



Kiwanis®

CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN

<http://www.kiwanisbg.org>

Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

MAY 2026

CONTENTS: *Guest Speakers in April, p.2; Weekly Schedule, p.3; Birthdays and Anniversaries, p.4; Kiwanis News, p. 5-6; Kiwanis in the Community, p. 6-9; Pancake Day, p. 10-15; Bowling Green Kiwanis 100 Years Ago, p.16.*

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*

MAY 2026 PROGRAMS

Program Chair: Gary Saunders

May 7

**SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS
WITH BGSU SCHOOL OF AVIATION**

Catherine Smith

Director, BGSU School of Aviation

Melissa Webb

General Manager, BG Flight Center

May 14

TAKING THE TRAIN TO GIFTEDLAND!

Laura V. Weaver

Gifted Services and Intervention Specialist

Bowling Green City Schools (K-12)

May 21

Election of Club Officers

MINDFUL ENDINGS

Margaret Montague and Carol Kinsey

Convenors, BG Mindful Endings

May 28

**FIRST-IN-KIND PROJECTS
IN BOWLING GREEN**

Kati Thompson

Executive Director

BG Economic Development



Speakers in April

Organized by Jeff Levin and Gregg DeCrane



1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.



7.

1. April program organizer **Jeff Levin** interviews AI creation **Lu Min**.
2. **Carolyn Thompsett** discusses the psychological implications of online social media.
3. **Stefan Fritsch** talks about high technology and international relations.
4. **Roy Sankardas** explains how passkeys are more secure than passwords.
5. **Brandi Baker Parcell**, BGSU Director of Development, is enthusiastic about the Pathway Program.
6. **Bobby Steele** is rightly proud of the Pathway Program he directs.
7. **Rob Drapcho** talks about the Pathway Program's role in admissions.

PROGRAMS for MAY 2026

Program Chair: Gary Saunders

MAY 7, 2026

SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH BGSU SCHOOL OF AVIATION

Speakers:

Catherine Smith

Director, BGSU School of Aviation

Melissa Webb

General Manager

Bowling Green Flight Center

Greeters: Matt Feasel, Sp. T. Hasselman
Meals: Gerald Kallenbach
Raffle: Mike Sibbersen
Inspirational Moment: Gerry Kallenbach
Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Steve Libby
Sergeant-at-Arms: Bryan Hartzler
Introduction of Speaker: Gary Saunders
Speaker Recognition: Eric Myers

MAY 14, 2026

TAKING THE TRAIN TO GIFTEDLAND!

Speaker:

Laura V. Weaver

Gifted Services and Gifted Intervention

Specialist (K-12)

Bowling Green City Schools

Greeters: Bryan Cavins, Sp. D. Nemeth
Meals: Matt Oestreich
Raffle: Bryan Hartzler
Inspirational Moment: Jeff Schooley
Guest Recognition: Larry Nader
Birthdays/ Anniversaries: Eric Myers
Sergeant-at-Arms: Cindy Hofner
Introduction of Speaker: Gary Saunders
Speaker Recognition: Darlene Petkwitz

MAY 21, 2026

Election of Club Officers

MINDFUL ENDINGS

Speakers:

Margaret Montague

Carol Kinsey

Convenors

BG Mindful Endings conversation gatherings

Greeters: Megan Newlove, Sp. B. Ferguson
Meals: John Mekus
Raffle: Nadine Edwards
Inspirational Moment: Mike Shertzer
Guest Recognition: Scott Regan
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Larry Nader
Sergeant-at-Arms: Gerry Kallenbach
Introduction of Speaker: Gary Saunders
Speaker Recognition: Sharon Libby

MAY 28, 2026

FIRST-IN-KIND PROJECTS IN BOWLING GREEN

Speaker:

Kati Thompson

Executive Director

Bowling Green Economic Development

Greeters: Brenna Reynolds, Sp. Z. Schmidt
Meals: Karen Seeliger
Raffle: Geoff Howes
Inspirational Moment: Sharon Libby
Guest Recognition: Bob Callecod
Birthdays/Anniv.: Scott Regan
Sergeant-at-Arms: Inge Klopping
Introduction of Speaker: Gary Saunders
Speaker Recognition: Gerry Kallenbach



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN MAY



WEEK OF MAY 7

Friday, May 8

Rachel Aeschliman
Mark Reddin
Colleen Smith

WEEK OF MAY 14

Saturday, May 16

Joe Steinmetz

Tuesday, May 19

Mike Sibbersen

WEEK OF MAY 21

Thursday, May 21

Jim Miles

Saturday, May 23

Gary Dible

Monday, May 25

Gary Saunders
Gale Swanka

Tuesday, May 26

Ted Bowlus

WEEK OF MAY 28

Thursday, May 28

Doug Ruck
Karen Seeliger

Wednesday, June 3

Michael Penrod



Kiwanis

CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN, OH
Chartered in 1920

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY



WEEK OF MAY 7

No anniversaries

WEEK OF MAY 14

Tuesday, May 19

Ardy & Megan Gonyer

WEEK OF MAY 21

Monday, May 25

Larry & Gail Nader

Wednesday, May 27

Carri & Jason Stanley

WEEK OF MAY 28

No anniversaries



Kiwanis

CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN, OH
Chartered in 1920

Remembering the Fallen
Memorial Day May 25



Kiwanis News



(Above left) President **Paul Herringshaw**, **Bob Callecod**, and **Joan Callecod** celebrating Bob's election to the Ohio Kiwanis Hall of Fame.

(Above right) Secretary **Cindy Hofner** presents **Mike Shertzer's** tongue-in-cheek trophy to Hall of Famer **Bob Callecod**.

(Left) **President Paul** presents a certificate to the Kiwanian of the Month for March 2026,



Kiwanis

CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN, OH
Chartered in 1920

Kiwanis News *continued* ...



*(Above, l. to r.) New members **Matt Feasel, Megan Newlove, and Bryan Cavins** introduce themselves to the club. All three were inducted at the same meeting.*

*(Left) **Carri Stanley and Marge Meserve** received blue-and-white badges, moving them from new to regular member status.*

Kiwanis in the Community



*Wood County Auditor and Kiwanian **Matt Oestreich** with his fiscal and payroll teams.
Back row: Lauren Gentry, Tanya Tolles, Amy Emmerich, Michelle Karns, Amanda Holman. Front row:
Stephanie Abke, Auditor Matthew Oestreich, Julie Allison*

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Wood County for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 2024. Auditor Matthew Oestreich has received this award every year since taking office in 2018.

BG Independent News, April 26, 2026.



(Left) **Dick and Nadine Edwards** were presented with the “I Love BG” Award at the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce annual awards dinner. (Right) **Nadine and Dick** chat with Mayor **Mike Aspacher**, who received the Zeus Award for promoting women’s leadership potential.

Kiwanis in the Community *(continued)*

*Kiwanian **Gary Saunders** and Pastor **Robin Small** of the Bowling Green Human Relations Commission spoke on the **WBGU Morning Show** to promote the revived annual Community Multifaith Breakfast, which took place on April 14th. The event was started in 2016 and discontinued after 2019. The breakfast offers an opportunity for neighbors of all backgrounds to come together, share a meal and celebrate the diverse spiritual fabric of Bowling Green. The theme for this year's breakfast was "Peace: Respecting Our Differences."*



*On April 22, Earth Day, the **Wood County Park District** held a ribbon cutting to open the first phase of the **Chessie Circle Trail**, which connects East River Road with the **W. W. Knight Nature Preserve** in Perrysburg. Here, WCPD Assistant Director and Kiwanian **Andrew Kalmar** joins Executive Director and Kiwanian **Chris Smalley** to officially open the trail.*

(Continued on next page)



Kiwanis®

CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN, OH
Chartered in 1920

*Executive Director and Kiwanian **Chris Smalley** addresses the crowd at the ribbon cutting.*



Kiwanians enjoy the first stroll on the Chessie Circle Trail.

*Left to right:
WCPD Board Chair **Becca Ferguson**, **Megan Newlove**, **Marge Meserve**, and **Lee Meserve**.*

*Spot the Kiwanians!
Quite a few turned out for the Earth Day event.*



Pancake Day! April 18, 2026

Six pages of impressions from one of our most successful fundraisers ever!

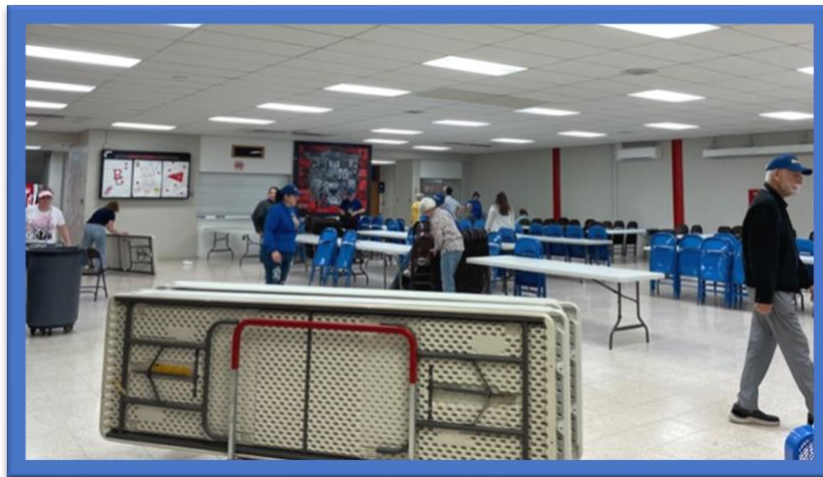












Bowling Green Kiwanis 100 Years Ago

The Daily Sentinel Tribune, Friday, April 2, 1926, page 1:
"KIWANIANs HEAR B. G. MUSICIANs"

Bowling Green High School musician s entertain the club.

and

Saturday, April 17, 1926, page 1:

"KIWANIS CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN"

We would use different language today, but this was a great public service.

KIWANIANs HEAR B. G. MUSICIANs

Bowling Green High School musician s royally entertained the Kiwanis Club at their weekly noon luncheon yesterday. Supt. D. C. Bryant introduced the singer s and player s in their order.

A combined orchestra opened the program by playing a difficult selection in a most masterful way.

Maxine Powell and Ruth Gilbert sang a beautiful duet with Elizabeth Farmer at the piano. Evelyn Loomis impressed the luncheon club by her splendid touch as she played a piano solo.

Douglas Loomis sung admirably and was accompanied by Doris Urschel at the piano. The boys sextet, composed of Wright, Perry, Smith, Schwarz, George and Houser, received prolonged applause at the conclusion of their selection.

Two more solos, one on the piano by Elizabeth Farmer and the other on the violin by Sidney Barron, proved most entertaining to the Builders.

Two orchestra selection s were played during the program. Each orchestra was loudly applauded at the end of the selection but time did not permit them to respond to an encore.

It was a splendid program. Bowling Green HI had won a majority of her contest s in music throughout the year, meeting Lima, Kenton, Findlay and Postoria.

It was announced that the next meeting will be held next Thursday night instead of at noon. The Wood County Grange is to meet with the local business men, who are member s of the Kiwanis Club. A fine program is being arranged by the cooperating committee s of each organization.

Dr. Rae announced that the Kiwanis Club committee had obtained more than \$500 for the Boy Scout s in the soliciting for fund s to back the merger with the Area Council and receive the benefit s of their work.

Yesterdays max. temp.—34.
Yesterday's min. temp.—25.
This morning—21.
Today at 12 M.—40.

KIWANIS CLINIC FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

The Kiwanis club at their business meeting on April 13, decided to hold another clinic for the examination of crippled children.

This clinic will be held in the Assembly Room of the court house Bowling Green, April 22, beginning promptly at 1 o'clock, p. m., under the direction of Dr. Bert Chollett, Toledo, Ohio, assisted by the physician s of Bowling Green. Family physician s are urged to be present also. If you wish to take advantage of this clinic it is important that Dr. H. J. Powell, of Bowling Green, be notified not later than Tuesday.

The Kiwanis club is planning to provide transportation for all of those who will request the same.



Kiwanis
CLUB OF BOWLING GREEN, OH
Chartered in 1920