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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Thurs, Feb. 13: Weekly Meeting | Business Meeting **LCCC**

Fri, Feb. 14: Valentine's Day Knight at the Museum

Thurs, Feb. 20: Weekly Meeting | St. Joseph Food Pantry

Sat, Mar. 8: Stars of Tomorrow Dress Rehearsal

Sun, Mar. 9: Stars of Tomorrow

Wed. Mar. 12: Kiwanis After Hours - Paris West

Thurs, Mar. 27: March Madness social event

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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|----|------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Pam Crochet | 15 | Don Hollingshead |
| 3 | Dale Kjack | 16 | Aaron Courtney |
| 4 | Justin Gorman | 16 | Nick Kemp |
| 5 | Tony Ross | 16 | Dixie Roberts |
| 9 | Stephanie Kofron | 18 | Kevin Byrne |
| 10 | Tucker Gosbee | 18 | Jay Poulignot |
| 11 | Kim Lovett | 18 | Richard Russell |
| 11 | Ruby Zubrod | 28 | Robin Mosley |
| 13 | Rob Dickerson | 28 | Caleb Snyder |
| 14 | Jim Coomes | | |
| 14 | Dave Norman | | |
| 15 | Brenda Birkle | | |



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The Cheyenne Kiwanis Club Meets Every Thursday at Noon at the Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center

Announcements

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

Larry Walters

Annual Club meeting will be held on May 15. We are winding down the corporate challenge so let Margaret Cox know if you would like to be a corporate sponsor.

Barb Paiez

Our Valentines Day Social is 2/14 from 4:30-7pm at the Old West Museum. \$20 per person. Food by Paris West, music by Dave Niemann and fun. Tickets available at the door. We have 55 people coming and have tickets available.

Issac Lloyd

The marketing team pushed some updates to the website. Take some time to look through and provide feedback to Issac or Terri Wessenberg.

John Rogers

John spoke to Craig Hiett's wife. Craig is now receiving hospice health at home. Please keep Craig and his family in your thoughts.

Nick Kemp

Suberbowl Squares was a success. We sold all the squares and raised at least \$1,000 for the Club.

Winners: George Costopoulos won the 1st and 3rd Quarters - \$400

Greg Dyekman won the 2nd Quarter - \$200

Patrick Larkin won the 4th Quarter and the Final - \$400

Thank you everyone who participated.

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The South High Key Club received their official Club gavel.

Stars is underway with dress rehearsals on March 8th and the show on March 9th at the SPA and LCCC. We had 23 acts audition for the show.

Shout out to Erica Tonsa for being the MC again this year. Larry encourages everyone to participate and volunteer to put the show on.

Thanks to Bob Monger and the Delta Kappa Gamma book sale the Club will apply for funding to add another age division to the show for following years.



Tom Cole brought his wife Gerri

Eric McDonald brought Courtney

Paula Strickland brought Joseph and Frank who are visiting from Africa



\$36

#175 - Dillon Freeman

Present to Win
Congratulations!

KIWANIAN OF THE WEEK



Tom Cole

Tom was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming and attended St. Marys Catholic High School. There were 91 students in his class. Tom's first job was a paper route that he took from his brother at 10 years old. He did the 49J route with 50 clients. He was paid .50 every 2 weeks and kept the job until he was 19 years old.

Tom attended the University of Wyoming for 2 years and then joined the Air National Guard in Security Forces in Texas and spent a 24 years in the position. He then went to work for Highway Department and spent 3 years there. He became a trust officer at a bank and then a state appraiser and Key Bank appraiser for 4 states. He then started his own business and was self-employed as an appraiser and retired in 2013.

Tom has lived in Cheyenne, Laramie, and Texas.

The most interesting fact about Tom is that he received a pet duck named Homer for Easter and had him for 13 years. He was a Scout Master for Troop 112 and Volunteered for CFD for 60 years!

Tom joined Kiwanis in August 1972 (53 years ago). Will Kalla shared an office with Tom and was his sponsor for the Club.

His favorite memory was being elected President of the Club and at the time the Club had 427 members. He gave money to hire the first Administrative Secretary which was Len Treber. Tom was also part of the Junior Chamber of Commerce which had a similar scope as Kiwanis.

Tom is a Hixson Fellowship, Legion of Honor, Walter Zeller Fellow, Senior Member, Life Member (1996), Past President (1987), Past Lt Governor (1995).

His favorite dinner is Burnt Lobster at the Clam Bake and Apple for dessert.

Fun fact from his birth month and year (7/1942): The first B-17 Flying Fortress arrived in Britain.

TODAY' PROGRAM

Board Report Larry Walters

The Board met on Tuesday.

The Board approved the membership report which includes 2 resignations and 1 new member. Membership stands at 230.

Patrick Brady gave the fundraising report and is happy to say that he has help for the upcoming fundraisers. Chris Allred is helping with the Basketball bracket challenge and Ron Pinter is helping with Super Day.

Issac Lloyd and team are working on the website.

Most of the meeting was spent talking about the changes to Policies and Procedures document. Lisa Trimble and Margaret Cox have spent a lot of time reworking the document to create a document that helps guide our work as a Club. They worked to create a true Policies document and a document that has information that is easy for a Club member to locate. The changes were presented to the Board for feedback. Lisa and Margaret will incorporate those changes and bring back to the Board. The Draft of the Policies and Procedures will be presented the membership and then in May at the Annual meeting the Policies and Procedures will be up for approval.

Foundation Board Report Phil Van Horn

The two year review for the Foundation includes FY 2023 and FY 2024 has been completed. Special thanks are in order to Ken Dugas for volunteering to conduct the review and to Pat McGuire for his review of Ken's review. The Foundation review passed muster.

Reviewing reallocation of investments in order to maximize return, reduce market risk and maintain public charity status.

Grant application is up and available on the Club's website. Go to cheyennekiwanis.org, find the application under the "Telstar, Reference and Downloads" section on the home page.

Will be presenting a slate of nominees for the Foundation Board to be voted on at the May 15 Club meeting. If interested, please contact Phil or Norah Harris.

WyoGives is a major fundraiser for the Foundation. July 16, 2025. This 24 hour event is a great opportunity to save up all your customary donations and do it all that day. Your gift will be eligible for matching donations of approximately 40% more.

HAPPY DOLLARS/HIGH FIVES

Eric McDonald: CHP was awarded the bid to paint the water towers. He rough Courtney to the meeting to talk about the water tower project. It is a community project to get this completed. If you are interested in know more or supporting let her know.

Debra Antista-Bianchi: Executive Director of the Wyoming Alzheimer's Association. She has been traveling a lot and happy to be back. She has information about the 10 warning signs of dementia and she is involved in risk reduction activities to reduce the risk of dementia. See Debra for more information.

Patrick Brady: Patrick gave \$10 as he is really proud of the fundraising team and all the work they have done.

Travis Vogel: Shout out to Pat McGuire and Ken Dugas for completing the financial review of the Club's finances. Thank you!

Paula Strickland: To celebrate her two friends from Africa joining her today.

Bob Moen/Issac Lloyd: Community Action's Annual Gala is April 12th. Still looking for sponsors and auction items. Breakfast at Tiffany's is the theme. Breakfast and mimosas will be served.

Denise Newell: Thank you to everyone that has helped with the Stars program this year. She has a few more spots of ads in the program and tickets are for sale. See Denise to place an ad or purchase tickets.

Big Change #1

Club MEETINGS 2023-2024

Current Meetings

- Red Lion: Thursday 12 – 1pm
- Alternative Location: Depot

- Red Lion
 - Social Coffee: 11:30 am
 - Lunch Served: 11:45 am
 - Meeting Begins: 12:00 pm
 - Meeting Ends: 12:45 pm
- Alternative Location: LCCC



Big Change #2

Current Meeting Set-Up

- Head Table with Podium
- Club Banners on Wall
- Seating for 128
- Open invitation for guests
- Open seating

Meeting Set-Up 2024-2025

- Podium Only
- Club Banners on Stands
- Seating for 140
- Guest Sign in at entrance
- Reservations for Guests
- Open seating – last week of month ONLY



Big Change #3

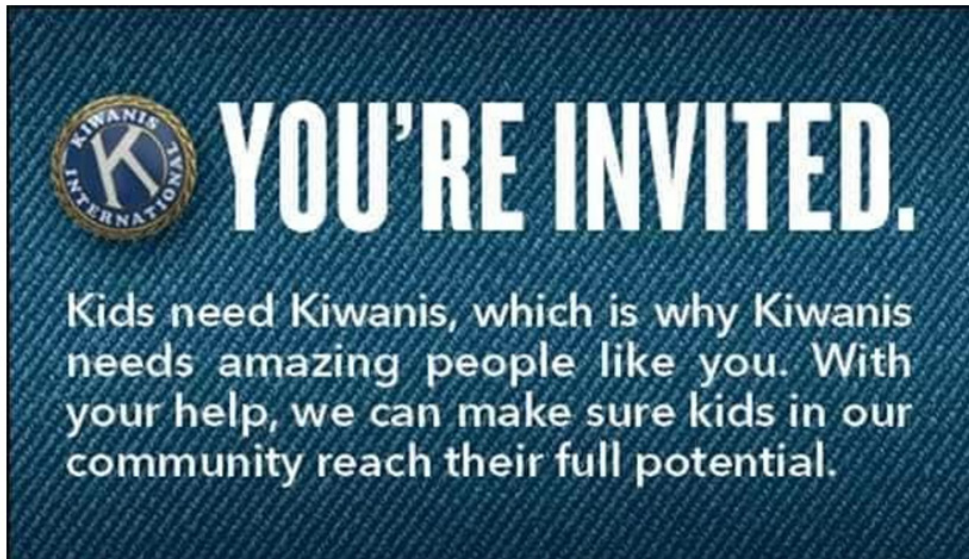
Current Meeting Agenda

- 12:00pm Meeting Starts
 - Invocation/Pledge/Sing
 - Break
- 12:15pm
 - Guest Introductions
 - Club Announcements
 - Birthdays /Happy Dollars
- 12:30pm
 - Program



Meeting Agenda: 2024-2025

- 12:00pm Club Meeting Begins
 - Invocation/Pledge/Sing
 - Guest Introductions
 - Club Announcements
- 12:15pm Program Begins
- 12:35pm Club Program Ends
 - Birthdays/Happy Dollars/Pig Draw
- 12:45pm: Committee Meetings
 - Music until 1pm: Dave Niemann



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