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Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

February 2024

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Weekly Meeting: Thursdays - 11:30 am
Slater Family Ice Arena Lounge, BGSU

Officers 2023-24

PRESIDENT * Chad Plontz
PRESIDENT-ELECT * Cindy Hofner
SECRETARY * Jason Miller
TREASURER * Andrew Kalmar
PAST PRESIDENT * Mike Shertzer
DIRECTORS 2022-2024
Charlie Harper, Inge Klopping, Steve Libby
DIRECTORS 2023-2025
Dick Martin, Kathy Mull, Eric Myers, Linda VanBlaricom

FEBRUARY 2024 PROGRAMS

Program Chair: Lee Meserve

February 1

REWARDS AND CHALLENGES OF TEACHING EIGHTH GRADE SCIENCE

Melanie Ferguson
Eight Grade Science Teacher, BGMS

February 8

REWARDS AND CHALLENGES OF BEING AN INTERVENTION SPECIALIST

Jennifer Hernandez
Intervention Specialist, Conneaut Preschool

February 15

REWARDS AND CHALLENGES OF BEING A READING SPECIALIST

Kristin Muir
Reading Specialist, Kenwood Elementary School

February 22

TRAINING NEW TEACHERS THESE DAYS

Dr. Dawn Shinew
Dean, Education and Human Development,
BGSU

February 29

BOWLING GREEN CITY SCHOOLS UPDATE

Dr. Ted Haselman
Superintendent, BG City Schools

Guest Speakers in January

Organized by Paul Herringshaw



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1. **Paul Herringshaw** introducing a speaker. As usual, Paul organized the January speakers on agriculture-related topics.
2. **Alan Sundermeier** returns to talk about water quality in the western Lake Erie basin.
3. **Beth Landers** informs us about the H2Ohio program for reducing harmful runoff from fields.
4. **Brad Moffit** extols the virtues of ethanol as a component of automobile fuel.
5. **Mike Belleville** tells the fascinating story of the Belleville Meat Market's long service to the community. (Photo by Clint Corpe)

PROGRAMS for FEBRUARY 2024

Inspirational Educators Month

Program Chair: Lee Meserve

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

REWARDS AND CHALLENGES OF TEACHING EIGHTH GRADE SCIENCE

Speaker:

Melanie Ferguson

*Eighth Grade Science Teacher
Bowling Green Middle School*

Greeters: Eric Myers, Sp. S. Regan

Meals: Geoff Howes

Raffle: John Calderonello

Invocation: Eric Willman

Guest Recognition: Linda VanBlaricom

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Geoff Howes

Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Libby

Introduction of Speaker: Lee Meserve

Speaker Recognition: Lee Meserve

FEBRUARY 8, 2024

REWARDS AND CHALLENGES OF BEING AN INTERVENTION SPECIALIST

Speaker:

Jennifer Hernandez

*Intervention Specialist
Conneaut Preschool*

Greeters: Elizabeth Eilberg, Sp. C. Hofner

Meals: Bob Callecod

Raffle: Scott Seeliger

Invocation: Gerry Kallenbach

Guest Recognition: Eric Willman

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Elizabeth Eilberg

Sergeant-at-Arms: Roger Anderson

Introduction of Speaker: Maria Simon

Speaker Recognition: Scott Regan

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

REWARDS AND CHALLENGES OF BEING A READING SPECIALIST

Speaker:

Kristin Muir

*Reading Specialist
Kenwood Elementary School*

Greeters: Lori Hines, Sp. J. Miller

Meals: Charlie Harper

Raffle: Dana Nemeth

Invocation: Bob Callecod

Guest Recognition: Bob Callecod

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Steve Libby

Sergeant-at-Arms: Eric Myers

Introduction of Speaker: Eric Myers

Speaker Recognition: Eric Myers

FEBRUARY 22, 2024

TRAINING NEW TEACHERS THESE DAYS

Speaker

Dr. Dawn Shinew

Dean

*College of Education and Human Development,
Bowling Green State University*

Greeters: Mary Hinkleman, Sp. J. Miller

Meals: Gerry Kallenbach

Raffle: Judith Wahrman

Invocation: Jeff Schooley

Guest Recognition: Joan Callecod

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Lee Meserve

Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Nader

Introduction of Speaker: Lee Meserve

Speaker Recognition: Becca Ferguson

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

BOWLING GREEN CITY SCHOOLS UPDATE

Speaker

Dr. Ted Haselman

Superintendent, Bowling Green City Schools

Greeters: Charlie Harper, Sp. R. Edwards

Meals: Inge Klopping

Raffle: Eric Willman

Invocation: Gary Saunders

Guest Recognition: Becca Ferguson

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Geoff Howes

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Miles

Introduction of Speaker: Eric Myers

Speaker Recognition: Eric Willman



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1

No birthdays

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8

Sunday, February 11

Bud Dennis

Tuesday, February 13

Shawn Frick

Denise Niese

Wednesday, February 14

John Fawcett

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15

Sunday, February 19

Christine Mayle

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22

No birthdays

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 29

Monday, March 4

John Calderonello

Tuesday, March 5

Lori Hines



ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1

Wednesday, February 7

Marian & Bud Dennis

Brooke & Travis Harrison

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8

Saturday, February 10

Joan & Bob Callecod

Wednesday, January 15

Allan & Debbie Chamberlin

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15

No Anniversaries

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22

Thursday, February 22

Matt & Leslie Oestreich

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 29

Sunday, March 3

Dauida & Shawn Frick



Kiwanis News



Club Secretary **Jason Miller** presents a check for \$5000 to **Michael Penrod**, Director of Wood County District Public Libraries and a Kiwanian, and **Maria Simon**, the library's Youth Services Coordinator and also a Kiwanian. The donation supports Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, an early literacy initiative that sends a free, age-appropriate book every month to children from birth through age 5. Parton's international program matches locally raised funds. See articles in the Sentinel-Tribune <https://www.sent-trib.com/2024/01/19/kiwanis-club-supports-early-literacy-initiative-at-wcdpl/> and BG Independent News <https://bgindependentmedia.org/kiwanis-club-boosts-dolly-partons-imagination-library-with-5000-gift/>



Our social events committee met recently at Juniper Brewing Company to plan some great events for the club. Be on the lookout for more information soon! Topics included curling, picnics and karaoke hosted by President **Chad Plontz**. (Pictured, l. to r.: **Linda VanBlaricom**, **Scott Regan**, **Jeff Schooley**, **Bryan Hartzler**, **Chad Plontz**, **Cathy Wenig**, and **Gordon Wenig**.)

In Memoriam



Our fellow Kiwanian **David A. Mortimer** passed away December 16, 2023. He was born August 16, 1939, in Danville, Illinois to the late Paul and Ruth Mortimer. He is survived by his partner Judy Wahrman of Bowling Green (also a Kiwanis member), his daughter Donna Kremer of Carleton, Michigan, and his brothers William Mortimer of Adrian, Michigan, and Thomas Mortimer of Bolton, Connecticut.

David was inducted into the Bowling Green Kiwanis Club on November 19, 2021 (photo).

To share an online condolence or fond memory with the family, please visit www.dunnfuneralhome.com



Dr. Donald William Scherer passed away on Monday, January 15, 2024. He was born June 22, 1940, in Detroit, Michigan. He married Charlotte (Erpelding) on August 27, 1960.

Don earned his PhD at Cornell University and was an Emeritus Professor in Philosophy at BGSU, where he helped develop the Environmental Ethics program. As an environmental ethicist, Donald's passion was to protect and sustain natural entities and resources. He published many articles and several books. He was on the Board and past President of Green Energy Ohio and was involved in Habitat for Humanity in addition to Kiwanis, which he joined on November 4, 2021. He was an Elder of First Christian Church in Bowling Green. Born in Detroit, Donald was a fan of the Tigers, Lions, Redwings, and Pistons. Don loved music and played cello and piano. He cherished spending time with his family and was devoted to his family and community. We will miss him dearly.

Don is survived by his wife Char (a long-time Kiwanian), his children Karen (Mike) Krueger of Bowling Green and Mark (Nadja) of Passau, Germany, his sister Carole (Jim) Enwright of Warren, Michigan, and eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be given to First Christian Church Bowling Green, Ohio, or The Environmental Defense Fund.