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Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

APRIL 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

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APRIL 2026 PROGRAMS

Program Chairs: Jeff Levin and Gregg DeCrane

April 2

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND SOCIETY

Professor Lu Min

Neuroscientist

Canada and San Francisco, CA

April 9

PSYCHOLOGICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA ON KIDS

Dr. Carolyn Thompsett

Professor of Psychology, BGSU

April 16

TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Dr. Stefan Fritsch

Assoc. Prof. of Political Science, BGSU

April 23

PERSONAL PRIVACY AND TECHNOLOGY SECURITY

Dr. Roy Sankardas

Assoc. Prof. of Computer Science, BGSU

April 30

BGSU'S PATHWAY PROGRAM

*Rob Drapcho, Director of
Enrollment Management*

*Brandi Baker Parcell,
Director of Development*

*Dr. Bobby Steele, Director of
the Pathway Program*

Bowling Green State University

Speakers in March: USA 250

Organized by Dana Nemeth and Mike Sibbersen



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1. *John H. C. Thompson* tells us what we have to look forward to at Fort Meigs in 2026.
2. *Andy Schocket* gives some surprising perspectives on the American Revolution.
3. *Matt Reger* reviews the Anglo-American jury system, which was retained by the revolutionaries.
4. *Larry Nelson* tells what was happening in our neck of the woods during the Revolutionary War.
5. *Dana Nemeth*, who co-organized the March series, introduces a guest speaker.
6. *Mike Sibbersen*, the other co-organizer, introduces a guest speaker.

PROGRAMS for APRIL 2026

Program Chairs: Jeff Levin and Gregg DeCrane

APRIL 2, 2026

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND SOCIETY

Speaker:

Professor Lu Min

Neuroscientist

Canada and San Francisco, CA

Greeters: Gregg DeCrane, Sp. Darlene Petkwitz
Meals: Bob Callecod
Raffle: Char Scherer
Inspirational Moment: Jeff Schooley
Guest Recognition: Larry Nader
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Bob Callecod
Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Nader
Introduction of Speaker: Jeff Levin
Speaker Recognition: Sharon Libby

APRIL 9, 2026

THE PSYCHOLOGICAL RAMIFICATIONS OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA ON KIDS

Speaker:

Dr. Carolyn Thompsett

Professor of Psychology

Bowling Green State University

Greeters: Bruce Corrigan, Sp. R. Edwards
Meals: Dick Martin
Raffle: Karen Seeliger
Inspirational Moment: Mike Shertzer
Guest Recognition: Scott Regan
Birthdays/Anniv.: Joan Callecod
Sergeant-at-Arms: Jeff Schooley
Introduction of Speaker: Jeff Levin
Speaker Recognition: Gerry Kallenbach

APRIL 16, 2026

TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Speaker:

Dr. Stefan Fritsch

Associate Professor of Political Science

Bowling Green State University

Greeter: Lindsay Miller
Meals: Sharon Libby
Raffle: Mike Sibbersen
Inspirational Moment: Sharon Libby
Guest Recognition: Becca Ferguson
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Sharon Libby

Sergeant-at-Arms: Roger Anderson
Introduction of Speaker: Jeff Levin
Speaker Recognition: Becca Ferguson

APRIL 23, 2026

PERSONAL PRIVACY AND TECHNOLOGY SECURITY

Speaker:

Dr. Roy Sankardas

Associate Professor of Computer Science
Bowling Green State University

Greeters: Anitra Bates, Sp. C. Hofner
Meals: Bonna Boettcher
Raffle: Stacy Cochrane
Inspirational Moment: Bob Callecod
Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes
Birthdays/Anniv.: Steve Libby
Sergeant-at-Arms: Bruce Corrigan
Introduction of Speaker: Jeff Levin
Speaker Recognition: Inge Klopping

APRIL 30, 2026

BGSU'S PATHWAY PROGRAM

Speakers:

Rob Drapcho, *Director of*
Enrollment Management

Brandi Baker Parcell, *M.Ed., CFRE,*
Director of Development

Dr. Bobby Steele, *Director of*
the Pathway Program

Bowling Green State University

Greeters: Ardy Gonyer, Sp. C. Corpe
Meals: Geoff Howes
Raffle: Nadine Edwards
Inspirational Moment: Gary Saunders
Guest Recognition: Sharon Libby
Birthdays/Anniv.: Becca Ferguson
Sergeant-at-Arms: Becca Ferguson
Introduction of Speakers: Gregg DeCrane
Speaker Recognition: Scott Regan



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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL



WEEK OF APRIL 2

Friday, April 3
Roger Anderson

WEEK OF APRIL 9

Monday, April 13
Connor Rose

WEEK OF APRIL 16

Saturday, April 18
Bob Latta
Jeff Schooley

WEEK OF APRIL 23

Saturday, April 25
Dana Nemeth

Wednesday, April 29
Joe Edens

WEEK OF APRIL 30

Thursday, April 30
Sarah Zulch-Smith

Friday, May 1
Hannah Feffer

Sunday, May 3
Dianne Klein

Wednesday, May 6
Haraz Ghanbari

ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL



WEEK OF APRIL 2

Friday, April 3
Larry & Fran Weiss

WEEK OF APRIL 9

No anniversaries

WEEK OF APRIL 16

Friday, April 17
Cathy Newlove-Wenig & Gordon Wenig

WEEK OF APRIL 23

Wednesday, April 29
Andrew Kalmar & Cathy Zwyer

WEEK OF APRIL 30

Monday, May 4
Alice & John Calderonello

Wednesday, May 6
Joe & Jessica Edens
Brian Hartzler & Maggie Fawcett



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Kiwanis News



Wood County Committee on Aging Director of Programs **Daniella Brogley** presented Kiwanis Secretary **Cindy Hofner** with the 2026 Community Partner Award from the **Ohio Association of Senior Centers** in recognition of our club's work, especially the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren project led by Cindy.



Congratulations to **Bob Callecod** on receiving the Ohio District Hall of Fame Award! His dedication, leadership, and impact through Bowling Green Kiwanis truly make a difference in our community. This honor is so well deserved, and we're proud to celebrate him!

(Left) Bob poses with the award and his wife **Joan Callecod** at the Ohio District meeting. Former BG Kiwanis president and secretary and past Ohio District Governor **Jason Miller** had a happy reunion with the Callecods (below left) and President **Paul Herringshaw** and Past President and Secretary **Cindy Hofner** (right).



Kiwanis in the Community



On March 18th, Bowling Green State University and the Asian Studies Program held an interfaith forum. One of the panelists was Kiwanian Dr. Jeff Schooley, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. As reported in the BG Independent News, he “brought a critical lens from Christian ethics, challenging modern economic systems. Referencing the influence of capitalism, he argued that building systems around self-interest can conflict with religious teachings.”
(Photo: BG Independent News)

Dr. Andrew Kunze, assistant teaching professor of History, Asian Studies, and International Studies, facilitated the panel discussion. Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, and Hindu perspectives were all represented as the group discussed the relationship between faith and money.

BGSU Asian Studies
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
INTERFAITH FORUM
WEDNESDAY MARCH 18TH 4:30 PM-05:45 PM
OLSCAMP ROOM NO 219

PANELISTS

- Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Schooley** is the pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green. He holds a PhD in Christian Ethics from Duquesne University.
- Dr. S. Zaheer Hasan, MD**, is a neurologist with ProMedica and serves on the Governor of Ohio's Board for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.
- Jay Rinsen Weik Roshi**, Abbot of the Zen Buddhist Temple of Toledo. Founder of the Toledo Mindfulness Institute. 6th Dan Aikido Sensei. Professor of Music, Jazz Studies in University of Toledo.
- Dipti Vyas**, the Vice-Chair of the Multifaith Council of Northwest Ohio.
- Dr. Andrew Kunze** is an Assistant Teaching Professor in History, Asian Studies, and International Studies at BGSU. He teaches on Asian Religions and is a scholar of modern, global Hinduism.

TEA AND SNACKS WILL BE SERVED

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DR. ANDREW KUNZE (AKUNZE@BGSU.EDU)

Kiwanis in the Community *(continued)*



*Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce (and Kiwanian) **Mary Hinkleman** was on Kiwanian **Clint Corpe**'s Morning Show, introducing **Aaron Laird**, Managing Partner and co-founder of the Beacon Search Group in downtown Bowling Green. His firm offers recruiting solutions.*

*On March 19-20, Kiwanian **Larry Weiss** hosted his annual "Baseball Show" at the Dave Horger Media and Production Studio for the 14th straight year. He also hosted the show on the 19th. Here he poses with Kiwanian and Morning Show host **Clint Corpe** and the legendary **Dave Horger**.*



*The **Wood County Committee on Aging Governing Board** got an update on the **MemoryLane Adult Health Care Program** that's now available at the **WCCOA** on **South Grove Street**. Kiwanians on the board are **Brooke Harrison, Andrew Kalmar, Jim Miles, Eric Myers, and Darlene Petkwitz**.*

(Photo: BG Independent News)



BGSU Circle K

BGSU CIRCLE K BOARD

2026-2027

 <p>Luke Kline President</p>	 <p>Isabel Gracon Secretary</p>
 <p>Keira Hartland Treasurer</p>	 <p>Grace Palace Editor</p>

*In March, the **BGSU Circle K International** club elected its officers for 2026-2027: President **Luke Kline**, Secretary **Isabel Gracon**, Treasurer **Keira Hartland**, and Editor **Grace Palace**.*

*2025-2026 BGSU Circle K International President and graduating senior **Natasha Wessells** attended her last Kiwanis meeting as president on March 26. During her time with Circle K she has done an outstanding job of maintaining connections and communications with BG Kiwanis.*



Bowling Green Kiwanis 100 Years Ago

Meet Together.

The Kiwanis Club and the Union Grange will meet together tonight at the Commercial Bank Building at six o'clock and will hold their program together. The Kiwanis Luncheon was not held this noon.

The luncheon together is the result of the activities of the Agricultural Committee of the Kiwanis Club, which has made moves to bring the farmer and business man of this vicinity closer together.

(Left) Daily Sentinel Tribune, Thursday, April 8, 1926, page 2: "Meet Together" (Joint meeting of Kiwanis and the Union Grange farmers' association)
 (Below) Daily Sentinel Tribune, Saturday, April 10, 1926: Editorial note approves of joint meetings of fraternal organizations.

Such gatherings as that held by the Kiwanis Club and Union Grange are desirable. Bowling Green is essentially an agricultural community. The city depends upon the farmer for business and in return it affords a fine market place for his products, helps materially in road building, and furnishes him a place for recreation. Cultivation of each other socially will help each to understand the business needs of the other better.

KIWANIS AND GRANGE HOLD JOINT MEETING

From the evident success of the joint meeting of the Bowling Green Kiwanis Club and the Union Grange here last night, it would appear that meetings of such a nature would become a permanent part of the program of each club during the year.

Many gathered in the Commercial Bank last evening and though the business men outnumbered the farmers slightly, there was much evidence of the Grange since the supper was furnished by the ladies of the Grange and the program was furnished by the Grange.

The Kiwanians sang many of their pet songs at the beginning of the evening and the regular business of the Builders was taken care of through President Frowine who directed the introductions of all who were present.

The tables were cleared away before he introduced Mrs. Dr. Thomas, who took charge of the program that had been arranged by the Grangers.

Ray LeGalley was first introduced and he gave a most graphic explanation of what has been and what is being done by that National organization. His talk revealed the following points:

The Grange was organized to fill a long felt need of more interchange of ideas among the farmers.

Education fills a part of each program, there being debates, lec-

Daily Sentinel Tribune, Friday, April 9, 1926, page 1: "KIWANIS AND GRANGE HOLD JOINT MEETING"

A report on the "evident success of the joint meeting." The meeting was held in the newly opened Commercial Bank. The president of BG Kiwanis at the time was the dentist E. J. Frowine.

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tures, dramatics, and the like during the hour.

The Grange has a legislative branch, which looks after the interest of the farmers in the various branches of the government and has wielded a powerful influence in the work of the congress for the farmers. Extension laws, experiment stations and teaching of agriculture in agricultural colleges has been sponsored.

Breaking of the sewing machine monopoly and sponsoring of the Gas tax was primarily at part

of the recent Grange program.

The Grange has been a fair and conservative organization, it has sponsored the things that it things best and is working for the betterment of each and every farm community.

What it has backed has never worked to the detriment of the city, though there are some who will claim that the dry law, backed by the Grange has been such.

Mr. Thomas then introduced Beulah Stearn, who played a piano solo in such a splendid manner that she was called back to respond with an encore.

Mrs. Mildred Armbruster gave a humorous reading, "Drilling Hubby for the Party," and it was well applauded by the large audience.

Former Deputy Sheriff Raymond Witte, of Lake township, sang two bass solos. They were very impressive. He has a natural ability which is wonderfully supported by a voice of excellent quality.

The evening's program was ended by a fitting and beautiful drill by the Grange Ladies Drill team. The ladies, in the white dresses trimmed in blue and red, proved to be exceptionally well trained in a most difficult drill.