



# ***BALLPARK NEWS***

**JANUARY 2026**

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## **EMPLOYEE NEWS**

- *Lots of new and exciting changes in the Rockies organization that we want to catch you up on!*

Paul DePodesta joins the Rockies with a distinguished career in both Major League Baseball and the National Football League, most recently serving as the Cleveland Browns' chief strategy officer since 2016. In that role, he was tasked with implementing systems while working across the organization, including with ownership, the front office, coaching staff, player personnel staff, and analytics team. Prior to his time with the Browns, DePodesta spent 20 years in Major League Baseball, most recently serving as the vice president of player development and amateur scouting with the New York Mets from 2011-15. Prior to his tenure with the Mets, DePodesta served as a special assistant for baseball operations and executive vice president with the San Diego Padres from 2006-10, as general manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers from 2004-05 and as an assistant general manager with the Oakland Athletics from 1999-2003 as a key figure in the "Moneyball" era. He began his career in baseball with the Cleveland Indians, serving as an intern in player development in 1996 before becoming the Major League advance scout for the 1997-98 season and later the special assistant to the GM. During his time in MLB, DePodesta was the only executive to win division titles with five different organizations.

- Our new GM is Josh Byrnes, and he has spent the last 11 seasons as the Los Angeles Dodgers' senior vice president of baseball operations, where he supervised the Dodgers' scouting and player development while helping the Dodgers to three World Series championships. Byrnes previously served as the general manager for two other NL West clubs during his career, with the San Diego Padres from 2011-14 and the Arizona Diamondbacks from 2005-10.

- We have named Ian Levin assistant general manager. He joins General Manager Josh Byrnes, Assistant General Manager.
- Warren Schaeffer has been named the club's manager, and Tommy Tanous is our new assistant general manager and will focus primarily on scouting and player development.
- Alon Leichman as the club's Major League pitching coach, Gabe Ribas as the assistant pitching coach and Matt Buschmann as the bullpen coach. Additionally, Matt Daniels has been hired as the organization's director of pitching, and Jeff Pickler is our new Bench Coach. We have retained Ron Gideon, Third Base Coach Andy González and Assistant Hitting Coach Jordan Pacheco on Manager Warren Schaeffer's coaching staff.
- Nicky Schmidt senior vice president and chief revenue & strategy officer. In this newly created role, Schmidt will oversee the Rockies' ticketing, merchandise, and corporate partnerships departments while reporting directly to Executive Vice President Walker Monfort.
- Starting January 31, you could print your W-2 on our UKG account, regardless of if you opted out of a paper version being sent to your address. Payroll will send out W-2's to those that did not choose this paperless option starting January 31! For any questions, please give us a call at 303) 312-2030!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JANUARY 24:** Rockies Fest

**JANUARY 26- FEBRUARY 28:** New Hire Interviews

**FEBRUARY 17 – FEBRUARY 24:** April Schedule OPEN in ABI for Return Employees

**MARCH 2:** Primary Supervisor Training

**MARCH 3, MARCH 4, MARCH 7 MARCH 30:** Return Employee Training at Coors Field

**MARCH 9 – MARCH 28:** New Hire Training at Coors Field

**MARCH 25 & MARCH 28:** Wardrobe Pick-Up in the COPA

**MARCH 30:** Primary Supervisor Meeting

**\*\* Times and details will be communicated once we are ready to schedule everyone. So please, no need to reach out yet!**

The background of the entire page is a festive, celebratory scene. It features a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small, glowing white stars and larger, soft, out-of-focus light spots (bokeh). Scattered throughout are golden streamers and confetti. In the corners, there are clusters of balloons: gold and silver. The overall atmosphere is bright and joyful, typical of a birthday celebration.

# January Birthdays

Jerry Pastore	1-Jan
Kyle Pierce	1-Jan
Marcos Rodriguez	1-Jan
Cassy Taylor	1-Jan
Lee Halprin	3-Jan
Augie Lara	3-Jan
John Beal	5-Jan
Sebastian Ojeda Mendez	6-Jan
Tom Higashi	7-Jan
Ken White	7-Jan
Sean Knapp	8-Jan
Gino Contreras	9-Jan
Dave Wells	9-Jan
Cass Ingle	10-Jan
Susan McMullen	11-Jan
Dave Pontarelli	11-Jan
Jim Roos	11-Jan
David Johnston	12-Jan
James Taylor	12-Jan
Alexa Brashers	13-Jan
Pat Jones	13-Jan
Andres Pietropaolo	13-Jan
Melissa Salazar	13-Jan

Jasmine Hernandez	14-Jan
Alan Brown	16-Jan
Peter Myers	16-Jan
Mike Pentico	16-Jan
Rose Bustamantez	17-Jan
Larry Duran	17-Jan
Robin Petersen	17-Jan
Lucas Reifenrath	19-Jan
Pat Dempsey	20-Jan
Rocky Carbone	21-Jan
Harold Farrenkopf	22-Jan
Dan Schwalm	22-Jan
Michael Black	23-Jan
Mason Ramirez	23-Jan
Dennis Zier	23-Jan
Rob Atherton	25-Jan
Chris Jordan	26-Jan
Holly Porter	26-Jan
Gene Anderson	27-Jan
Rolland Winter	27-Jan
Lois Ivey	28-Jan
Jayne Kleinman	31-Jan
Dan Palese	31-Jan

# In Memoriam

**Joan Facchinello**

**Jan. 15, 1934 – Dec. 28, 2025**





**Event Services (303) 312-2030**

**Kevin Kahn-** Vice President/Chief Customer Officer: Oversees Ballpark Operations and Guest Services

**Lenus Lucero-** Assistant to Vice President/Chief Customer Officer

**Steve Burke-** Senior Director, Guest Services: Oversees Guest Services

**Brian Schneringer-** Assistant Director, Guest Services: Gates & Restricted Areas

**Lisa Weidenkopf-** Assistant Director, Guest Services: Ushers; upper & lower, Rockpile, & Interactives

**Emma D’Orazio-** Assistant Director, Guest Services: Club/Suite Levels, Guest Relations Center, Wardrobe, Main Reception

**Chris Juarez-** Assistant, Guest Services: Payroll & General Ballpark Operations/Guest Services support

**Jace Kohl-** Assistant, Ballpark Operations: Lost & Found, BP Passes, Assists with gameday operations

**Tony Lopez-** Senior Director, Security

**John McKay-** Senior Director, Food Service Ops & Development: Oversees food service operations between Rockies & Aramark

**Marty DeRosier-** Manager, Ballpark Services & Events: Coordinator & organizer of non-baseball-related special events

**Marisela Castañeda-** Manager, Catering & Event Sales: Organizer & planner of all non-baseball related special events

**Anton Schindler-** Assistant Manager, Ballpark Services & Events: Coordinator of non-baseball-related special events

January							February						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24- Rockies Fest			26- Interviews Start				17- April Schedules Open				28-Interviews Stop		