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Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

October 2025

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

Officers 2025-26

PRESIDENT * Paul Herringshaw

PRESIDENT-ELECT * Eric Myers

SECRETARY * Cindy Hofner

TREASURER * Andrew Kalmar

PAST PRESIDENT * Chad Plontz

DIRECTORS 2024-2026

Bruce Corrigan, Liz Eilberg, Jeff Schooley

DIRECTORS 2025-2027

John Calderonello, Sharon Libby, Tina Ohmart Mendoza, Gale Swanka

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Geoff Howes

OCTOBER 2025 PROGRAMS

Program Chair: Larry Weiss

October 2

BGSU FOOTBALL 2025

Eddie George

Head Coach, BGSU Football

Speaker starts at 12:00 noon

October 9

**MENTORING YOUTH:
BE BETTER FOUNDATION**

Matt Karaffa

President, Be Better Foundation

October 16

**SAFETY, HEALING AND JUSTICE:
20 YEARS OF SURVIVOR SUPPORT**

Kathy Mull, CEO, The Cocoon

October 23

A TOUR OF WBGU-TV

Lindsay Miller

Associate General Manager, WBGU-TV

Meet at the TV station, 245 Troup Ave.

October 30

**INNER PEACE HOMES:
FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION IN BG**

Mindy Martin

Executive Director, Inner Peace Homes



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Speakers in September

Program Chairs: Dick and Nadine Edwards



1.

1. BGSU Head Hockey Coach **Dennis Williams** talks about his career, his team, and the new season. .



2.

2. **Marnie Pratt**, Local History Librarian at the county library, reviews the history of the library.



3.

3. **Michael Penrod**, Director of the Wood County District Public Library and fellow Kiwanian, expounds on the past, present, and future of the library and the importance of public support.



Amanda Barndt, president of the Wood County Farm Bureau Board of Trustees, thanks Kiwanis for supporting the Ring of Dreams Livestock Show at the Wood County Fair for individuals with developmental disabilities.

PROGRAMS for OCTOBER 2025

Program Chair: Larry Weiss

OCTOBER 2, 2025

BGSU FOOTBALL 2025

Speaker:

Eddie George

Head Football Coach

Bowling Green State University

Speaker starts at 12:00 noon

Greeters: Mary Beth Zachary, Sp. B. Ferguson

Meals: Larry Nader

Raffle: Geoff Howes

Inspirational Moment: Mike Shertzer

Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Karen Seeliger

Sergeant-at-Arms: Lee Meserve

Introduction of Speaker: Larry Weiss

Speaker Recognition: Becca Ferguson

OCTOBER 9, 2025

MENTORING YOUTH: BE BETTER FOUNDATION

Speaker:

Matt Karaffa

President, Be Better Foundation

Greeters: Sandy Williams, Sp. A. Calderonello

Meals: Eric Myers

Raffle: Scott Seeliger

Inspirational Moment: Sharon Libby

Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Geoff Howes

Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Miles

Introduction of Speaker: Nadine Edwards

Speaker Recognition: Inge Klopping

OCTOBER 16, 2025

SAFETY, HEALING AND JUSTICE: 20 YEARS OF SURVIVOR SUPPORT

Speaker:

Kathy Mull

CEO, The Cocoon

Greeters: Rachel Aeschliman, Sp. J. Callecod

Meals: Geoff Howes

Raffle: Eric Willman

Inspirational Moment: Gerry Kallenbach

Guest Recognition: Lee Meserve

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Liz Eilberg

Sergeant-at-Arms: Roger Anderson

Introduction of Speaker: Dick Edwards

Speaker Recognition: Scott Regan

OCTOBER 23, 2025

A TOUR OF WBGU-TV

Speaker:

Lindsay Miller

Associate General Manager, WBGU-TV

Meet at the TV station, 245 Troup Ave.

Greeters: Gale Swanka, Sp. J. Schooley

Meals: Bob Callecod

Raffle: Geoff Howes

Inspirational Moment: Gary Saunders

Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Lee Meserve

Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Libby

Introduction of Speaker: Larry Weiss

Speaker Recognition: Eric Myers

OCTOBER 30

INNER PEACE HOMES: FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION IN BG

Speaker:

Mindy Martin

Executive Director, Inner Peace Homes

Greeters: Jeff Schooley, Sp. J. Callecod

Meals: Karen Seeliger

Raffle: Dick Edwards

Inspirational Moment: Bob Callecod

Guest Recognition: Bob Callecod

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Joan Callecod

Sergeant-at-Arms: Scott Regan

Introduction of Speaker: Larry Weiss

Speaker Recognition: Darlene Petkwitz



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER



WEEK OF OCTOBER 2

Friday, October 3
Sharon Libby

Tuesday, October 7
Eric Myers

WEEK OF OCTOBER 9

Tuesday, October 14
Pete Rappold

WEEK OF OCTOBER 16

No birthdays

WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

Saturday, October 25
Ted Haselman
Linda VanBlaricom

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30

Monday, November 3
Lindsay Miller

Tuesday, November 4
Tina Ohmart Mendoza

Wednesday, November 5
Chris Smalley



ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER



WEEK OF OCTOBER 2

Friday, October 3
Kevin & Stacy Cochrane

WEEK OF OCTOBER 9

Sunday, October 12
Liz & Doug Eilberg

WEEK OF OCTOBER 16

No anniversaries

WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

No anniversaries

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30

No anniversaries



BG Kiwanis Transitions to a New Year

Our September 25 meeting marked the end of the Kiwanis 2024-2025 year. **Mike Shertzer** was made Kiwanian of the Year. We honored and thanked our outgoing president **Cindy Hofner** and welcomed our incoming president **Paul Herringshaw**. Outgoing board members were thanked, and incoming board members were initiated. Mike Shertzer gave Cindy Hofner a beautiful larger-than-lifesize gavel. It was a great day to celebrate Kiwanis and Kiwanians!



(Left) Outgoing board members **Dick Martin**, **Eric Myers**, and **Linda VanBlaricom**. (Right) **Andrew Kalmar** is continuing as club treasurer.



(Left) Outgoing president and incoming secretary **Cindy Hofner**. (Right) Past president **Cindy** receives her parting gavel from master woodworker **Mike Shertzer**.

Kiwanis Transitions *continued*



(Left) **Mike Shertzer** is recognized by President **Cindy** as **Kiwanian of the Year** for 2024-2025, a very well deserved honor. (Right) Incoming board members **Sharon Libby** and **Gale Swanka** with master of ceremonies **Bob Callecod**.



(Left) Past President **Cindy Hofner**, President **Paul Herringshaw**, and President-Elect **Eric Myers**. (Right) Incoming president **Paul Herringshaw** and master of ceremonies **Bob Callecod**.

Kiwanis News

*BG Kiwanis inducted two new members in September, **Sandy Williams** (below) and **Rachel Aeschliman** (right). We look forward to working with them!*



*(Above left) President **Cindy Hofner** presents **Gerry Kallenbach** with a certificate for **Kiwanian of the Month for August**. Gerry chairs the Inspirational Moment committee and regularly gives us very inspirational moments.
(Above right) President Cindy poses with **Bonna Boettcher**, **Kiwanian of the Month for September**. Bonna is a relatively new member who has already contributed time and effort in a number of areas.*

Kiwanis in the Community



(Above left) The Perry'sburg Exchange Club's September 8 meeting tonight featured Kiwanian **Kathy Mull**, Director of the Cocoon Shelter. She shared updates on the shelter's progress to commemorate the Cocoon's 20th year. *(Above right)* Past President **Jeff Orlowski**'s middle-grade novel *Heavenly Kids* was awarded the Gold Medal in the Children – Christian category of the Readers' Favorite International Book Awards. *Heavenly Kids* combines uplifting spiritual themes with real-life challenges that many kids face today, including divorce, peer pressure, and the search for identity and purpose.



(Above left) 2025-2026 BG Kiwanis president and Wood County Park District commissioner **Paul Herringshaw** works one of the district's new spinning wheels, a grant-funded acquisition that has added to the district's heritage skills programming at Carter Historic Farm. *(Above right)* Kiwanian and Bowling Green Historic Preservation commissioner **Geoff Howes** poses with city Planning Director **Heather Saylor** next to one of the 16 historical signs put up around downtown in 2024. The sign project is one of three finalists for Heritage Ohio's Best Downtown Placemaking Award. The awards will be announced at the Heritage Ohio Annual Conference at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in downtown Canton.

Annual Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser

BG Kiwanis held its annual **Cornhole Tournament** on Sunday, Sept. 14. We had great weather and great attendance. There was a total of 32 teams, including 12 sponsored teams (4 **BGSU**--Softball; 3 **CKI** teams, 1 **Key Club** team & 4 **Aktion Club** teams).

The 50/50 raffle raised \$635, with \$317.00 going to the winner -- Michael Penrod.

Winners of the Divisions: Businesses Division-- JRB Renovations; BGSU Division-- Greg McQuillian & Addie Martin; Community Division -- Paul Reinhart & Blaze Reinhart

There were a lot of smiles on everyone's faces, so it was a GREAT DAY. – Cindy Hofner



Cornhole Tournament *continued*



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CORNHOLE
Tournament
Sunday, September 14, 2025

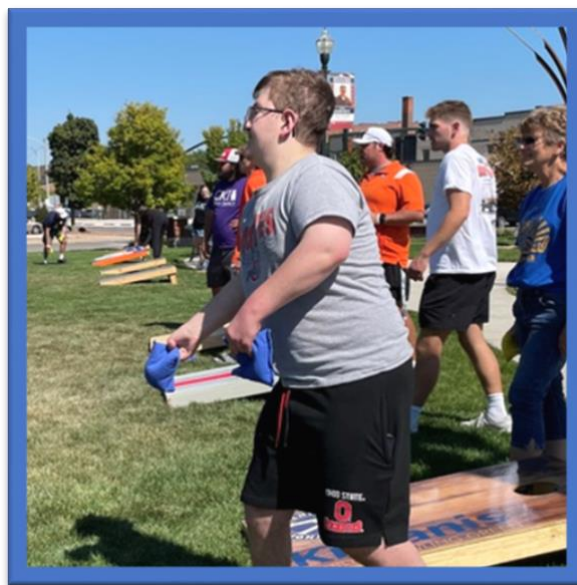
Cornhole Tournament *continued*



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Cornhole Tournament *continued*



Aerial drone photo by Matt Oestreich



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Cornhole Tournament *continued*



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Circle K International in September

BGSU Circle K International recruited at Campus Fest, celebrated the 78th birthday of CKI with BG Kiwanis, and had some busy weeks like the one in the recap below. Congratulations to this very active club!

