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Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

JANUARY 2026

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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

JANUARY 2026 PROGRAMS

Program Chair: Paul Herringshaw

January 8

**HERTZFELD POULTRY EGG FARM
AND ITS MARKETS**

Thomas Hertzfeld

*Hertzfeld Poultry Egg Farm
Meeting starts at 11:40 a.m. for
"Youth Protection" training.*

January 15

THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE

Dusty Sonnenberg

*Farm Director for Ohio Ag Net
and Ohio Country Journal*

January 22

**A TOUR OF AG PRO,
THE NEW JOHN DEERE DEALERSHIP**
12982 Kramer Rd.

Intersection of Kramer R. and St. Rt. 25

January 29

**WHAT IS A COOPERATIVE?
LUCKY FARMERS, INC.**

*Dustin Brown
CEO, Luckey Farmers, Inc.*

Speakers in December

Program Chairs: Maria Simon and Geoff Howes



1.

1. Professor **Robert Alexander** talks about the BGSU Democracy and Public Policy Network. .
2. Executive Director **Heather Gallant** discusses the many activities and services of the 577 Foundation in Perrysburg.
3. **David Jackson** shows how studying Polish-American voters can illuminate many aspects of the political process.



2.



3.



Maria Simon (left) co-organized the December series of speakers in honor of her late husband and Kiwanian **Marc Simon** (right) a year after his death. **Geoff Howes** was co-organizer.

PROGRAMS for JANUARY 2026

Program Chair: Paul Herringshaw

JANUARY 8, 2025

HERTZFELD POULTRY EGG FARM AND ITS MARKETS

Speaker:

Thomas Hertzfeld

Hertzfeld Poultry Egg Farm

Meeting starts at 11:40 a.m.

*"Youth Protection" training with
Sheriff Mark Waslyshyn*

Greeters: Todd Waggoner, Sp. J. Miles

Meals: Roger Anderson

Raffle: Colleen Smith

Inspirational Moment: Jeff Schooley

Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Becca Ferguson

Sergeant-at-Arms: Roger Anderson

Introduction of Speaker: Paul Herringshaw

Speaker Recognition: Becca Ferguson

JANUARY 15, 2025

THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE

Speaker:

Dusty Sonnenberg

*Farm Director for Ohio Ag Net
and Ohio Country Journal*

Greeters: Sandy Campbell, Sp. B. Hartzler

Meals: Geoff Howes

Raffle: Joan Callecod

Inspirational Moment: Mike Shertzer

Guest Recognition: Sharon Libby

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Eric Myers

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bruce Corrigan

Introduction of Speaker: Paul Herringshaw

Speaker Recognition: Inge Klopping

JANUARY 22, 2025

ON THE ROAD!

A TOUR OF AG PRO, THE NEW JOHN DEERE DEALERSHIP

12982 Kramer Rd.

*Intersection of Kramer R. and St. Rt. 25
South of Bowling Green*

Greeters: Connor Rose, Sp. C. Hofner

Meals: Linda Van Blaricom

Raffle: Becca Ferguson

Inspirational Moment: Sharon Libby

Guest Recognition: Bob Callecod

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Steve Libby

Sergeant-at-Arms: Becca Ferguson

Introduction of Speaker: Paul Herringshaw

Speaker Recognition: Scott Regan

JANUARY 29, 2025

WHAT IS A COOPERATIVE? LUCKY FARMERS, INC.

Speaker:

Dustin Brown

CEO, Luckey Farmers, Inc.

Greeters: Kathy Mull, Sp. J. Edens

Meals: Chad Plontz

Raffle: Sharon Libby

Inspirational Moment: Gerry Kallenbach

Guest Recognition: Joan Callecod

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Bob Callecod

Sergeant-at-Arms: Bryan Hartzler

Introduction of Speaker: Paul Herringshaw

Speaker Recognition: Eric Myers



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY



WEEK OF JANUARY 8

Wednesday, January 14
Stacy Cochrane
Sarah Ybanez

WEEK OF JANUARY 15

Sunday, January 18
Cathy Newlove-Wenig
Tuesday, January 20
Marian Dennis

WEEK OF JANUARY 22

Thursday, January 22
Jan Larson McLaughlin

WEEK OF JANUARY 29

No birthdays

ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY



WEEK OF JANUARY 8

No anniversaries

WEEK OF JANUARY 15

No anniversaries

WEEK OF JANUARY 22

No anniversaries

WEEK OF JANUARY 29

Friday, January 30
Sarah Zulch-Smith & Dean Smith



Happy New Year!



Kiwanis News



(Left) **Gene Klotz** presents a certificate to new member **Doug Ruck**. Welcome to the club!
(Right) President **Paul Herringshaw** congratulates November Kiwanian of the month **Bruce Corrigan**, who did an outstanding job organizing the Pancake Day under challenging circumstances.



(Left) **Gene Klotz** presents a certificate to new member **Joe Steinmetz**. Welcome, Joe!
(Right) During our last December meeting we held an ugly Christmas sweater contest. **Cathy Newlove-Wenig, Tina Ohmart Mendoza, Jeff Schooley, Char Scherer, and Mike Shertzer** competed. Tina and Mike tied, and Mike won the tie breaker.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Holiday Outreach

The Kiwanis elves were at it again! 🎁✨

They spent a December day at the Senior Center wrapping presents for kids as part of Wood County Committee on Aging's Grandparents Raising Grandchildren holiday outreach project. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, helped fundraise, and delivered this year — your generosity makes this project possible, and we're grateful for your support of our club's efforts!



Clockwise from upper left: Mike Shertzer, Cindy Hofner, Steve Libby, and Tom Ross.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren *continued*



Sharon Libby and John Calderonello



Linda VanBlaricom and Inge Klopping



Mary Beth Zachary and Bonna Boettcher

Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army



Intrepid Kiwanians braved the cold again on Fridays and Saturdays after Thanksgiving to ring their bells and collect donations for the Salvation Army.



*(Above left)
Bob Callecod.*

*(Above right)
Steve and
Sharon Libby*

*(Right)
Bell-ringing
organizer Jim
Miles with his
grandsons.*



Kiwanis in the Community



(Left) Kiwanian and County Auditor Matt Oestreich celebrates the final payment on the Wood County Museum's elevator with Museum Director Annette Wells.

(Below left) Kiwanians Ted Haselman, Superintendant of BG City Schools, and Ardy Gonyer, School Board member, join other officials in signing the first beam to be erected at the site of the new high school.

(Below right) Larry Weiss was spotted at the Bowling Green Community Center and featured on the Center's Facebook page. Kiwanian Clint Corpe reposted the photo on his WBGU Morning Show page.

