local high school seniors from Boulder, Erie, Lafayette, Louisville, and Niwot who will be attending the University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, Colorado State University, Colorado Christian University, University of Denver, and Northeastern University (Boston, Massachusetts). Applications will be reviewed and ranked based on the students' sustained commitment to both community service and academics excellence they have shown during their high school years. Foothills Tuition Scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to several of these graduating seniors by May 3.

<u>Chance to Meet Maji Group's Dr. Bwire Chirangi</u> – Bob Mohling

In collaboration with Maji Safi Group, Dr. Bwire Chirangi works at Shirati KMT Hospital in northeastern Tanzania as a medical practitioner attending patients for medical and surgical health services, as well as serving as the medical superintendent. He has been involved for a number of years as a researcher in the Saving Mothers Project. He is a senior advisor for the Maji Safi Group, which empowers communities to fight waterborne and water-related diseases. He is the founder and facilitator of a program with Maastricht University of the Netherlands to bring senior medical students to Shirati, and he is a voluntary clinical instructor in the Department of Reproductive Medicine at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Chirangi holds a master's degree in science and public health, and his interests include reduction of maternal deaths, community health education and prevention activities, human and institutional capacity building—and playing soccer. You'll have a chance to meet Dr. Chirangi during the upcoming 68th Conference of World Affairs held at the University of Colorado's UMC East Ballroom in Macky Auditorium from 6:00-6:50 p.m. during the session "Africa, a Hopeful Continent".

