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Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

December 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

DECEMBER 2025 PROGRAMS

Program Chairs: Maria Simon and Geoff Howes

December 4

**THE BGSU DEMOCRACY AND PUBLIC
POLICY NETWORK**

Robert Alexander, Ph.D.

Professor of Political Science, BGSU

December 11

**CREATING PEACE IN OUR SHARED
BACKYARD**

Heather Gallant

Executive Director, 577 Foundation

December 18

POLISH-AMERICAN VOTING BEHAVIOR

David J. Jackson, Ph. D.

Professor of Political Science, BGSU

December 25

**NO MEETING
CHRISTMAS DAY**

January 1, 2026

**NO MEETING
NEW YEAR'S DAY**



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Speakers in November

Program Chair: Dick Martin



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1. **Harold Brown** tells the stories of the 1913 BGHS football team.
2. **Heidi Bisbee** talks about the activities of the **Lincoln House Inn**.
3. **Shaun Reeves** tells about the renovation of the **Lincoln House Inn**.
4. 4-H Educator **Amy Michaels** educates the club about all that **Wood County 4-H** has achieved.
5. 4-H Program Assistant **Sara Foos** tells about the goals of **Wood County 4-H**.
6. 4-H Program Assistant **Jenny Morelock** talks about how important 4-H is for young people..

PROGRAMS for DECEMBER 2025

Program Chairs: Maria Simon and Geoff Howes

DECEMBER 4, 2025

**POLLING GREEN:
THE WORK OF THE BGSU DEMOCRACY
AND PUBLIC POLICY NETWORK**

Speaker:

Robert Alexander, Ph.D.

Professor of Political Science

*Director, Bowling Green State University
Democracy and Public Policy Network*

Greeters: Ashley Vetter, Sp. C. Hofner
Meals: Dick Edwards
Raffle: Mary Beth Zachary
Inspirational Moment: Gerry Kallenbach
Guest Recognition: Scott Regan
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Bob Callecod
Sergeant-at-Arms: Roger Anderson
Introduction of Speaker: Geoff Howes
Speaker Recognition: Inge Klopping

DECEMBER 11, 2025

**CREATING PEACE
IN OUR SHARED BACKYARD:
THE 577 FOUNDATION**

Speaker:

Heather Gallant

Executive Director

The 577 Foundation

Greeters: Carri Stanley, Sp. A. Kalmar
Meals: Bruce Corrigan
Raffle: Cindy Hofner
Inspirational Moment: Gary Saunders
Guest Recognition: Bob Callecod
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Joan Callecod
Sergeant-at-Arms: Bruce Corrigan
Introduction of Speaker: Maria Simon
Speaker Recognition: Scott Regan



DECEMBER 18, 2025

**POLISH-AMERICAN VOTING
BEHAVIOR: THE HISTORICAL
PERSPECTIVE AND THE 2024
ELECTION**

Speaker:

David Jackson, Ph.D.

*Professor of Political Science
Bowling Green State University*

Greeters: Gale Swanka, Sp. J. Schooley
Meals: Bonna Boettcher
Raffle: Randy Moody
Inspirational Moment: Bob Callecod
Guest Recognition: Becca Ferguson
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Sharon Libby
Sergeant-at-Arms: Becca Ferguson
Introduction of Speaker: Geoff Howes
Speaker Recognition: Eric Myers

DECEMBER 25, 2025

***NO MEETING*
CHRISTMAS DAY**



JANUARY 1, 2026

***NO MEETING*
NEW YEAR'S DAY**



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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER



WEEK OF DECEMBER 4

Friday, December 5

Kathy Mull

Saturday, December 6

Inge Klopping

Tuesday, December 9

Deborah Boisselle

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

Sunday, December 14

John Mekus

DECEMBER 18-JANUARY 7

Saturday, December 20

Darlene Petkwitz

Saturday, December 27

Todd Waggoner

Tuesday, December 30

Alisha Nenadovich

Wednesday, December 31

Becca Ferguson

Sunday, January 4

Ardy Gonyer

Monday, January 5

Tyler Dunn



ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER



WEEK OF DECEMBER 4

No anniversaries

WEEK OF DECEMBER 11

No anniversaries

DECEMBER 18-JANUARY 7

Thursday, December 18

Jon McDermott

Tom Ross

Saturday, December 20

Martha Woelke



Pancake Day November 1, 2025

*Some scenes from the **BG Kiwanis Pancake Day** at Bowling Green High School. **BGSU Circle K International, Aktion Club, and Key Club** helped out, and public attendance was strong.*







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Kiwanis News



*Veteran member **Gene Klotz** welcomes retired Bowling Green Municipal Judge **Mark Reddin** to the club.*

*President **Paul Herringshaw** awards **Inge Klopping** with a Kiwanian of the Month certificate. Inge has put many hours into getting our new website to work for us.*



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Kiwanis in the Community in November



On Sunday, November 23, four Bowling Green Kiwanians were among the eight citizens who received 2025 **Spirit of Wood County Awards**. Left to right: **Geoff Howes**, Lyle Fletcher Good Citizenship Award; **Cindy Hofner**, Self-Government Award; **Martha Woelke**, Industrial/Economic Development Award; and **Mark Reddin**, Liberty Through Law/Human Freedom Award. Congratulations to all!
(Photo by **Paul Herringshaw**)



(Left) BGSU **Circle K International** members held their annual food drive for the Brown Bag Food Project.
Photo by **Scott Regan**.



(Right) Kiwanis member and Wood County District Public Library Youth Services Coordinator **Maria Simon** welcomes author **Margaret Peterson Haddix** for the IBookBG program in partnership with BG schools.

HOLIDAY PARADE November 22, 2025

*A few photos of the Holiday Parade in Bowling Green. Thanks to **Drew** and **Sue Hanna** for opening up the office so folks could stay warm before stepping off.*





KKids at Crim Elementary

*At the November meeting of the **KKids Club** at Crim, sponsored by **Bruce Corrigan**, Kiwanis member **Mike Schertzer** helped the students build 9 bird houses and 2 bat houses to be installed in the Crim Prairie. The students also painted banners to welcome the author Margaret Peterson Haddix to Crim for the IBookBG Author Visit. And they were wearing their Kiwanis t-shirts donated by BG Kiwanis members!*





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Young Leaders Helping Others

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