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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Thurs. April 30: Regular Club Meeting| UW Science Initiative - Mark Lyford

Thurs. May 7: Regular Club Meeting| Kiwanis Foundation Grant Recipients

Thurs. May 14: Regular Club Meeting| Distinguished Service Cross Recipient - Barry Gasdek

Sat. May 16: Highway Clean up and Sloans Lake Clean up

Thurs. May 21: Regular Club Meeting| Business Meeting - Slate of Officers

Thurs. May 28: Regular Club Meeting| Living Waters International

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dan Moede
- 6 Jacob Bratton
- 8 Dylan Freeman
- 10 Scott Royce
- 13 Denise Newell
- 14 Steve Foster
- 15 Pat McGuire
- 16 Wally Erickson
- 17 Erica Tonso
- 19 Tom Mason
- 19 Rhonda Berg
- 21 Don Nitchie
- 21 Terri Wessenberg
- 22 Erin McDonald
- 25 Richard Morrison
- 26 RC Mead
- 30 Bob Curtis



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The Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne Meets Every Thursday at Noon at Little America

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Club Announcements are a time to share Kiwanis-related events and Club approved activities.

Lisa Trimble:

Thank you to Deb LaFaso for greeting members today.

We will be raffling off Golden Ticket #1 and #307 to members today. Looking for members to volunteer to sell tickets at Platte Valley Bank locations.

John Lynch:

Highway Cleanup and Sloans Lake cleanup has been postponed to May 16th. Look for a sign up sheet next week.



Patrick Brady:

March Madness Winners!

Women's Bracket - Ken Dugas - \$45

Men's Bracket - Bob Moen - \$150 - he donated this to Foundation.

Patrick is preparing for the 250th celebration and looking for flags for the float. If you have a flag he can borrow, please let Patrick know.



Rich Wessenberg and Deb LaFaso:

All chairs for the pancake breakfast - we will meet at the warehouse on May 12th at 5pm

We have reached a milestone for Key Clubs in Cheyenne. We are looking for members to join us at 2 Doors Down at 5pm to hear about Key Clubs and get involved. Pre-Covid East and Central Key Clubs were active. Post Covid the Key Clubs were slow to come back. Now we have Key Clubs at East, Central, South and Podor. Thank you to the members that have helped and especially the teachers who are actively involved. The meeting at 2 Doors Down will include teachers and we will work on ideas to keep the Key Clubs involved and engaged over the summer.



Larry Bartlebert:

Our Veterans Program will be on May 18th. He is still missing some photos of our veterans. Please get photos to Larry before May 18th



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RC Mead:

The Itty Bitty Soap Committee thanks you for your donations of hygiene products. We have a box going to Johnson Junior High and another box going to the LCCC Food Pantry.



Tom Roberts:

THANK YOU Don Nitchie, Don Skoumal, Deb LaFaso (Phyllis O'Conner) and Bob Monger (and Will) for helping fill 450 extra bags on Tuesday, April 28th.

Friday Food Bag will continue to fill extra bags until the end of the school year for distribution weekly to kids in summer school.

PROGRAM

University of Wyoming Science Initiative Programs



Phil Van Horn

The 50/50 raffle kicked off in fine style. 40 Tickets were sold for the opportunity to win one of 3 prizes:

1st Prize-3 ounces of pure gold, in three gold coins

2nd prize-\$7,500 cash

3rd prize-\$2,500 cash

In addition to the 40 tickets, two special tickets were auctioned. Wally Erickson was the high bidder for ticket # 001 and Chuck was the winning bidder for ticket # 307. Thank you to all who purchased tickets.

That means there are 458 tickets remaining to sell. We will be selling at each Club meeting until all tickets are sold. In addition, we will be selling tickets every Friday at each of the Platte Valley Bank locations, Pershing & College Drive as well as the Platte Valley Bank on Vandehei. Bank selling times are 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We need many volunteers to sell tickets. A Sign up sheet is on the Kiwanis Club Home Page. Please participate raising money for the Club and the Foundation so we can better support youth-focused organizations in our community.

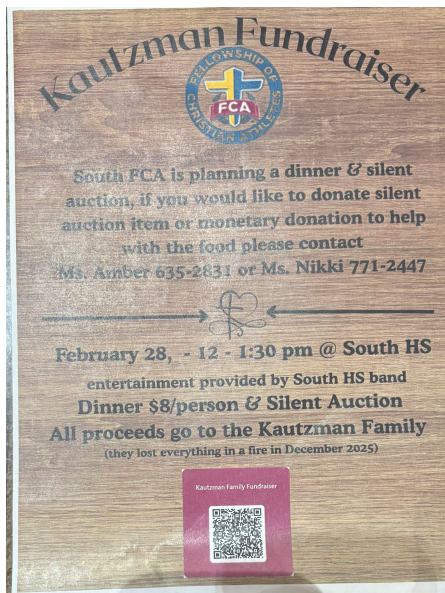
The link to sign up for selling tickets is at the link below:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ELzmrZuucEnvs950JycJWfao1AeX4oFnsKfa1IDB_KQ/edit?usp=sharing

Announcements

George Costopoulos:

South High Key Club is doing a food drive for the South High Food Pantry. Members can bring food donations for the food pantry




Kautzman Fundraiser

South FCA is planning a dinner & silent auction, if you would like to donate silent auction item or monetary donation to help with the food please contact Ms. Amber 635-2831 or Ms. Nikki 771-2447

February 28, - 12 - 1:30 pm @ South HS
entertainment provided by South HS band
Dinner \$8/person & Silent Auction
All proceeds go to the Kautzman Family
(they lost everything in a fire in December 2025)

Kautzman Family Fundraiser



Let's Fill the Shelves Together!

PLEASE HELP US REPLENISH THE SOUTH HIGH FOOD PANTRY

Food insecurity affects so many in our community, but together, we can help alleviate hunger. **Cash donations accepted!**

What We're Looking For:

- Rice Krispie Treats
- Beef Jerky
- Chip Bags
- Pop Tarts
- Trail Mix
- Fruit Snacks
- Granola Bars
- Jif Peanut Butter to Go
- Cup of Noodles
- Microwaveable Mac & Cheese
- Ritz Crackers
- Individual Size:
 - Applesauce
 - Juice Boxes
 - Pudding Cups
 - Fruit Cups



Kiwanis Foundation Presents:

CALCUTTA AUCTION

THURSDAY JUNE 18TH
AT AIRPORT GOLF CLUB
4801 CENTRAL AVE

EVENT STARTS AT 5:00

Free Appetizers | Cash Bar
Raffles & Prizes | Chipping Contest

Proceeds support Kiwanis charitable programs.

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CHEYENNE KIWANIS FOUNDATION

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - EVERYONE WELCOME!

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026
AIRPORT GOLF COURSE - CHEYENNE, WY
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START - LUNCH TO FOLLOW

\$500 PER TEAM (4 PLAYERS)
GREEN FEES • CART • LUNCH INCLUDED!

4-PERSON SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT
MUSIC • RAFFLES • PRIZES • FUN FOR ALL!
Proceeds Benefit Community Youth Programs!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **\$500 EXCLUSIVE HOLE SPONSOR**
• Tee Sign & Recognition
- **\$250 SUPPORTING SPONSOR**
• Program Mention

IMPORTANT DEADLINE!
FORMS DUE BY FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026!
No late entries will be accepted!

REGISTER NOW!

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BIRTHDAYS/GUESTS/PIG



Remember you have to have your name tag to win!

\$91

Bob Gross

Not Present to WIN!
PIG ROLL!



- Welcome guests !
Margaret Cox introduced Marcia Weiland, new dentist at HealthWorks



Happy
Birthday



49 years of combined service

Download the Kiwanis Club Runner app



HAPPY DOLLARS/HIGH FIVES



Bob Curtis: Birthday Check

Patrick Brady: Cleaning out the warehouse and found newspaper articles from 1988 celebrating first two women inducted into the Club. Terri Lorenzon and Julie Robinson, were the first women accepted into membership as fullfledged, dues paying Kiwanians.



Vic Lisek: \$51 last week his wife fell and broke her femur. She is at Life Care Center recovering. They are celebrating 50 years of marriage.

Chris Allred: Happy to be here today. He has been busy with Leadership Wyoming. It is great to have Mark and Karen here. She is a fellow Leadership Wyoming classmate. Chris used to donate blood often, but had to stop due to out of the country travel. He recently was able to donate again and who should he find donating with him? - Kent Drake. They held a contest to see who could donate the fastest. They are having a rematch in June,



Brenda Birkle: Very pleasant memories of last weekend when her son got married. Now to rest up before her daughter gets married in 6 months.



Marina Malatesta: Five dollar for her husband who was promoted to Lieutenant.



HAPPY DOLLARS/HIGH FIVES



Dave Niemann: May 9 and 10 there is a silent movie playing at the Atlas Theatre and he will be playing the music. Come out and check out the renovated Atlas and see a great silent movie.

Michele Bolkovatz: She is selling 50/50 raffle tickets to support the Blue Boost Center. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Blue's Thankful Thursday is May 14 and tonight's is Wyoming Breast Cancer Initiative.



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