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Bowling Green Kiwanis Club Newsletter

JULY 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

JULY 2026 PROGRAMS

Organized by Dick Martin and the Program Committee

July 2

250TH BIRTHDAY

WITH PATRIOTIC READINGS

Human and Spiritual Values Committee

BG Kiwanis

July 9

MORE THAN MAIN STREET

Hallie Williams

Director, Downtown Bowling Green

July 16

THE 2026 WOOD COUNTY FAIR

Paul Perry

President, WC Fair Board

July 23

BLACK SWAMP ARTS FESTIVAL 2026

Jamie Richards

Chair, 2026 Black Swamp Arts Festival

July 30

ISSUES IMPACTING

BOWLING GREEN'S UTILITIES

Brian O'Connell

Director, BG Public Utilities



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Speakers in June: Safety Forces Month

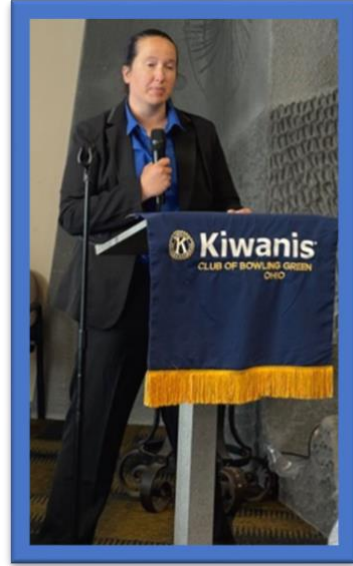
Organized by Eric Myers



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1. Sergeant **Andrew Taylor**, Kiwanis Deputy of the Year.
2. Lieutenant **Jim Ritterbach**, Kiwanis Firefighter of the Year.
3. Detective **Alyssa Shimel**, Kiwanis Police Officer of the Year.
4. Lieutenant **Cody DiModica**, Kiwanis BGSU Police Officer of the Year.
5. **Eric Myers** organized our Safety Forces Month.

PROGRAMS for JULY 2026

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JULY 2, 2026

250TH BIRTHDAY WITH PATRIOTIC READINGS FROM KIWANIS MEMBERS

Speakers:

*Members of the
Human and Spiritual Values Committee*

Greeters: Jessica McClure, Sp. M. Penrod
Meals: Dick Edwards
Raffle: Steve Libby
Inspirational Moment: Mike Shertzer
Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Geoff Howes
Sergeant-at-Arms: Jim Miles
Introduction of Speakers: Mike Shertzer
Speaker Recognition: Darlene Petkowitz

JULY 9, 2026

MORE THAN MAIN STREET

Speaker:

*Hallie Williams
Executive Director
Downtown Bowling Green*

Greeters: Tom Ross, Sp. E. Myers
Meals: Randy Moody
Raffle: Scott Regan
Inspirational Moment: Sharon Libby
Guest Recognition: Geoff Howes
Birthdays/ Anniv.: Larry Nader
Sergeant-at-Arms: Eric Myers
Introduction of Speaker:
Speaker Recognition: Sharon Libby

JULY 16, 2026

THE 2026 WOOD COUNTY FAIR

Speaker:

*Paul Perry
President*

Wood County Agricultural Society (Fair Board)

Greeter: Lindsay Miller
Meals: Dana Nemeth
Raffle: Scott Seeliger
Inspirational Moment: Bob Callecod

July 16 continued

Guest Recognition: Steve Libby
Birthdays/Anniversaries: Scott Regan
Sergeant-at-Arms: Larry Nader
Introduction of Speaker: Paul Herringshaw
Speaker Recognition: Gerry Kallenbach

JULY 23, 2026

BLACK SWAMP ARTS FESTIVAL 2026

Speaker:

*Jamie Richards
Chair
Black Swamp Arts Festival*

Greeters: Gregg DeCrane, Sp. D. Petkowitz
Meals: Linda VanBlaricom
Raffle: Mary Beth Zachary
Inspirational Moment: Gary Saunders
Guest Recognition: Eric Myers
Birthdays/Anniv.: Steve Libby
Sergeant-at-Arms: Jeff Schooley
Introduction of Speaker: Eric Myers
Speaker Recognition: Becca Ferguson

JULY 30, 2026

ISSUES IMPACTING BOWLING GREEN'S UTILITIES

Speaker:

*Brian O'Connell
Director
Bowling Green Public Utilities*

Greeters: Connor Rose, Sp. C. Hofner
Meals: John Mekus
Raffle: Bruce Corrigan
Inspirational Moment: Gerry Kallenbach
Guest Recognition: Larry Nader
Birthdays/Anniv.: Eric Myers
Sergeant-at-Arms: Roger Anderson
Introduction of Speaker: Lee Meserve
Speaker Recognition: Inge Klopping

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY



WEEK OF JULY 2

Friday, July 3

Clint Corpe

Sunday, July 5

Zachary Schmidt

Monday, July 6

Larry Weiss

WEEK OF JULY 9

Monday, July 13

Dave Woessner

Tuesday, July 14

Chad Plontz

WEEK OF JULY 16

Thursday, July 16

Brent Baer

Saturday, July 18

Julie Iler

Sunday, July 19

Liz Eilberg

Monday, July 20

Anitra Bates

Joan Callecod

WEEK OF JULY 23

Thursday, July 23

Larry Nader

Friday, July 24

Brian Hartzler

Cindy Hofner

WEEK OF JULY 30

Friday, July 31

Steve Libby

Sean Williams

Sunday, August 2

Paul Herringshaw

Gerry Kallenbach

David Kuebeck

Tuesday, August 4

Pat Pauken

Wednesday, August 5

Mary Beth Zachary

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY



WEEK OF JULY 2

No anniversaries

WEEK OF JULY 9

Thursday, July 9

Roger and Betty Jean Anderson

WEEK OF JULY 16

No anniversaries

WEEK OF JULY 23

No anniversaries

WEEK OF JULY 30

No anniversaries



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Kiwanis News



*President **Paul Herringshaw** congratulates **Anitra Bates** on achieving full membership and receiving the coveted blue-and-white badge.*

Anitra is Director of Regional Services at Girl Scouts of Western Ohio.

Her sponsor is Cindy Hofner.

Highlights of Safety Forces Month



*(Left) Sheriff (and Kiwanian) **Mark Wasylyshyn** introduces the Kiwanis Deputy of the Year, Sergeant **Andrew Taylor**.*

*(Right) Sergeant Taylor is recognized by Secretary **Cindy Hofner**.*



Sergeant Taylor's family (left) and colleagues (right) turned out to honor him and hear his talk.



*(Left) Bowling Green Fire Chief **Bill Moorman** introduces
Kiwanis Firefighter of the Year **Jim Ritterbach**.
(Right) President **Paul Herringshaw** presents Lieutenant Ritterbach
with the plaque bearing his name.*



*(Left) Kiwanis officers congratulate Lieutenant Ritterbach.
(Right) Fellow firefighters turned out to support their colleague.*

*President **Paul Herringshaw** congratulates Kiwanis Police Officer of the Year Detective **Alyssa Shimel**.*



*(Left) BGSU Chief of Police **Michael Campbell** introduces BGSU Police Officer of the Year **Cody DiModica**.*

*(Right) President **Paul Herringshaw** congratulates Lieutenant **DiModica**.*

Kiwanis in the Community



*On June 4, the Wood County Board of Health appointed Kiwanian **Rachel Aeschliman** interim health commissioner.*

Rachel has been at the Wood County Health Department since September of 2024, first as director of nursing, then as deputy health commissioner.

(Photo: BG Independent News)

*Kiwanian **Becca Ferguson** worked with the young women at Buckeye Girls State, a program of the American Legion Auxiliary that took place from June 7 to June 13 at BGSU.*



*Kiwanians **Ted Haselman**, superintendent of Bowling Green City Schools, and **Ardy Gonyer**, president of the School Board, at a June 23 meeting of the Board, discussed planning for the future of elementary schools in BG.*

(Photo: BG Independent News)

Kiwanis in the Community *(continued)*

*On June 25, Kiwanian **Patrick Pauken** worked his last meeting as secretary for the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees.*

After eighteen years, Pat has decided to concentrate on his teaching as a professor and director of the School of Counseling, Higher Education, Leadership and Foundations in the College of Education and Human Development.

The trustees unanimously passed a resolution thanking him for his services

(Photo: The Morning Show BG)





*Wishing everyone a happy and safe
Independence Day!*

Bowling Green Kiwanis 100 Years Ago

In those days, the BG Kiwanis club took the summer off, so there is nothing to report from July 1926. Here are two front-page Sentinel-Tribune articles from January 1926 that may be of interest.

Friday, January 8, 1926, page 1: "NEW KIWANIS CLUB OFFICERS"

Thursday, January 14, 1926, page 1: "THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND AT KIWANIS"

Friday, January 8, 1926, p. 1

NEW KIWANIS CLUB OFFICERS

The regime of Earl K. Solether as president of the Bowling Green Kiwanis club ended yesterday at noon and Dr. E. J. Frowine and the officers elected with him took office.

Yearly reports and other business were taken care of at the meeting. It is planned to conduct a Kiwanis Glee Club during the coming year with Dr. Rae as the leader.

The following list of officers took their places at the meeting yesterday:

E. J. Frowine—President.
S. W. Rowman—Vice-President.
G. A. Cheney, Secretary-Treasurer.
T. M. Lea—District Trustee.
Directors—Henry Rappaport, Joy Reider, E. H. Power, J. M. Mariner, D. H. McKnight, L. D. Mercer, W. E. Steller.

Standing committees of the Kiwanis Club were appointed by the president yesterday noon:

Agriculture—Prof. G. W. Beatlie, chairman; J. N. Easley, E. K. Solether.

Program—D. C. Bryant, chairman; E. M. Butler, C. G. Heiby.
Membership and Attendance—A. E. Coen, chairman; G. O. Hopper, C. L. Loomis.
Finance—E. D. Bloom, chairman; F. P. Riegle, E. M. Fries.
Education—G. F. Reeba, chairman; Clyde Hissong, A. B. Conklin.
Publicity—A. Haswell, chairman; I. Lake.
Inter City Relations—F. A. Kell, chairman; H. D. Diegle, L. E. Coen.
Public Affairs—J. H. Lincoln, chairman; L. D. Mercer, A. E. Avery.
Business—J. W. Brigham, chairman; C. H. Young, V. R. English.
Classification and Grievance—H. A. Bushkuhl, chairman; R. D. Avery, H. E. Cross.
Reception and House—F. Olinhausen, chairman; J. R. McDowell, M. Zimmerman.
Crippled Children—F. V. Boyle, chairman; O. I. Nesbit, W. H. Gernert.
Music—J. W. Rae, chairman; R. P. Crane, R. M. Tunncliffe, Robert Rae, C. G. Heiby.

Thursday, January 14, 1926, p. 1

THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND AT KIWANIS

Twenty-two students from the Bowling Green high school appeared at the Kiwanis Club meeting this noon under Conductor Bob Wyandt, of the State college, and played several band numbers to the great joy of the "Builders."

The club was surprised at the fine improvement in the band. The high school students are to be praised highly for their fine work during the past year in attaining the present success.

The young people are playing instruments for the first year and their hard work and energetic efforts to perfect their own organization is wonderful. Bowling Green can be proud of the young people and will have reason to be more proud than ever before in the future when the band learns several new pieces that they are working on.

Bob Wyandt, a student of the music department of the college, is providing the students with the leadership and fine musical knowledge that he possesses. He started the band a year ago when practically none of them had musical instruments and furthermore only a couple knew anything about the instruments that they desired to play.

The will to do the thing and the youthful enthusiasm, that predominated in the crowd was all that was needed and Mr. Wyandt molded them into an organization that Bowling Green is proud of.

Supt. Bryant introduced Mr. Wyandt to the Kiwanians and stated that the band was playing the short concert for the benefit of the club, which a year ago voted fifty dollars to the band fund.

The Kiwanians, after hearing the band play, felt well repaid for the donation which they so gladly contributed to the band.

Additional talent from the high school entertained the Kiwanians after the band concluded its part in the program.

Ruth Gilbert played a cello solo which was followed by two vocal solos by Maxine Powell and David Bryant, respectively. Arthur Smith then ended the program with a piano solo.

All of the solos were extremely well rendered and immensely entertaining. Every one was pleased with the fine program which was a reflection of the great amount of musical talent in the local school.