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Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

JUNE 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*

JUNE 2026 PROGRAMS: Safety Forces Month

Program Chair: Eric Myers

June 4

DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Deputy Andrew Turner

Wood County Sheriff's Office

June 11

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Lieutenant Jim Ritterbach

Bowling Green Fire Division

June 18

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Detective Alyssa Shimel

Bowling Green Police Division

June 25

BGSU POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Lieutenant Corey DiModica

Police Department

Bowling Green State University

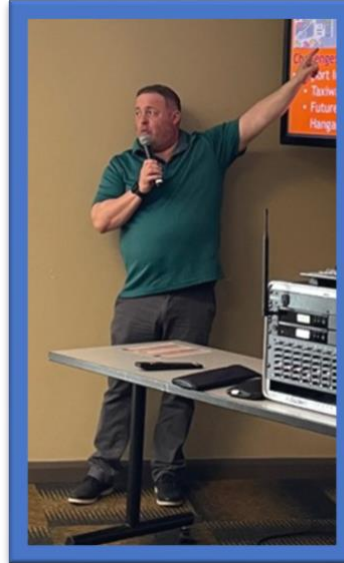


Speakers in May

Organized by Gary Saunders



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1. **Melissa Webb**, General Manager of the Bowling Green Flight Center, updates us on its impressive growth.
2. One of the flight instructors in the BGSU School of Aviation reviews planned airport improvements.
3. **Laura Weaver** outlines the mission of Gifted Services and Gifted Intervention in the BG City Schools.
4. **Margaret Montague** of Mindful Endings encourages us to think and speak more freely about death.
5. **Carol Kinsey**, a retired hospice nurse, explains how the Mindful Endings group discussions work.
6. **Kati Thompson**, Executive Director of BG Economic Development, gives an update on business closings, openings, development, and opportunities in Bowling Green.

PROGRAMS for JUNE 2026: Safety Forces Month

Program Chair: Eric Myers

JUNE 4, 2026

DEPUTY OF THE YEAR

Speaker:

Deputy Andrew Turner
Wood County Sheriff's Office

Greeters: Sarah Ybanez, Sp. R. Moody
Meals: Roger Anderson
Raffle: Geoff Howes
Inspirational Moment: Bob Callecod
Guest Recognition: Joan Callecod
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Geoff Howes
Sergeant-at-Arms: Inge Klopping
Introduction of Speaker: Eric Myers
Speaker Recognition: Becca Ferguson

JUNE 11, 2026

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Speaker:

Lieutenant Jim Ritterbach
Bowling Green Fire Division

Greeters: Mark Reddin, Sp. P. Herringshaw
Meals: Bonnie Boettcher
Raffle: Dick Martin
Inspirational Moment: Gary Saunders
Guest Recognition: Bob Callecod
Birthdays/ Anniv.: Linda VanBlaricom
Sergeant-at-Arms: Sharon Libby
Introduction of Speaker: Eric Myers
Speaker Recognition: Inge Klopping



JUNE 18, 2026

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Speaker:

Detective Alyssa Shimel
Bowling Green Police Division

Greeters: Doug Ruck, Sp. B. Hartzler
Meals: Bruce Corrigan
Raffle: Char Scherer
Inspirational Moment: Gerry Kallenbach
Guest Recognition: Joan Callecod
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Bob Callecod
Sergeant-at-Arms: Steve Libby
Introduction of Speaker: Eric Myers
Speaker Recognition: Scott Regan

JUNE 25, 2026

BGSU POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Speaker:

Lieutenant Corey DiModica
Police Department
Bowling Green State University

Greeters: Paul Dobson, Sp. M. Sibbersen
Meals: Inge Klopping
Raffle: Sharon Libby
Inspirational Moment: Jeff Schooley
Guest Recognition: Becca Ferguson
Birthdays/Anniv.: Joan Callecod
Sergeant-at-Arms: Dick Martin
Introduction of Speaker: Eric Myers
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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE



WEEK OF JUNE 4

Monday, June 8

Bruce Corrigan
Gregg DeCrane
Melanie VanDyne

Wednesday, June 10

Maria Simon

WEEK OF JUNE 11

Tuesday, June 16

Jerry Anderson

WEEK OF JUNE 18

Friday, June 19

Andrew Kalmar

Sunday, June 21

Jeff Orłowski

Monday, June 22

Jeff Levin

WEEK OF JUNE 25

Monday, June 29

Mary Hinkleman
Ryan Hoehner

Tuesday, June 30

Theresa Gavarone

ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE



WEEK OF JUNE 4

Wednesday, June 10

Deb & Bill Boisselle

WEEK OF JUNE 11

Sunday, June 14

Bob & Marcia Latta

WEEK OF JUNE 18

Sunday, June 21

Scott & Diane Regan

Monday, June 22

Tuesday, June 23

Jeff & Brianne Schooley

WEEK OF JUNE 25

Sunday, June 28

Gerry & Belva Kallenbach



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Kiwanis News



(Left) Acting President **Mike Shertzer** presents a **Kiwanian of the Month** certificate for April to **Alisha Nenadovich**, citing her guidance of the daffodil sales fundraiser and contributions to Pancake Day, among other things.

(Below left) Sponsor **Mike Sibbersen** pins new member **Paul Dobson**.

(Below right) Veteran member **Gene Klotz**, new member **Paul Dobson**, and sponsor **Mike Sibbersen**.



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Kiwanis in the Community

The Bowling Green City Schools Senior Scholarship Awards Night was held in late April and Kiwanians were there to present awards.



*Scholarship Committee member **Gale Swanka** congratulates the awardees of the BG Kiwanis scholarships.*

*Left to right: **Sarah Mathey, Zoe Brujic, Julia Barnett, Calla Higgins, and Nia Warman.***



*(Left) Kiwanian and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director **Mary Hinkleman** presents the BG Chamber of Commerce Scholarship to **Molly Boblitt**.*



*(Right) Kiwanian **Megan Newlove** presents Molly with the Alfred and Margaret Newlove Scholarship.*

Kiwanis in the Community *(continued)*



*On Sunday, May 10, **Bowling Green Area Community Bands** presented “Visions of America: Connecting Points” at the BGCS Performing Arts Center, to celebrate the USA’s 250th birthday. Kiwanians **Bruce Corrigan** (percussion, above right), **Andrew Kalmar** (tuba, left), and **Dick Edwards** (alto sax, not pictured) performed, as did BGSU Circle K International secretary **Isabel Gracon** (bassoon, not pictured).*



*(Left) US Navy Commander and State Representative (and Kiwanian) **Haraz Ghanbari** delivers the keynote address at the Memorial Day observance at Oak Grove Cemetery on May 25. (Right) Wood County Prosecutor **Paul Dobson** visited the WBGU Morning Show with **Clint Corpe**.*

Bowling Green Kiwanis 100 Years Ago

The Daily Sentinel Tribune

Monday, June 7, 1926, page 1:

“KIWANIANs MEET IN CONVENTION”

The 10th annual convention of Kiwanis International met in Montreal.

Friday, June 11, 1926, page 1:

“FINDLAY KIWANIANs GUESTS OF LOCALS”

An inter-city meeting of the Kiwanis Club in the brand-new Commercial Bank (not bang!) building.

Friday, June 25, 1926, page 4

Annual Kiwanis Picnic at the County Fairgrounds (now City Park)

Mon, Jun 7, 1926 · Page 1

**KIWANIANs MEET
IN CONVENTION**

By the United Press.
MONTREAL, June 7.—Seven thousand Kiwanians from the United States and Canada arrived here today for the formal opening tonight of the 10th annual convention of the Kiwanis International.

Thirty bands, accompanying more than 1,000 musicians will be in a parade tonight when all the assembled delegates and Montreal organization will march through the city to be reviewed by Dominion Government officials and the Kiwanis president, John H. Moss, of Milwaukee, Wis.

The opening session in the city's auditorium the "Forum" will start at 7:00 o'clock EST, and the program will be broadcast over the United States and Canada from Station CHYC.

The 1530 clubs on the continent will gather in their respective cities tonight for simultaneous meetings with the convention session here for unified expression of good will and friendship which has existed between the two countries for more than a century.

"The past year has been productive of great results," Moss told an audience of Kiwanis officers and Dominion dignitaries that greeted him on his arrival from the United States. "The field of unselfish service has been shown to the world by what Kiwanis has been and is accomplishing in civic and many other ways," he said.

Moss mentioned the furthering of the work of aiding the underprivileged child, the efforts of creating a better understanding between the town and country people, vocational guidance, and the dedication of the President Harding International Good Will Memorial in Stanley Park, Vancouver, Canada, last September, as among the outstanding accom-

plishments of his administration. "Kiwanis is attracting attention because of its accomplishments", he said. "Its appeal has always been to public opinions and this appeal has been for activities of the highest social type. What Kiwanis is doing in every department of human endeavor shows that its service has been wide enough to include the many needs of humanity.

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**FINDLAY KIWANIANs
GUESTS OF LOCALS**

An inter-city meeting of the Kiwanis Club was held in the Kiwanis room, Commercial bank building, last evening. About sixteen Findlay Kiwanians visited the local club. The Hon. Clint Cole was their principal speaker, and made quite a hit with his speech on the Spirit of Patriotism. A number of local as well as visiting members helped make the evening a huge success with their speeches, jokes, experiences etc.

There will be no luncheon on Thursday of this week, and it is proposed to have the Kiwanis picnic at the Fair Grounds on Thursday of next week, June 24, commencing at 3 p. m. The Club will supply the meat, rolls, coffee and lemonade — members supplying anything else they need. Elmer Bowers is in charge of the barbecue. Golf, horse-shoe, ball games and other sports can be indulged in by those desiring exercise, and it is expected that everyone will have a good time.

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Annual Kiwanis Picnic.

About fifty of the Kiwanians, their families and friends, were brought together last evening at the dining hall on the County Fairgrounds for another of the noted Kiwanis picnics.

The tables were heavily laden with all the accessories necessary for a complete dinner. The Kiwanis were so intensely eager for the success of the picnic that they came with indefinite quantities of hot coffee, lemonade, ice cream, peanuts, baked ham and roast pork. The sumptuous layout by all means had the desired effect when the members and guests assembled around the long tables for action.

For means of entertainment, the methods were numerous. There were baseball, horse shoe, racing and golf. The latter mentioned was no doubt the most popular. (I can verify my statement by the icy looks received by some of the wayward members who arrived at the tables a little late.)

However, as the sun set the four some of light colored knickers and straw hats combined with other sixsomes of dainty pastel colors, made a very beautiful scene against the evening sky. Not until it grew too dark for the white, hard rubber spheres to be seen darting through the open spaces did the Kiwanians return to their homes.