



Kiwanis Club of the

Foothills

Club Website: www.foothillskiwanis.org
 Meetings: Mondays at 7:00 am at The Brewing Market, 2770 Dagny Way, Lafayette, CO 80026

Sep 2, 2024

Coming up . . .

- 9/2/24 – Roundtable at Brewing Market; Happy Labor Day!
- 9/9/24 - Board Meeting at Brewing Market
- 9/16/24 – Allie Schmidt & Steve Higgins, Investments Update
- 9/23/24 – Officer/Director Installation by Lt. Gov. Anne Elliott of Division 3
- 9/30/24 - Club Social Party, 5-7 pm at Bambei Brewery, 100 Superior Plaza Way, Superior
- 10/7/24 - Board Meeting at Brewing Market
- 10/14/24 – Jennifer Foster, Medicaid 101
- 10/19/24 – Cool Dog End of Contest Celebration 1-3 pm at Bambei Brewery
- 10/21/24 – Open
- 10/27/24 - Club Social, 5-7 pm at Bambei Brewery

Program Chairpersons:

- September – Bob M
- October - Vince

Snippets from Recent Club Programs

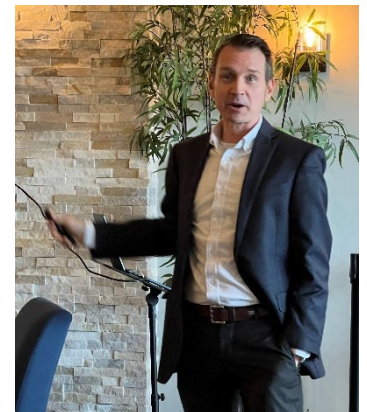
8/12/24 – Reports from International Convention by Attendees

Matt, Vince, and Bob provided a presentation of KI Convention (ICON) highlights. Dave attended the convention but was traveling to Florida during this day of the presentation. Major comments about the convention are also contained in the August newsletter. Other observations and impressions from ICON are: the annual meeting was professionally run; ICON attendance (2,000+) has not recovered from the pandemic; registration prices seemed high especially since it was held on a holiday weekend; the SLP luncheon was inspirational with Peak to Peak Builder Club’s officer recognition and participation; many of the elected Kiwanis leaders are former Key Club members; and there was good fellowship at the event. We encourage all members to attend future District and International conventions and conferences; they are educational and inspirational!



8/19/24 – Kurt Gerwitz, The Fun Financial Guy

Kurt has 20 years of experience as a banker in New Orleans and St. Louis, a teacher at Anderson College of Business and Computing at Regis University, and a professional public speaker. He loves hiking and biking. He spoke to us about Bitcoin and had us contemplate the reason why Bitcoin. Bitcoin is the world's first and largest decentralized digital money. Decentralized means it's not backed, controlled, or owned by any government, central bank, corporation, or other institution. Instead, Bitcoin is managed by computer software that anyone with access to the internet can download and use to monitor and verify transactions. The US dollar, for example, is backed by the US government and regulated by the US Federal Reserve. Bitcoin was launched in 2009; El Salvador picked Bitcoin as its national currency in 2021. He described a Bitcoin beach and city, where electricity generated geothermally from a volcano will be used to produce Bitcoin. Thanks, Kurt, for an interesting presentation topic, which is still a mystery to many of us!



Club Officers

	President	
	Bill Duclos	
	Past President	
	Matt Frederick	
	President-Elect	
	Bill Lester	
	Secretary	
	Bob Mohling	
	Treasurer	
	Joe Girard	
	Board of Directors	
	Bill Anderson	
	Alan Boeve	
	Norm Cizek	
	Brian Coleman	
	Lori McLean	
	Vince Van Zago	

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8/6/24 - National Night Out at Broomfield Commons

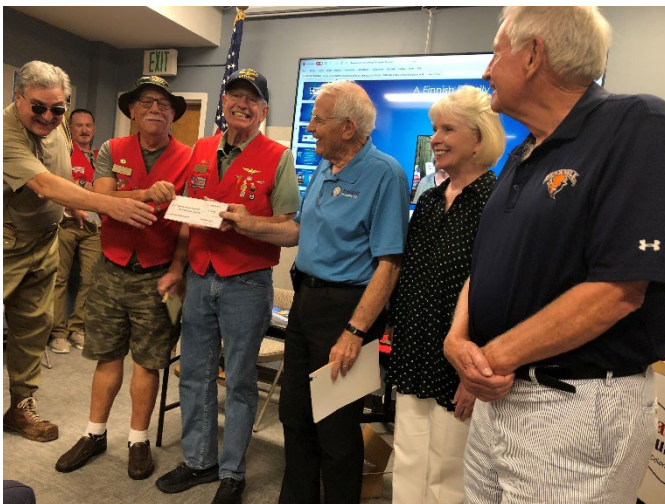


It was a rainy afternoon, but at 5 pm the sun broke out for the 1st shift volunteer crew supporting the booth and Canteen Van for National Night out. The crowd grew larger as the evening went



on. Many children picked up backpacks of school supplies provided by The Salvation Army's Division Headquarters. Many families toured the Canteen Van and enjoyed a popsicle on a warm evening of fun. Supporting The Salvation Corps Officers, Tania and Miguel, were Bob G, Betty, Rebecka, Bob M, Amy, and Vince.

8/24/24 - Broomfield Veterans Museum Presentation



Foothills Kiwanis members presented a \$500 check to Vice President John Peticolas, and Board members, Lew Roman and Bill Little for their youth education program –

Operation Footlocker. This program educates Boulder Valley school children about the equipment used by our WWII troops and the sacrifices made for their country. Representing our club were: Bob M, Lori, Rich and Dave.

After the presentation, the group enjoyed a Conversation and Coffee presentation by Liisa Hale, who told the story of her family in Finland during WWII. Her father served the Finnish Army until the Russians invaded the country and the US Army until the conclusion of the war. The family was reunited at Ft. Lewis in 1947.



8/24/24 – YoungLife Golf Tournament

Our club provided a tournament foursome consisting of Lori, her friend John, Dave, and Vince. In addition, members of our club provided volunteer help during the day and in course cleanup. These members were: Bill L, Bob G, and Bob M.

8/30/24 – Peak to Peak HS Key Club Meeting

The returning upper class members met for the first time this school year. The Freshmen will be invited to the next club meeting. The officers are preparing a budget and preparing service opportunities for the school year. Ms. Melber expects more members for Key Club this school year. The officers plan to meet once per month and the club will meet monthly. The club spent the period picking up trash in the school yard.



Upcoming Community Service/Kiwanis Events

- **September 14, 2024** – MyChoice Clay Shooting Tournament; Registration at 8 am with 9 am start
- **October 19, 2024** – Cool Dog End-of-Contest Celebration from 1-3 pm at Bambei Brewery
- **November 2, 2024** – Packing Event for Sweet Dream in a Bag from 9 am-12 pm at The Salvation Army Gym

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