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CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN

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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?  
LUCKEY 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.

2. Executive Director **Heather Gallant** discusses the many activities and services of the 577 Foundation in Perrysburg.



3.

3. **David Jackson** shows how studying Polish-American voters can illuminate many aspects of the political process.

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*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 Wasylyshyn*

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? LUCKEY 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**



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# *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*

## Ring 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.*



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## 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**, Superintendent 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.*



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