



Kiwanis®

CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN

<http://www.kiwanisbg.org>

Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

January 2025

Contents: Guest Speakers in December, p.2; Weekly Schedule, p.3; Birthdays and Anniversaries, p.4; Kiwanis News, p.5-6; Kiwanis in the Community, p.6-8; Builders Club, p.9. In Memoriam Bud Dennis, Denise Niese, and Marc Simon, p. 10-12.

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

Officers 2024-25

PRESIDENT * Cindy Hofner
PRESIDENT-ELECT * Paul Herringshaw
SECRETARY * Jason Miller
TREASURER * Andrew Kalmar
PAST PRESIDENT * Chad Plontz
DIRECTORS 2023-2025
Dick Martin, Kathy Mull, Eric Myers, Linda VanBlaricom
DIRECTORS 2024-2026
Bruce Corrigan, Liz Eilberg, Jeff Schooley

JANUARY 2025 PROGRAMS

Program Chair: Paul Herringshaw

January 9

**A FAMILY OF FARMS
WITH A UNIQUE BUSINESS STRUCTURE**

Rob Rettig

Rick Fruth

New Vision Farms, Napoleon

January 16

**THE CARLYLE FARMS
DAIRY OPERATION**

Will Leone

Carlyle Farms, Wayne

January 23

THE FROBOSE MEAT MARKET

Ben Frobose

Frobose Meat Locker, Pemberville

January 30

**EXTRACTING NUTRIENTS
FROM POLLEN GRAINS**

Steve Seedorf

Graminex LLC, Deshler



Guest Speakers in December



1.



2.



3.

*Theme for December:
Writers at Bowling Green State
University*



1. *Abigail Cloud* talks about poetry, teaching, editing, curiosity, and metaphor.
2. *Lawrence Coates* gives a history of Creative Writing at BGSU and lays out the elements of fiction. Photo by Charlie Harper.
3. *James Pfundstein a.k.a. James Enge* narrates how his fantasy fiction draws on models from various mythologies.

PROGRAMS for JANUARY 2025

Program Chair: Paul Herringshaw

JANUARY 9, 2025

A FAMILY OF FARMS WITH A UNIQUE BUSINESS STRUCTURE

Speakers:

Rob Rettig

Rick Fruth

New Vision Farms, Napoleon

Greeters: Julianne Shaffer, Sp. J. Miller

Meals: Colleen Smith

Raffle: Stacy Cochrane

Inspirational Moment: Mike Shertzer

Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Liz Eilberg

Sergeant-at-Arms: Lee Meserve

Introduction of Speaker: Paul Herringshaw

Speaker Recognition: Drew Hanna

JANUARY 16, 2025

THE CARLYLE FARMS DAIRY OPERATION

Speaker:

Will Leone

Carlyle Farms, Wayne

Greeters: Bonna Boettcher, Sp. Becca Ferguson

Meals: Chad Plontz

Raffle: Sharon Libby

Inspirational Moment: Gary Saunders

Guest Recognition: Lee Meserve

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Steve Libby

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Miles

Introduction of Speaker: Paul Herringshaw

Speaker Recognition: Liz Eilberg

JANUARY 23, 2025

THE FROBOSE MEAT MARKET

Speaker:

Ben Frobose

Frobose Meat Locker, Pemberville

Greeters: Gale Swanka, Sp. Jeff Schooley

Meals: Dick Edwards

Raffle: Eric Willman

Inspirational Moment: Bob Callecod

Guest Recognition: Bob Callecod

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Karen Seeliger

Sergeant-at-Arms: Roger Anderson

Introduction of Speaker: Paul Herringshaw

Speaker Recognition: Lee Meserve

JANUARY 30, 2025

EXTRACTING NUTRIENTS FROM POLLEN GRAINS

Speaker:

Steve Seedorf

Product Specialist

Graminex LLC, Deshler

Greeters: Hannah Feffer, Sp. Charlie Harper

Meals: Roger Anderson

Raffle: Dana Nemeth

Inspirational Moment: Gerry Kallenbach

Guest Recognition: Joan Callecod

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Joan Callecod

Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Libby

Introduction of Speaker: Paul Herringshaw

Speaker Recognition: Drew Hanna



Kiwanis®

CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN, OH
Chartered in 1920

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY



WEEK OF JANUARY 1

(Recognized at December 19 meeting)

Saturday, January 4

Ardy Gonyer

Sunday, January 5

Tyler Dunn

Monday, January 6

Scott Seeliger

WEEK OF JANUARY 9

Tuesday, January 14

Stacy Cochrane

WEEK OF JANUARY 16

Saturday, January 18

Cathy Newlove Wenig

Monday, January 20

Marian Dennis

Wednesday, January 22

Jan Larson McLaughlin

WEEK OF JANUARY 23

No Birthdays

WEEK OF JANUARY 30

No Birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY



WEEK OF JANUARY 1

No Anniversaries

WEEK OF JANUARY 9

No Anniversaries

WEEK OF JANUARY 16

No Anniversaries

WEEK OF JANUARY 23

No Anniversaries

WEEK OF JANUARY 30

Thursday, January 30

Sara Zulch-Smith & Dean Smith



Kiwanis[®]

CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN, OH
Chartered in 1920

BG Kiwanis News

Left: Membership Committee member **Bob Callecod** (l.) joins sponsor **Charlie Harper** (r.) in welcoming new Kiwanian **Hannah Feffer**, corporate member from the Wood County Educational Center. Right: President **Cindy Hofner** recognizes **Bryan Hartzler** as Kiwanian of the Month of November, especially for his Pancake Day leadership and sponsorship of K-Kids at Kenwood Elementary.



Left: Secretary **Jason Miller** (l.) and sponsor **Becca Ferguson** (r.) welcome new member State Representative **Haraz Ghanbari**. Below: **Santa Claus** makes his appearance on December 19.



Left: Ugly Christmas sweaters proudly displayed. Right: **Jeff Schooley** illustrates his Inspirational Moment about bringing light into darkness by making an example of well-lit **Charlie Harper**.





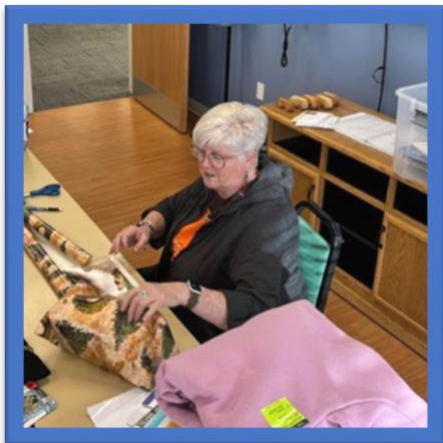
On December 5, 2024, the club remembered our late member **Wallace “Bud” Dennis**. (See “In Memoriam,” p. 10.) Left: **Drew Hanna** gives a moving eulogy for Bud. Below: Bud’s wife and fellow Kiwanian **Marian Dennis** attended with guests **Mary Dennis** and **Bob Midden**.



Kiwanis
CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN, OH
Chartered in 1920

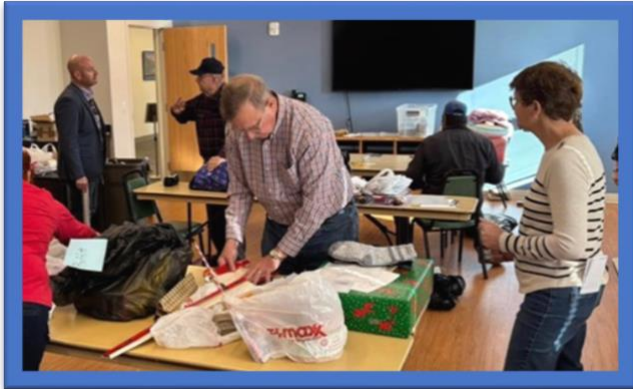
Kiwanis in the Community

Some of our members recently helped to wrap gifts for the **Wood County Committee On Aging** and their **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren** program.
What a fun time ensuring local children have a great holiday!



Left: **Becca Ferguson** wrapping. Right: **Dana Nemeth** and **Colleen Smith** sorting gifts.

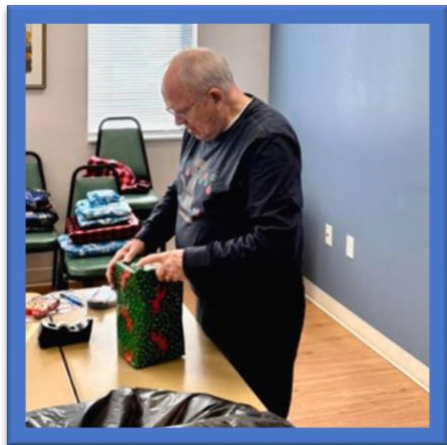
Kiwanis in the Community ... continued



Left: Steve Libby and Cindy Hofner. Right: Bryan Hartzler.



Left: Sharon Libby. Right: Mike Shertzer.



Left: Linda VanBlaricom and Julianne Shaffer. Right: Charlie Harper.

Kiwanis in the Community ... continued

*As part of our gifts to local families, bicycles are refurbished and given out. Thanks to Wood County Auditor **Matt Oestreich** and Wood County Clerk of Courts **Doug Cubberly** along with **Julie Allison** for picking up the bikes and dropping them off at the Wood County Senior Center!*



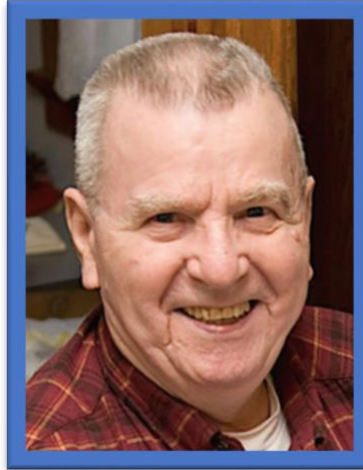
Builders Club at BG Middle School

The Builders Club under the guidance of sponsor Cathy Wenig decorated and signed holiday cards for residents of Bowling Green Manor. What a thoughtful and meaningful gesture!



In Memoriam

*It was a sad autumn for Bowling Green Kiwanis, as we had to say goodbye to three beloved members, **Bud Dennis, Denise Niese, and Marc Simon**. They will be dearly missed by the club and the community.*



Wallace E. (Bud) Dennis (1926-2024)

Our fellow Kiwanian **Wallace E. (Bud) Dennis**, 98, of Bowling Green, Ohio passed away on September 26, 2024. Bud was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, in 1926. He married Marian Fahey February 7, 1953, and she survives in Bowling Green. Also surviving are their children Kathleen Dennis, Mary Julia Dennis, and Timothy John Dennis; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; and his sister, Camille Julia Vetrano. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Patrick Joseph Dennis, and eight siblings.

Bud was Director of the Wood County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and a Deputy for the Wood County Sheriff, retiring in 1995. He then worked under the direction of FEMA, traveling the country to assist with disaster relief. His final assignment was at Ground Zero after 9/11/2001. Bud was a member of the St Aloysius Catholic Church, the BG Kiwanis Club, and Friends of the Wood County Library. In his younger years, he volunteered with the Special Olympics, and at Christmastime he rang the Salvation Army bell at the BG Kroger well into his 90s. During WWII, he proudly served his country aboard the destroyer USS Owen and recently received the 2023 Veteran Congressional Commendation from the US Congress. He was a ham radio operator and a gifted woodworker.

Official obituary: <https://www.hannemanfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Wallace-Dennis>

In Memoriam



Denise E. Niese (1961-2024)

Longtime BG Kiwanis member **Denise C. Niese**, 63, passed away on November 29, 2024. She was born on February 13, 1961. Denise was committed to enhancing the lives of individuals in the community, especially seniors. Her career culminated with her serving as the Executive Director of the Wood County Committee on Aging.

Denise graduated from Vermilion High School, the University of Toledo, and Spring Arbor University. She enjoyed reading, serving on various community groups, and hosting family and friends at her family's cabin in Northern Ontario.

Denise was preceded in death by her father, Thural Williams, and brother, Thural Jr. She is survived by her husband, Dale; sons, Benjamin and Andrew; mother, Gladys (Hawkins) Williams; brother, Warren; sisters, Linda Moyers, Marlene Minney, and Ruthann Jacobs, and many in-laws, extended family members, and friends.

Her obituary states: "Denise could establish a close, personal connection upon first meeting. Whether your acquaintance to Denise was as family, or friend or a member of the community in her service, invariably, she saw you as each. She had the ability to convince you to do what needed to be done, because you knew she would do anything for you." Those of us who knew her as a Kiwanian can confirm this wholeheartedly.

Official obituary:

<https://www.egglestonmeinert.com/obituaries/Denise-C-Niese?obId=34009860>

In Memoriam



Marc V. Simon (1963-2024)

Marc V. Simon, 61, passed away on December 5, 2024. He is survived by his wife Maria, three children, Anne-Marie, Genevieve, and Martin; his brother, John-Paul Simon (Asha); and his mother, Maria Porter. Marc was born in 1963 in South Bend, Indiana. He held a BS in mathematics and a Ph.D. in political science from Indiana University.

Marc was Associate Professor and Chair in Political Science at BGSU. He coordinated Peace and Conflict Studies and advised the International Relations Organization and Model United Nations. His teaching and research focused on international relations, foreign policy, peace studies, and conflict resolution. He taught twice at the University of Salzburg, Austria, and as a Fulbright Lecturer at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna. He spoke frequently about international issues on local and regional television and radio.

Marc loved baseball and outdoor sports. He coached his kids' t-ball, softball and Little League teams. Marc supported the Black Swamp Arts Festival and was a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, BG Kiwanis, the Democratic Party of Wood County, and BG Town and Gown.

Marc was dedicated to his family and was most proud of his three kids. His fellow Kiwanians and the entire Bowling Green community will remember him for his legacy of love for his family, his work on the power of peace, and his passion for education and advocacy for students.

Official obituary:

<https://www.dunnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Marc-V-Simon?obId=33991107>



Kiwanis[®]

CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN, OH

Chartered in 1920