

Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne

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February 11, 2021

Please watch your email for invitations to Zoom meetings each week.

If you need assistance at this time, please reach out.

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Upcoming Events

February 11 - Business Meeting

February 16 - Foundation Board Meeting [Zoom Meeting](#)

February 18 - Judge Nancy Freudenthal, US District Court

February 25 - William Intriligator - Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra

March 4 - Marielle Croudo - Blue FCU

March 11 - Business Meeting

March 18 - Dr. Joe Schaffer - LCCC President

March 21 - Stars of Tomorrow tryouts

February Birthdays

1- Pam Crochet

3 - Dale Kjack

4 - Justin Gorman

5 - Tony Ross

9 - Heaven Anderson

11 - Kim Lovett

11 - Ruby Zubrod

13 - Rob Dickerson

14 - Dave Norman

14- Jim Coomes

14 - Rod Hottle

15 - Don Hollingshead

15 - Brenda Birkle

16 - Dixie Roberts

16 - Gene Burchett

16 - Aaron Courtney

18 - Richard Russell

18 - Jay Poulignot

22 - Jack Firestone

25 - Kevin Browne

28 - Robin Mosely

28 - Caleb Snyder

29 - George Murchio

**THANK YOU Jason Duda
for announcing birthdays
each week.**



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Announcements



John Lynch:

Bob Kirby passed away yesterday evening peacefully. He was 97 years old and he enjoyed his time in Kiwanis. There are no plans at this time to have a service, but maybe a memorial later this month.

Andrea Arenas was nominated by the Board to fill the remainder of Rich Wessenberg's term on the board. We will consider her for election in two weeks.



Andrea Arenas: Stars of Tomorrow

We are still in need of a couple more volunteers to be judges for Stars of Tomorrow on Sunday, March 21. Please let Andrea know if you want to volunteer.

Lorrell Walter: Stars of Tomorrow

We are looking for 3 or 4 more people to volunteer to help coordinate the flow of people traffic for Stars of Tomorrow on Sunday, March 21. Please let Lorrell know if you can help.

Tom Roberts: Friday Food Bag

THANK YOU Marj Brand, Rod Brand, Deb Hottle [and friend Linda Meyers], Rod Hottle, Melody Fenton, Kathleen Petersen, Tom Roberts, as well as Friday Food Bag Chairman Peaches Tyrrell, for their helping unpacking FFBF food stuff on Saturday, February 6th.

THANK YOU Deb Hottle, Rod Hottle, Nick Panopoulos, and Darwin Pace for helping fill Friday Food Bags on Tuesday, February 2nd.

THANK YOU Rod and Deb Hottle, Nick Panopoulos and Darwin Pace for helping fill Friday Food Bags on Tuesday, February 9th.

Guests: 1 - Mike Peters
Thoughts and prayers:
Family of Bob Kirby
Family of Steve Cooper
Any Kiwanian in need

Link to today's meeting

[Zoom link](#)

password: ^cn#TR32

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Happy Dollars



John and Becky Lynch

They got to speak with Bob Kirby a couple of weeks ago and it was very good to talk to him.

Dixie Roberts

Thank you to President John for all of his hard work during this year and everything you have done for the Club. Thank you the board for all of their work during this time.



Jim Coomes

A few years ago Bob Kirby wore a silly hat that played Christmas music to one of our Christmas Party's he had brought a large part of his family and told me his family thought he wasn't jolly enough so the hat was an attempt to lighten things up. Later the next year he auctioned the hat off with proceeds going to the foundation. I bought the hat for \$50, with the intention of auctioning it off the next year. One of my grandson's loved the hat and wears it every Christmas. Bob was responsible for bringing the Thunderbirds to Cheyenne Frontier Days. He told me this on an InterClub. Since I normally stovetend Big Red at a pancake breakfast I asked one of the Thunderbirds if I could speak to their Commander. He was the Commander and asked how he could help I asked him to talk to a friend of mine a retired Colonel and World War II vet who was responsible for originally Bringing the Thunderbirds to Cheyenne. He was happy to talk to any WWII vet but asked his name.. When I said Bob Kirby he was surprise and asked me to point him out because his Wing Commander had told him to look him up and talk to him while in Cheyenne.



Melody Fenton

Blue participate in the Military Affairs cookie drive and it was a great experience.



Tom Cole

In memory of Bob Kirby, Marv Wolf, and Jim Osterfoss. He knew them a very long time and fond memories of all three.

Rod Brand

Remembrance check in memory of Bob Kirby, Marv Wolf and Jim Osterfoss. Bob was Rod's boss when he moved to Cheyenne.



Rhianna Brand

We packaged 1000 dozen sweet treats our community so generously donated to the 4th Annual Valentine's Day Cookie Drive for the Airmen in the Dorms. Because of your generosity, there were some extras that are going to the Med Group, Security Forces, the Wyoming Air National Guard and MORE!

To all of our military members, past and present - we appreciate you and we hope you feel loved this Valentine's Day and EVERY day!



Pat Ashworth

Express Employment is holding a food drive for the Needs Food Pantry. Donations will be accepted until February 15 and delivered to Needs on Fat Tuesday (2/16). Donations of non perishable foods can be dropped off at Express Employment or call Pat and he can pick up your donation. Thank you to Rod and Majorie Brand for their donation.

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Board Report

Membership: We had no resignations. We lost three members due to death. We will do inductions for four new members in March. Membership stands at 252, down eight members since October 1. We voted to contribute \$150 to the Foundation in memory of Jim Osterfoss, Marv Wolf and Bob Kirby.

Request of KI and District that they reduce our dues. This was denied. The District noted its budget is already in the red by \$8,000 and it has not changed dues in 11 years.

Study Return to Meeting in Person Committee: A board member chairing this committee made a motion about matrices that would need to be met before the Club returns to meeting in person. There were several questions and concerns from Board members particularly about one of the matrices. A motion was made and seconded to table the motion and send it back to the committee for further examination and explanation of the matrices. This motion passed 12 to 1.

One Board member then made a motion that the Club return to meeting in person immediately and this motion was seconded. The mover of this motion indicated she had done a survey of the Club and 60 of the 95 respondents said they want to return to meeting in person right away. Several non-Board members voiced their desire to return to meeting in person. This group voiced they believe it would best for the viability of the Club if we returned to meeting in person. The Board voted 10 to 2 against returning to meet in person immediately, however. The Board members who voted against returning to meet in person were also motivated by their concern for the long-term viability of the Club. An issue of concern appeared to be the lack of any insurance coverage whatsoever if anyone sues the Club and/or the Board members personally if someone gets Covid through one of our meetings. This includes no coverage for even defending the lawsuit.

We also had confirmed Covid spread at one of our meetings, which is one reason we shut down meetings in person in the fall so quickly.

Shortly after the Board meeting, First Vice President Lauri Osborne resigned from the Board and the Club. She has been an important part of our Club and will be missed. I will be discussing this with the Nominations Committee about how to proceed with replacing her.

Where we will go from here is the study committee will go back to work to examine appropriate criteria for returning. I am told by one medical professional on the committee that things are moving more quickly for things to get better than we may realize, but we are not quite there yet. I cannot give you a date or time frame yet about exactly when this will be.

Wherever you stand on this issue of when we should start meeting in person, please realize everyone wants to get back, everyone wants to be safe and everyone wants what is best for the Club. We do have different perspectives on timing to get there, but I am hopeful this will not further divide us as a Club.

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Foundation Report

The Kiwanis Foundation will discuss the transition of the COVID Relief funds back to the Foundation at our meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17. A few club members asked if they can attend this meeting, as all club members are members of the foundation, you are invited to attend.

[Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 958 8486 5434

Passcode: 245661

We are continuing to work towards adding five new Bonham Fellows this year. We are currently at three: Chuck Tyler, RC Mead and our newest contributor, Rob Dickerson. Thank you for your support. Bonham Fellows are identified as those that make a general gift of support to the Foundation in the amount of \$1000. This can be in one payment or in multiple payments, but the total gift must be given in one fiscal year.

The Foundation has opened our 2021 grant cycle. Applications will be accepted between Feb. 1 and March 15. The application was emailed to the club and is also available on the club's website. There have been a few small changes to the grant application to help those applying consolidate all the information requested. The Foundation Board will review applications in April and announce recipients in May.

The County has established a Community Charitable Relief Grant to help 501(c)(3) organizations that had lost revenue between March - December of 2020. The Kiwanis Foundation has submitted a grant application to recover lost revenues during that time totally more than \$30,000. This is to offset the lost revenue from the golf tournament and the Thankful Thursday event. We will learn more in the coming weeks if our application is accepted.

Our investments continue to grow, I will provide updated numbers at a future meeting.

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Meeting Photos



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Dixie M. Roberts



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