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## Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

### March 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

### MARCH 2024 PROGRAMS

Program Chairs: Larry Weiss and Mike Sibbersen

**March 7**

**MAKING BOWLING GREEN A BETTER  
PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY**

*Marcia Latta*

*President*

*Bowling Green Community Foundation*

**March 14**

**MY TRIP TO ANTARCTICA  
AND BRAZIL**

*Dr. Todd Waggoner*

*Professor Emeritus*

*Engineering Technology, BGSU*

**March 21**

**THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC PICTURE  
AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO  
WOOD COUNTY**

*Wade Gottschalk*

*Executive Director*

*Wood County Economic Development*

**March 28**

**ISSUES FACING  
A GRAYING POPULATION**

*Dr. Susan Brown*

*Distinguished Research Professor in Sociology  
Director, BGSU Center for Family and Demographic  
Research / Co-Director, National Center for Family  
and Marriage Research*

## Guest Speakers in February



Inspirational Educators



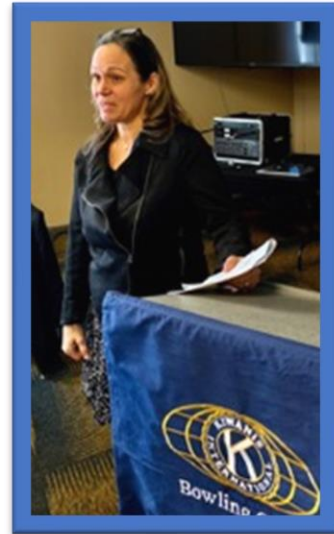
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1. *Kiwanian **Eric Myers** introduces a speaker.*
2. ***Melanie Ferguson** talks about the joys and challenges of teaching eighth-grade science.*
3. ***Jennifer Hernandez** tells us what an elementary-school intervention specialist does.*
4. ***Kristin Muir** describes the crucial and complex role of the reading specialist.*
5. ***Dawn Shinew** reports how the College of Education is responding to the teacher shortage.*
6. ***Ted Haselman** lets us know what progress is being made on the new high school.*

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## PROGRAMS for MARCH 2024

### Inspirational Educators Month

Program Chairs: Larry Weiss and Mike Sibbersen

**MARCH 7, 2024**

#### MAKING BOWLING GREEN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY

Speaker:

***Marcia Latta***

*President*

*Bowling Green Community Foundation*

Greeters: Zachary Schmidt, Cindy Hofner

Meals: Steve Libby

Raffle: Julianne Shaffer

Invocation: Sue Bernheisel

Guest Recognition: Linda VanBlaricom

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Scott Regan

Sergeant-at-Arms: Cindy Hofner

Introduction of Speaker: Larry Weiss

Speaker Recognition: Lee Meserve

**MARCH 14, 2024**

#### MY TRIP TO ANTARCTICA AND BRAZIL

Speaker:

***Dr. Todd Waggoner***

*Professor Emeritus*

*Engineering Technology, BGSU*

Greeters: Jeff Levin, Sp. L. Meserve

Meals: Paul Herringshaw

Raffle: Stacy Cochrane

Invocation: Gerry Kallenbach

Guest Recognition: Lee Meserve

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Karen Seeliger

Sergeant-at-Arms: Lee Meserve

Introduction of Speaker: Mike Sibbersen

Speaker Recognition: Scott Regan

**MARCH 21, 2024**

#### THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC PICTURE AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO WOOD COUNTY

Speaker:

***Wade Gottschalk***

*Executive Director*

*Wood County Economic Development*

Greeters: Frank McLaughlin, Sp. J. McLaughlin

Meals: Larry Weiss

Raffle: Becca Ferguson

Invocation: Eric Willman

Guest Recognition: Linda VanBlaricom

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Linda VanBlaricom

Sergeant-at-Arms: Drew Hanna

Introduction of Speaker: Mike Sibbersen

Speaker Recognition: Drew Hanna

**MARCH 28, 2024**

#### ISSUES FACING A GRAYING POPULATION

Speaker:

***Dr. Susan Brown***

*Distinguished Research Professor in Sociology  
Director, BGSU Center for Family and Demographic  
Research / Co-Director, National Center for Family  
and Marriage Research*

Greeters: Ellen Berry, Alice Calderonello

Meals: Cindy Hofner

Raffle: Roger Anderson

Invocation: Gary Saunders

Guest Recognition: Eric Willman

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Eric Willman

Sergeant-at-Arms: Eric Willman

Introduction of Speaker: Larry Weiss

Speaker Recognition: Liz Eilberg

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH**



**WEEK OF MARCH 7**

*Saturday, March 9*  
**Susan Bernheisel**  
**Lee Meserve**  
**Steve Riewaldt**  
**Jane Zwierlein**

**WEEK OF MARCH 14**

*No Birthdays*

**WEEK OF MARCH 21**

*Thursday, March 21*  
**Van Spears**  
*Saturday, March 23*  
**Nadine Edwards**  
*Sunday, March 24*  
**Dick Martin**  
*Tuesday, March 26*  
**Ellen Berry**

**WEEK OF MARCH 28**

*Thursday, March 28*  
**Tom Bamburowski**  
*Saturday, March 30*  
**Mike Shertzer**  
**Eric Willman**  
*Sunday, March 31*  
**Dick Edwards**  
*Wednesday, April 3*  
**Roger Anderson**



**ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH**



**WEEK OF MARCH 7**

*Tuesday, March 12*  
**Frank & Jan McLaughlin**

**WEEK OF MARCH 14**

*Tuesday, March 19*  
**Steve & Sharon Libby**

**WEEK OF MARCH 21**

*No Anniversaries*

**WEEK OF MARCH 28**

*Wednesday, April 3*  
**Larry & Fran Weiss**



## Kiwanis News

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Club President **Chad Plontz** congratulates **Jim Miles** on being named *Kiwanian of the Quarter*. Jim once again organized the bell ringing for the Salvation Army over the holidays, which raised \$7,015.25. Recently, long-time Kiwanis Member **Gene Klotz** was on vacation and attended a meeting of the *Kiwanis Club of Greater Pine Island*, where he made some new friends!



Past President **Mike Shertzer** invited members to a social hour at Arlyn's Good Beer brewpub. This group selfie by **Julianne Shaffer** shows a good turnout. Clockwise from the front: **Cathy Wenig, Andrew Kalmar, Scott Regan, Drew Hanna, Bob Callecod, Susan Aring-Hanna, Darlene Petkwitz, Bryan Hartzler, Mike Shertzer, Gordon Wenig.**

## More Kiwanis News



*Our Kiwanis Club recently pledged to annually donate \$2,500 to the Bowling Green City Schools Bobcat Basics Pantry. This financial support will allow the school district to continually support their students and families in a time of need. (Photo, l. to r.: BGCS Superintendent and Kiwanian **Ted Haselman**, BG Kiwanian **Mike Shertzer**, and **Felicia Boyd** of the Bobcat Basics program.)*



***Zachary Schmidt** was inducted as a new member. Zach is Coordinator of Transfer Admissions at BGSU. Here, he and his sponsor **Cindy Hofner** listen to **Bob Callecod** as he welcomes Zach to the club.*

## Divisional Meeting – Kiwanis Division 1 - South



*On February 3, several of our members attended the Divisional meeting for Kiwanis Division 1-South at the Wood County Senior Center. The featured speaker (left) was our fellow member, club secretary, and current Kiwanis Governor **Jason Miller**. Jason presents Beacon of Hope Awards to **Julianne Shaffer** and **Andrew Kalmar** (center and right).*



*Members of **BGSU Circle K International** also attended. The meeting concluded with participants making fleece tie blankets.*





## Focus on Builders Club



*The Bowling Green Middle School **Builders Club** recently completed their Candy Grams fundraiser. Kudos to the group and club advisor **Cathy Wenig**!*





## Focus on Kenwood K-Kids



*The Kenwood club was excited to receive their official **Kenwood Elementary Kiwanis K-Kids** banner to display at school. Here, club advisor **Bryan Hartzler** shows it to the group.*



*After having to miss their January meeting, the K-Kids had to pull double duty. They had fun decorating Meals on Wheels bags for Valentine's Day and worked hard cutting fabric to make no-sew blankets.*