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Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

MARCH 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*

MARCH 2026 PROGRAMS

Program Chairs: Dana Nemeth and Mike Sibbersen

March 5

THIS YEAR AT FORT MEIGS

John H. C. Thompson
Head of Interpretation
Fort Meigs Historic Site

March 19

THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Judge Matthew Reger
Wood County Court of Common Pleas

March 12

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Dr. Andrew Schocket
Professor of History and American Culture Studies
Bowling Green State University

March 26

OHIO AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Dr. Larry Nelson
Former Site Manager
Fort Meigs State Memorial



Speakers in February

Inspirational Educator Month, Organized by Lee Meserve



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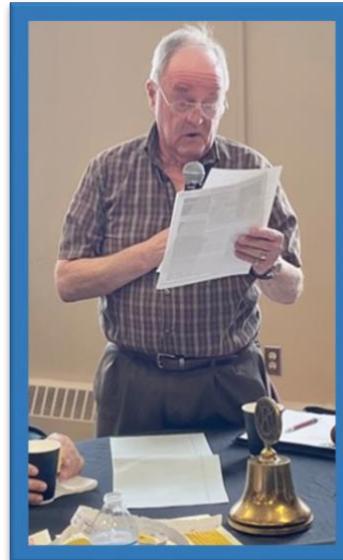
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1. **Steve Aungst** reflects on twenty years of teaching math and STEM, which he calls MEATS, putting math first.
2. **Rachel Shell** lets us know what happens when persistence meets opportunity.
3. **Kim Stevens** tells how she takes her students traveling without leaving the classroom.
4. Superintendent **Ted Haselman** gives updates on high school construction and elementary school plans.
5. **Lee Meserve**, who organized the February series, introduces a guest speaker,

PROGRAMS for MARCH 2026

Program Chairs: Dana Nemeth and Mike Sibbersen

MARCH 5, 2025

THIS YEAR AT FORT MEIGS

Speaker:

John H. C. Thompson

*Head of Interpretation
Fort Meigs Historic Site*

Greeters: Mary Beth Zachary, Sp. R. Ferguson\
Meals: Steve Libby
Raffle: Randy Moody
Inspirational Moment: Sharon Libby
Guest Recognition: Larry Nader
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Colleen Smith
Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Libby
Introduction of Speaker: Dana Nemeth
Speaker Recognition: Inge Klopping

MARCH 12, 2025

THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Speaker:

Dr. Andrew Schocket

*Professor, History and American Culture Studies
Bowling Green State University*

Greeters: Marge Meserve, Sp. L. Meserve
Meals: Becca Ferguson
Raffle: Dick Martin
Inspirational Moment: Bob Callecod
Guest Recognition: Scott Regan
Birthdays/Anniv.: Becca Ferguson
Sergeant-at-Arms: Dick Martin
Introduction of Speaker: Dana Nemeth
Speaker Recognition: Scott Regan



MARCH 19, 2025

THE AMERICAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE:

**500 YEARS IN THE MAKING,
250 YEARS IN CHANGING THE WORLD**

Speaker:

Judge Matthew Reger

Wood County Court of Common Pleas

Greeter: Hannah Feffer
Meals: John Mekus
Raffle: Geoff Howes
Inspirational Moment: Gary Saunders
Guest Recognition: Bob Callecod
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Colleen Smith
Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Miles
Introduction of Speaker: Mike Sibbersen
Speaker Recognition: Eric Myers

MARCH 26, 2025

OHIO AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Speaker:

Dr. Larry Nelson

*Former Site Manager
Fort Meigs State Memorial*

Greeters: Jessica McClure, Sp. M. Penrod
Meals: John Calderonello
Raffle: Cindy Hofner
Inspirational Moment: Gerry Kallenbach
Guest Recognition: Joan Callecod
Birthdays/Anniv.: Linda VanBlaricom
Sergeant-at-Arms: Eric Myers
Introduction of Speaker: Mike Sibbersen
Speaker Recognition: Darlene Petkwitz



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH



WEEK OF MARCH 5

Thursday, March 5
Kayla Minniear

Monday, March 9
Lee Meserve

WEEK OF MARCH 12

No birthdays

WEEK OF MARCH 19

Saturday, March 21
Van Spears

Wednesday, March 25
Nadine Edwards

WEEK OF MARCH 26

Saturday, March 28
Tom Bamburowski
Dick Martin

Monday, March 30
Bonna Boettcher
Scott Seeliger
Mike Shertzer
Eric Willman

Tuesday, March 31
Dick Edwards

ANNIVERSARIES IN MARCH



WEEK OF MARCH 5

No anniversaries

WEEK OF MARCH 12

Thursday, March 12
Frank & Jan Larson McLaughlin

WEEK OF MARCH 19

Thursday, March 19
Sharon & Steve Libby

WEEK OF MARCH 26

No anniversaries

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Kiwanis News

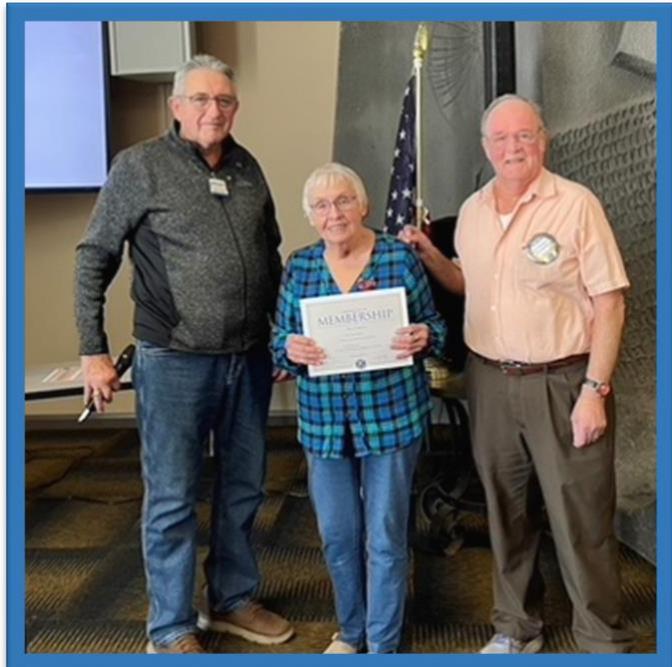


*President **Paul Herringshaw** presents **Darlene Petkwitz** with her certificate for **Kiwanian of the Month** for January.*

Darlene keeps tracks of the books for the club's scholarship fund and investments.



*Veteran member **Gene Klotz** presents a membership certificate to new Kiwanian **Marge Meserve** while her sponsor **Lee Meserve** congratulates her.*



Kiwanis News *continued* ...



Bonna Boettcher reports from the annual Winterfest chili cookoff on Feb. 28:
“There were three categories/three prizes: individual soup, individual chili, and organizational chili. Kiwanis won first place in the organizational category! We now have a chef's hat to add to the club's collection of prizes! I'll bring it to Thursday's meeting.
Excellent recipe, Nadine!
Cheers, Bonna”

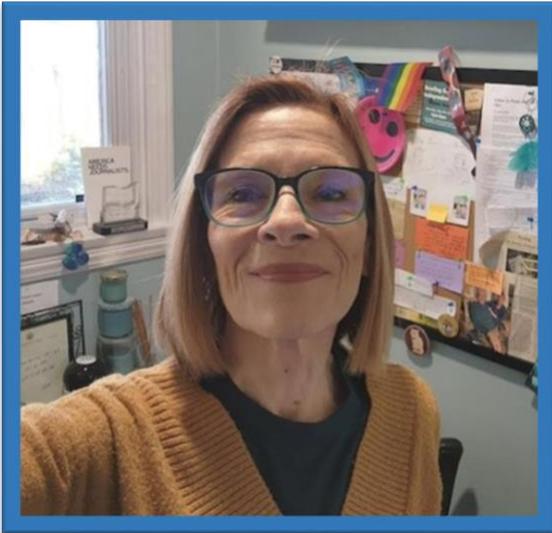
Kiwanis in the Community



Marissa Kolhoff of the Wood County Museum and and Kiwanian **Maria Simon** of the Wood County District Public Library visited Kiwanian **Clint Corpe** on his WBGU FM Morning Show to talk about upcoming programs at both locations and a unique collaboration that's in the works. They also got to pick a song for the “dance tracks” portion of the Friday show.

Kiwanis in the Community *(continued)*

Kiwanians **Dick and Nadine Edwards** visited **Clint Corpe's** WBGU FM Morning Show to talk about the Wood County District Public Library's "Securing our Future" effort, which has raised over 1.8 million dollars toward its 2-million-dollar goal.



Kiwanian **Jan Larson McLaughlin** has been elected by Eastwood High School alumni to the Eastwood Eagle Way Hall of Fame. The celebration honoring new inductees will be March 7 at Eastwood High School (doors 6:00 pm, presentation 6:30 pm).

On February 16, Wood County District Public Library Director of Development and Kiwanian **Jessica McClure** was on **Clint Corpe's** Morning Show with outgoing PR Director **Kelsey Nevius** to talk about what's new at WCDPL.



Kiwanis in the Community *(continued)*



*State Representative and Kiwanian **Haraz N. Ghanbari** (R-Perrysburg) was promoted to Commander in the United States Navy on February 21 at CedarCreek Church in Perrysburg. The ceremony was presided over by Rear Admiral W. Kent Davis, U.S. Navy (Retired). Haraz represents Ohio House District 75. His promotion reflects more than two decades of military service, including prior service in the U.S. Army. In November 2018 he was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame as its youngest inductee ever.*



*Kiwanians **Dick Edwards** and **Michael Penrod** visited the Morning Show to promote the “Securing the Future” campaign for the Wood County District Public Library. Dick is co-chair of the effort and of course, Michael is the very appreciative Director of the Library who wanted to thank the community for its continued support.*

Bowling Green Kiwanis 100 Years Ago

The Daily Sentinel Tribune, Friday, March 5, 1926, page 1:

“REV. WATKINS AT KIWANIS CLUB”

and

Friday, March 12, 1926, page 1:

“LOCAL KIWANIANs MAKE FINE SHOWING”

REV. WATKINS AT KIWANIS CLUB

Evangelist Charles Watkins, who is conducting meetings at the First Presbyterian church here gave another fine address before the Kiwanis club at their noon luncheon on Thursday.

He spoke about types of men who have been successful in business life. The most successful men are those who are willing to change their minds; those who entertain the ideas of others and who are open minded in all their work.

Industry has changed in the last few years. It formerly was a business of owner management, when the owner was the big gun in the corporation. Now it is changed to the organization management system.

Mr. Watkins spoke about the attitude of the public utility companies to the public and said that he did not think that they were trying to rob the people but that such a feeling had arisen in the public mind because of the attitude that the public utility has created in the minds of the people themselves.

He also dwelt on the matter of specialism in industry and decried the fact that men have become only a part of the mechanical work of putting out so much material and when that vocation suggested they were unable to do anything else.

The problem is too big for any one of us to solve, he concluded, but such working bodies as the Kiwanis club all working together can do much to remedy the existing evils.

LOCAL KIWANIANs MAKE FINE SHOWING

Bowling Green Kiwanians won second place in the race of attendance at the Divisional Meeting of the Northwestern Ohio Kiwanis clubs that was held in Toledo last night.

Delphos won the first prize and a beautiful loving cup for the best percentage of attendance which was based on percentage of attendance and distance that the club had to travel to the meeting. Their percent was 236.

The Bowling Green club was represented loud and lustily by fifty B. G. Boosters and the local percentage of 99.5. The club was loudly applauded for its big attendance. The local quota was 52.

Kenton was next best with a percentage of 95 percent of its quota. Ada, Ottawa, Findlay, Celina, Sidney, Lima and Napoleon were also represented.

A big banquet and a big time was reported by the B. G. Kiwanians. All speeches were short, enthusiastic and humorous. An orchestra, The Dyer Ice House Quartet, The Toledo Kiwanis Drama Club and singers entertained the visitors throughout the evening.

Robert Dunn, former Bowling Green resident and a great favorite in his home town of Bowling Green, is President of the Toledo Kiwanis Club and was largely responsible for the great evening of entertainment. Walter Beck, another Bowling Green Hi graduate, is also a member of the Toledo club.