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## Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

### February 2025

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

#### Officers 2024-25

PRESIDENT \* Cindy Hofner  
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NEWSLETTER EDITOR: *Geoff Howes*

### FEBRUARY 2025 PROGRAMS

**Inspirational Educator Month**  
Program Chair: Lee Meserve

**February 6**

**MY JOURNEY THROUGH MUSIC CLASS**

*Heather Kramer*

*Music Teacher, Kenwood Elementary*

**February 13**

**ENGAGING EARLY LEARNERS**

*Annette Teet*

*Kindergarten Teacher, Kenwood Elementary*



**February 20**

**NAVIGATING THE TRICKS TO FIND THE TREASURE IN TEACHING**

*Michelle Thomas*

*Fifth-Grade Teacher, Crim Elementary*

**February 27**

**HOW TO JUGGLE 12 BALLS WHILE 8 ARE DEFLATING**

*Ted Haselman*

*Superintendent, BGCS*



## Guest Speakers in January

Agriculture Month, organized by Paul Herringshaw



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1. **Rob Rettig** and **Rick Fruth** describe the innovative business model of New Vision Farms, a family of farms in Napoleon.
2. **Will Leone** talks about the Carlyle Farms Dairy operation in Wayne.
3. **Ben Frobose** cuts up in more ways than one. See the feature on page 8.
4. **Steve Seedorf** of Graminex LLC in Deshler explains his company's unique process for turning rye grass pollen into nutritional supplements.

**PROGRAMS for FEBRUARY 2025**  
**INSPIRATIONAL EDUCATOR MONTH**

*Program Chair: Lee Meserve*

**FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**MY JOURNEY THROUGH MUSIC CLASS**

Speaker:

***Heather Kramer***

*Music Teacher*

*Kenwood Elementary*

Greeters: Todd Waggoner, Sp. J. Miles

Meals: Mike Sibbersen

Raffle: Char Scherer

Inspirational Moment: Jeff Schooley

Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Geoff Howes

Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Nader

Introduction of Speaker: Eric Myers

Speaker Recognition: Darlene Petkwitz

**FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

**ENGAGING EARLY LEARNERS**

Speaker:

***Annette Teet***

*Kindergarten Teacher*

*Kenwood Elementary*

Greeters: Elizabeth Eilberg, Sp. C. Hofner

Meals: Paul Herringshaw

Raffle: Joan Callecod

Inspirational Moment: Sharon Libby

Guest Recognition: Lee Meserve

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Lee Meserve

Sergeant-at-Arms: Scott Regan

Introduction of Speaker: John Calderonello

Speaker Recognition: Becca Ferguson



**FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

**ELIMINATING THE TRASH AND  
NAVIGATING THE TRICKS TO FIND THE  
TREASURE IN TEACHING**

Speaker:

***Michelle Thomas***

*Fifth-Grade Teacher*

*Crim Elementary*

Greeters: Christopher Smalley, Sp. A. Kalmar

Meals: John Mekus

Raffle: Charles Harper

Inspirational Moment: Mike Shertzer

Guest Recognition: Bob Callecod

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Bob Callecod

Sergeant-at-Arms: Roger Anderson

Introduction of Speaker: Lee Meserve

Speaker Recognition: Lee Meserve

**FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

**HOW TO JUGGLE 12 BALLS  
WHILE 8 ARE DEFLATING**

Speaker:

***Ted Haselman***

*Superintendent*

*Bowling Green City Schools*

Greeters: Kathy Mull, Sp. J. Edens

Meals: Inge Klopping

Raffle: Becca Ferguson

Inspirational Moment: Gary Saunders

Guest Recognition: Joan Callecod

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Liz Eilberg

Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Libby

Introduction of Speaker: Eric Myers

Speaker Recognition: Drew Hanna



## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY**



#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6**

*Friday, February 7*

**Alex DelPiombo**

#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13**

*Friday, February 14*

**John Fawcett**

*Wednesday, February 19*

**Christine Mayle**

#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20**

*No Birthdays*

#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27**

*Tuesday, March 4*

**John Calderonello**

*Wednesday, March 5*

**Lori Hines**

### **ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY**



#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6**

*Friday, February 7*

**Brooke & Travis Harrison**

*Monday, February 10*

**Bob & Joan Callecod**

#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13**

*No Anniversaries*

#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20**

*Saturday, February 22*

**Matt & Leslie Oestreich**

#### **WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27**

*No Anniversaries*



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## BG Kiwanis News



*Left: Secretary **Jason Miller** (l.) congratulates **Dave Woessner** (r.) on 25 years with BG Kiwanis. Below: five Kiwanians receive the coveted white and blue badge for completing their new member requirements. Left to right: **Bonna Boettcher, Mary Beth Zachary, Tina Ohmart Mendoza, Gale Swanka, and Chris Smalley.***



*With no regular meeting on January 2, several members met at **Arlyn's Good Beer** to ring in the new year together. Left to right: **Maria Simon, Scott Regan, John Calderonello, Mike Shertzer,\* Sue and Drew Hanna, Matt Oestreich, Geoff Howes, Randy Moody, Becca Ferguson, and Chris Smalley.***

*\*Thanks for the beer and snacks, **Mike!!***



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## Ring the Bells for the Salvation Army

Last December, under the organizational leadership of **Jim Miles**, Kiwanis, Circle K, and Aktion Club members rang bells and collected donations once again for the **Salvation Army**. We rang for 10 days and collected **\$5,884.65**, for an average of \$735.58 a day. This is one of our most important and visible community projects.



*Chris Smalley and Liz Eilberg jingle all the way.*



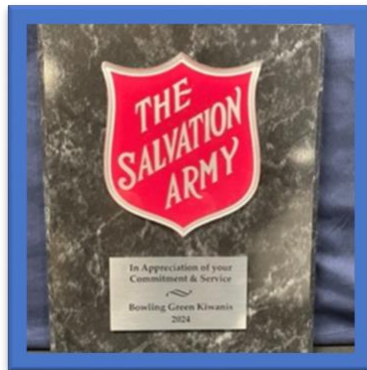
*Cathy Wenig dressed for the occasion.*



*Jim Miles and his grandson.*



*BGSU Circle K Int'l members with Julianne Shaffer.*



*Left: The Salvation Army showed its appreciation. Right: President **Cindy Hofner** recognizes **Jim Miles** as the Kiwanian of the Month for December.*

## Kiwanis in the Community



(Left) President **Cindy Hofner** presents a check for \$5000 for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to Wood County Library Director (and Kiwanian) **Michael Penrod** and Director of Development (and future Kiwanian) **Jessica McClure**. (Right) President **Cindy** presents a check for \$2,500 for the **Cocoon's Kiwanis Kids Program** to Executive Director (and Kiwanian) **Kathy Mull** and Director of Development **Robin Guidera**.

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Above: You never know where you'll find members of Kiwanis out volunteering. These Kiwanians were spotted in January sorting seeds for the Wood County Parks District.

Left: **Andrew Kalmar** and **Linda VanBlaricom**.

Right: **Linda**, **Chris Smalley**, **Becca Ferguson**, and **Andrew**.

Left: **Charlie Harper** presents a check from Kiwanis to **Michelle Feffer**, Community Learning Centers Director for the Wood County Educational Service Center (and Kiwanian).

## Featured Speaker: Ben Frobose Unlocks the Meat Locker

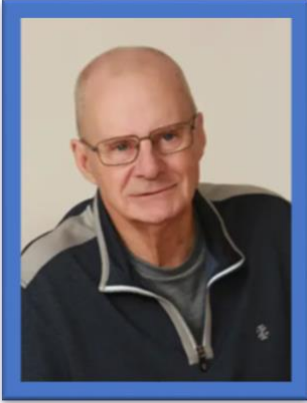
On January 23, **Ben Frobose** of **Frobose Meat Locker** in Pemberville informed and entertained our club with a live demonstration, seasoned with a quick sense of humor, of how half a hog gets butchered. Wielding a hand saw rather than the band saw he usually uses, he turned the 100-pound side of pork into the ribs, chops, bacon, and ham we're more familiar with. And he streamed it on the Internet, with the help of **Bryan Hartzler** (first photo).

After a job well done, Ben and **Nadine Edwards** pose with his meats (last photo).





## In Memoriam



Our fellow Kiwanian **Allan E. Chamberlin**, 73, died peacefully on January 21, 2025, after battling Alzheimer's for several years. He leaves behind Debbie, his wife of 44 years, his sons Chris (wife Amy) of Bowling Green and Mark (wife Kathleen) of Lyndhurst, five grandsons, and a sister and a brother. He was preceded in death by his son Jeff, his brother Jay, and his parents.

Allan graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1974 and worked as Assistant Sports Information Director at UNH. He moved to Bowling Green in 1979 to become the Sports Information Director at BGSU, a role he also served in with the Mid-American Conference from 1983-1991. He earned his CPA from BGSU in 1998 and worked at several accounting firms in the area.

Allan was the official scorer for the BGSU Women's Basketball team for many years and worked in the BGSU Football press box. An accomplished golfer, he won the NH State Championship as a young man and continued weekly golf outings until this past fall. He was an avid walker and enjoyed jigsaw puzzles and Sudoku.

Allan was active in Kiwanis for over 20 years. A member of First United Methodist Church, he served as its Treasurer for many years and was a founding member of the FUMC Investment Club. He was an avid Ohio State fan and enjoyed traveling.

A Celebration of Life is planned for Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1526 E. Wooster St. Bowling Green, Ohio. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 11:00 a.m.

*The official obituary:*

<https://www.dunnfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Allan-E-Chamberlin?obId=34679835>

