



Castle Rock Club Officers:

President – Mark Cucarola
President Elect
Secretary – Debbie Trent
Treasurer – Tom Lambert
Immediate Past President – Debbie Trent

Directors:

Dick Harding 2025
Dennis Magyar 2026
Robin Scurto 2027

Division 15 Lt. Governor James Martin
District Governor Kathryn Williams
District Secretary Josephine Young

Membership Dues are \$250.00 per year.

New Members pay a one time \$50.00 New Member Fee + annual dues

Breakfast is \$18.00.

2024-2025 Committee Chairs:

Human & Spiritual Values -
Social Programs - Ron Polomsky
- Dick Harding
K-Kids Advisor - Robin Scurto
Builders Club Advisor - Bill Bragg
BUG Advisor - Bill Bragg

2024-2025 Foundation Chair
Darlene Jeffrey

Weekly Meetings:

7am 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7 AM
 Holiday Inn Express
 610 Genoa Way
 Castle Rock, CO 80109

Club website: www.castlerockkiwanis.org
 Club Email: crkiwanis@gmail.com
 Kiwanis website: www.kiwanis.org
 Club Address: PO Box 222, Castle Rock, CO 80104
 RMD website: <https://k24.site.kiwanis.org/>
 Club Phone Number: 303-475-6130
 Club Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/CRKiwanis>



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Monthly Newsletter – October

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.



Dennis Magyar 10/26
Bill Bragg 10/30
Mark Cucarola 10/30

MEETINGS, PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES

- October 3** Breakfast Mtg—Nancy Falk, Executive Director, Meals on Wheels
- October 4** Installation Dinner—5:30 pm, Prefect Landing Restaurant
- October 8** Board of Directors Mtg 5:30 pm/Zoom
- October 17** Breakfast Meeting—Kim Larson, Community Engagement, Help & Hope Center
- November 7** Breakfast Mtg—Mataya Yoakam, Bridlewood Insurance Services—MEDICARE Enrollment
- November 12** Board of Directors Mtg –5:30 pm/Zoom
- November 21** Breakfast Mtg– Jerry Van Leuven, The Aspen Effect (Teen Mental Health)
- November 28** Thanksgiving
- November 30** Sweet Dream in a Bag Packing Event/ with the Impact Club.



Installation of 2024-25 Officers

We will install our 2024-25 officers on Friday October 4th at The Perfect Landing Restaurant in Englewood. James Martin, Lt. Governor will be officiating.

Congratulations to our new Officers:

Mark Cucarola—President
 Debbie Trent– Secretary
 Tom Lambert-Treasurer
 Robin Scurto-Director

Message From our President Mark Cucarola

Congratulations on our small but mighty Kiwanis Club's 25th Anniversary! It is hard to believe how time has passed. Over my 22-year history with our club it has been very rewarding and a joy to be involved with such amazing people of strong integrity and commitment to service. Please know I cherish the relationship and friendship I have with each and every one of you!

As your incoming president for 2024 - 2025, we will engage in an exercise to reflect on where we have been and consider where the future of community service is called.

Our country and community have changed significantly in profound ways over the past twenty years. What was back then considered unthinkable has become the norm today. These changes have also brought new opportunities and significant needs to be served in our state and local communities, which I believe Kiwanis has a role to play.

My desire for us as a club is to reflect on and recognize the larger needs that our community now faces that we can (should) participate in..... and hopefully make a positive contribution through our time, talent and treasure.

Perhaps our mission as a club may need to be revisited? It is my goal that we become more relevant and visible in our Douglas County community. That will require us to assess and prioritize our service to community and consider potential new partnerships to meet the cultural challenges and needs that beg for our service efforts.

Determining how our club can become more relevant will not be easy. It will involve change which often can be uncomfortable. We have already begun this discussion along with confronting our current realities. I am confident however that we can collectively chart new paths with new ideas from each and every one of you as contributing members. Every idea is welcome, and no detail is too small to consider.

Increasing our relevancy in our community is vital. It will increase our visibility and attract new members for our growth.

The theme that I would like to promote in the upcoming year is simply: "Renewal and Growth 2025".

More on this to come in the months ahead.....

I look forward in working with all of you to help discover the bigger possibilities of our club and future!

Mark



****NEWS****

ACE Program, Highlands Ranch High School

We had the privilege of having Bas Wolf from the ACE Program at Highlands Ranch High School along with 9 of the students currently enrolled in this wonderful program. Our Club supports this group with scholarships and funds for events that are rewarding and helpful to these students. Here is a brief description of their program:

“ACE is a four-year program designed to increase the chances not only of graduation, but of post-secondary workforce success.

We target “at-risk” students who don’t buy into the traditional high school model. Each and every day we present not only a curriculum lesson based on future skills needed, but offer students a safe, judgment-free environment to handle their stress, anxiety, and to be able to re-focus on what they need to get done to be successful in their future.

We have students who are working on business plans for their entrepreneurial future, we have students working on building a drone, we have students learning about job interviews and personal finance, and we have students pursuing their own career goals.

Most importantly, it is a program designed to be a support system for the various and intricate life problems and complications that they face. We listen to everyone during check-in, and we support each other no matter what.”



Sweet Dream in a Bag Event w/the Castle Rock Kiwanis Impact Club

We are working on an upcoming event with an amazing non-profit [Sweet Dream in a Bag](#). They provide bedding packages to children in need. They are currently in need of Beanie Baby donations for their packages. Please let us know if you have any to donate! We’ll be happy to pick them up.



Mark your calendars for November 30th. Details are coming soon.



Service Projects

VOLUNTEER



Look for more volunteer opportunities. We will be announcing more opportunities soon. Please let us know if you have suggestions.



Ways to support the Kiwanis Club of Castle Rock Foundation

In support of the Kiwanis Club of Castle Rock, Charitable non-profit contributions may be made to:

The Kiwanis Club of Castle Rock Foundation
PO Box 222, Castle Rock, CO 80104
Tax ID 20-4888128 (501c3)



Support your Kiwanis Club of Castle Rock by enrolling your King Soopers Card in the Community Rewards Program. King Soopers will donate to the club based on a percentage of your purchases. To enroll, go to www.kingsooperscommunityrewards.com; create a digital account and link your card to Kiwanis Club of Castle Rock Community Foundation #IT702

Rocky Mountain District Sweet Dream in a Bag Event

We will be joining up with Sweet Dreams in a Bag on Saturday, October 19th to pack bedding for children. This will be held at their facility at the East Community Center 5933 S Fairfield St, Littleton, CO 80120 Please invite representatives of your sponsored youth to join us.

The event will have us folding and assembling bed linens into a plastic bag for donation to children in need . It is a great project, and we will have a great time.

Please let me know a count by October 15th.

Thanks,

James Martin
Kiwanis LTG
Division 6, RMD



Support Sweet Dream in a Bag

Our Mission

Sweet Dream in a Bag is a 501 (c) (3) Public Charity that gifts children living in poverty with a new bedding package. The children usually reside in a temporary home or attend a head start school as their family is attempting to rebuild their lives. Sweet Dream's passion is to offer the entire family acceptance, love, encouragement and hope.

Donate today!

Every \$50 donation will provide a warm cozy bedding package for a child in need.

www.sweetdreaminabag.org

Our mailing address is: 9249 S. Broadway, Unit 200, Suite 198, Littleton, CO 80129