



Kiwanis®
Monument Hill Club

K-News

February 10, 2024

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program

I Cannoli Imagine “Growing Up Italian”

James Divine





Scott Ross called our meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Zoomers:

Bob Evans, Larry Young, Pete Peterson, Rich Rima, Tony Trifiletti, Barrie Town, Donald Johnson, Jim Head, Jo Carroll, Mike Luginbuhl, and Benny Nasser.

Warren Gerig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Our scribe was Ofie Lopez.

Scott Ross is looking for a temporary Sergeant at Arms since Mahlon Lang will be gone for the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming Programs

February 17: Partners in Housing - Mary Steiner

February 24: Wildfire Preparedness - Lisa Hatfield, To Starve an Ember, available to sign her book

March 2: Ann Stelling, RMD Governor, Kiwanis International Convention

March 9: Kiwanis Kids, Bert West

Member Concerns

Barb Brandon led member concerns.

Scott Ross reported that Ron Mangiarelli is in the hospital where he recently had abdominal surgery.

Warren Gerig let us know that February 16th is Warren Moore's 96th birthday! On the following Tuesday, February 22, there will be a birthday surprise breakfast at Omelets Etc. on Interquest Parkway. If you are interested, join the group at 7:45 that morning to help celebrate Warren's birthday. Next Saturday we will have a show of hands for those interested in attending so the restaurant can set aside space.

Barb led a morning invocation:

Heavenly Father, and each according to his or her own beliefs, we are brought together for this common purpose. Strengthen us to bring light to our community and those in need. Keep us gracious in our work and in our message, and let us be grateful to family, friends, and all who support us in our efforts to serve others. Amen.

Visiting Kiwanians

No Visiting Kiwanians today.

Guests



MJ Beaulieu visited us again on Saturday, and in keeping with the theme of Saturday's program, she is half Italian. Welcome back!

Another visitor and our guest speaker was James Divine. Thanks for joining us!

Announcements

Quick Reminders

Prairie Winds K Kids Coat Drive at Prairie Winds Elementary School. Contact Sue Reinecke for info.

Wednesday, February 21: **STEAM** evening at Bear Creek Elementary supported by 40 Key Club kids helping teachers - RF Smith.

Saturday, February 24: **Chess Tournament** at Bear Creek Elementary - RF Smith.

Retrieve Our Bell

Scott Ross is looking for a few recruits to join him to visit the Ute Pass/Woodland Park Kiwanis Club to retrieve our bell taken by said Club. A group is meeting at 6:00 a.m. Wednesday morning to head up the hill. Contact Loyd or Candy Mowery and Scott Ross (719-661-9078) to share a ride and to tell them you want to participate.

Soap Box Derby

Greg Bielanski has received one volunteer to help with the Soapbox Derby but could use one more to help with the car build effort. Car building for the Derby will take a couple of hours per week beginning in April. The first weekend in June are the trials, and the second weekend will be the big race. Contact Greg if you'd like to volunteer for this event - 719-761-1875.



Stars of Tomorrow

Rich Strom updated us on Stars of Tomorrow. As of Saturday morning and the last day for entries, we had 53 contestants for the Stars of Tomorrow show! This will probably put a strain on the audition schedule, but it's a good problem to have. Rich Strom is looking for volunteers in 2 weeks to help with the auditions. Auditions will be held in Big Red, beginning on Saturday, Feb 24th and Sunday, Feb 25th. The show will be held Sunday, March 17 with a dress rehearsal Saturday, March 16. Rich is also asking for Club volunteers to contact businesses to be sponsors for the show. Contact Rich to help - 719-963-4464.



The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club

presents

The 2nd Annual



Stars of Tomorrow Talent Show

Come Celebrate our D38 Performing Arts Students



Sunday March 17, 2024

Palmer Ridge High School

2:00 - 5:00 pm

***Tickets only \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for students
Hosted by famed Colorado Springs radio celebrity Captain Dan
For tickets, go to: mhkc.booktix.com or scan this QR***



DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) State Judges Needed

What: **DECA needs Volunteers** to judge local high school students at the State Competition
State winners go to Nationals in Anaheim CA in April 2024

When: **February 26-27, 2024.** Check-in at 7:00am, Feb 26 to ~5:00, Feb 27 to ~1:00
Volunteers can sign up for one or both days

Where: **The Broadmoor.** 1 Lake Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Why: **Support Amazing Local Students as they demonstrate creativity/problem solving skills**
Leave with a great feeling about the future business leaders of our country

How: **Register Online at the following link (let me know and I can email the link):**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxE8LxzZovs1Dhn_MADZoatSvk3NraLcL276ax5co1pFBSrQ/viewform?pli=1

Info: **No Judging Experience Needed.** Dress is business casual
Judges receive **free breakfast**, training, can select business categories to judge
An internet capable charged device is required to input scores after judging
A number of our Kiwanians have judged in the past & found it as a rewarding experience

Contact Ed Hettler (edhettler@gmail.com, 719-641-3349) on questions & signup info



The upcoming DECA State Competition will be held at the Broadmoor on February 26th (7:00am-5:00pm) and 27th (7:00am-1:00pm).

Ed guarantees that if you do this, you'll be impressed with the young people of today. Winners of this competition get to go to Anaheim,

CA, to participate in the National DECA competition.

Volunteers interested in being judges (no experience necessary) can sign up using the QR code, or by contacting [Ed Hettler](mailto:edhettler@gmail.com)



Valentine's Day

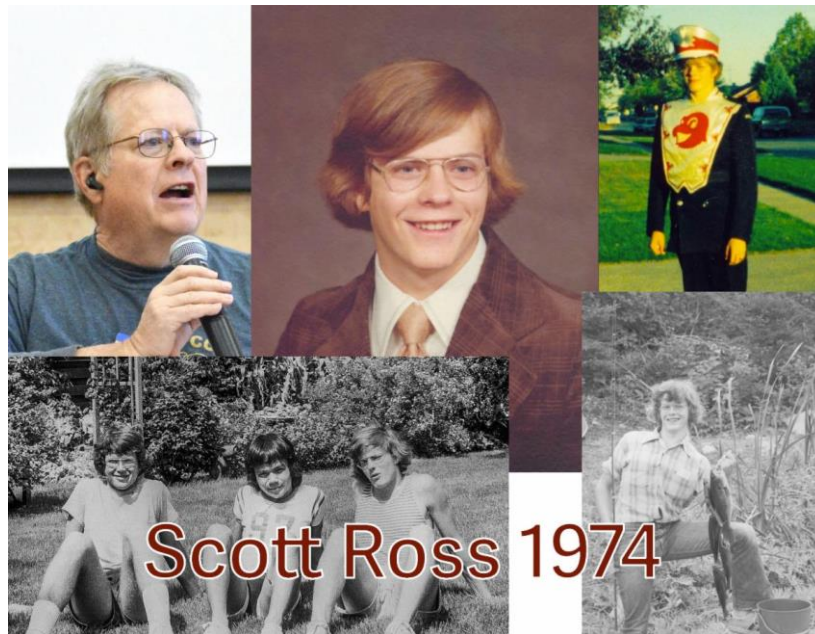
Valentine's Day is coming and that means the **See's Candy** storefront is open where you can order sweets delivered to your Valentine's door and the club will earn a percentage of the sales. There is a link to the storefront on our website or click [HERE](#) to place an order.





50th Anniversary

Our Club's 50th anniversary is coming up in a couple of months, and Scott Ross is looking for pictures of members from 50 years ago. He will assemble pictures into a collage for a video/slide presentation to help us celebrate. His example is below!



Super Bowl Boards

Paul Gourley provided an update on the Super Bowl boards, indicating that this was not only the end of the football season but also the poetry season.

There were still 74 empty squares on the boards, but thanks to John Spidell, they were all filled! A random number generator courtesy of RF Smith was run to provide the numbers on each board. Those are posted on our website for all to see. Good luck!

Funds raised here go to pay for our Career Starter scholarships for kids who would like to go to trade schools. We gave out eleven of these scholarships last year.

Paul provided his poem of the day:

Well, here we are, and after weeks of waiting, tomorrow is the big day!
It's not about talking anymore, the teams are there and ready to play!
And our boards are filling up, thanks to all of you out there,
But you still have a little more time to select a winning square.

Once again, to all you very generous Kiwanians, sincere thanks, I send,
The money this provides, will benefit several deserving students in the end.
Now... we will establish the final board numbers that will help determine your fate,
You can then compare your numbers with the scores, but until tomorrow, you'll have to wait.

Scribes

Pete Peterson is looking for a few more scribes. All you have to do is summarize the program so that those members who don't attend get a good sense of what the program was about. Reach Pete at 714-271-5947.

Bear Creek Elementary Science Fair

RF Smith advised the Club that the Bear Creek Elementary science teacher is looking for volunteers with Math, Science, or Technology experience to help judge the 150+ units of their Science Fair on Wed, 21 Feb 2024 from 0815-1230. Contact RF at 719-210-4987.

Tutoring Youngsters

Mike Luginbuhl told us that the Children's Literacy Center has more clients than expected and added a second session from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. They are seven tutors short. Palmer Lake Elementary School is looking for help with two kindergarten classes, reading in the morning and math in the afternoon. See Mike if you would like to like to volunteer - mike.luginbuhl@comcast.net or 719-313-8532. If you are interested in participating in a Key Club event at the high school level, here is a link to their events for the next few months: [PALMER RIDGE/LEWIS PALMER KEY CLUB UPCOMING EVENTS](#).

Help to Rotary

Scott Ross offered a chance to help support our Rotary partners through a program they are sponsoring: Give Without Spending by sharing your opinions on popular brands and companies. Feedback isn't a survey.

It's a quick hitting emoji-based review that takes only 60 seconds of your time. Each opinion you share creates up to \$1.60 towards your cause! Here is a link to the survey website:

<https://hundredx.com/givewithoutspending>

Submit surveys on as many local businesses/brands, etc. as you wish, complete the survey indicating that North Colorado Springs Rotary is the beneficiary, and that's it. The Tri-Lakes Rotary splits the proceeds 50-50 with the Springs club. Per the site's FAQ - <https://programs.hundredx.com/faq> your personal data is NOT shared with external parties and you should not receive solicitations following your participation in the survey.

News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Pete Peterson



Thomas Csrnko

Feb 5

Joined 2010

Sponsor, Steve Stephenson

- Bingo
- Bell ringing
- Craft Fair
- Empty Bowls
- Key Club Advisor
- RMYL Director



Skip Trahan

Feb 6

Joined 2014

Sponsor, Marian Taylor

- Secretary
- Bingo
- 4th of July

On Leave, hope to have him back soon



Grace Ferguson

Feb 7

Joined 2023

Sponsor, RF Smith

- Heart of Monument Play Park



Harry Brandon

Feb 9

Joined 2008

Sponsor, Wayne Claybaugh

- President, 2014-2015
- Lt. Governor
- VP Operations
- Empty Bowls
- 4th of July Parade
- Bingo
- Bell Ringing
- Peaches
- Birthdays
- Craft Fair
- Musician
- Humorist??



Jim Wyss

Feb 17

Joined 2004

An honorary Kiwanis member through Integrity Bank and Trust

- Sponsorship of the 4th of July parade
- Board Member of the Monument Hill Foundation



Jim Head

Feb 17

Joined 2009

Sponsor, Steve Stephenson

- Bingo Manager
- Bell Ringing
- Peaches
- Empty Bowls
- 4th of July Parade
- Secures USAFA Speakers



Dave Wittman Feb 18

Joined Sertoma 2000, Kiwanis 2014

Sponsor, Jim Taylor Sertoma, Tony Liston Kiwanis

- Bingo
- Empty Bowls
- Bell Ringing
- Peaches
- Golf
- 4th of July Parade
- Foundation Board
- Financial review committee
- Golf Pro

Fun February Facts

Feb 5 – Shower with a Friend day

Feb 5 1958 – The Air Force LOST a Nuclear Bomb in the Atlantic

Feb 6 1971 – Alan Sheppard hit a golf ball on the Moon

Feb 18 – National Drink Wine Day

Feb 18 – Vanna White's Birthday

Humor

Rich Hicks had a nod to our speaker, James Divine. Rich has a buddy whose girlfriend recently left him because he was always eating pasta. It's too bad because he's a really great guy, but he's feeling cannelloni right now :)



Happy Bucks



Rich Strom is not happy about Harry Brandon leaving, but he is happy that years ago, Harry donated an audio system to the club. We will be using that audio system for the Stars of Tomorrow auditions. Thank you very much!



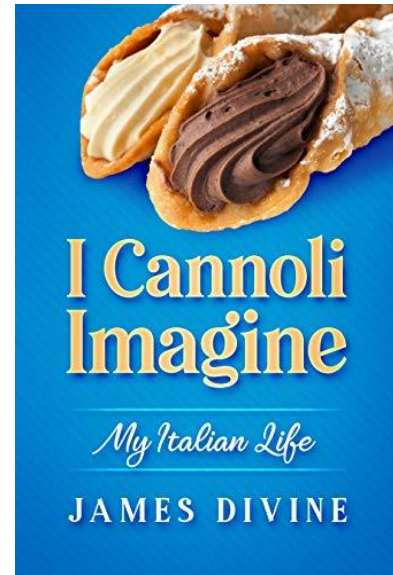
Mike McGrath was happy for Barrie Town, who he visited in Florida last week. Barrie is down there laughing at us and our inclement weather.

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James Divine

Scribe: Ofie Lopez



James Divine is half Italian and half American. His mother (Rita) spoke with the letter "A" at the end of each word. He grew up in Norfolk, Virginia. James joined the U.S. Army band at 19 and spent 10 years doing that. He taught music for 25 years, retired and started a band (New Summit Band). He has a 105-year-old saxophone. He has 4 grown kids and 10 grandkids.

Growing up, James could remember the smell of garlic when you opened the door to his home. His mother was a 5 feet tall and weighed 200 lbs. Her secret ingredient in the meatballs was "love".

James's parents were an arranged marriage. His widowed father had already had a family when his parents married. His mother left his father after 5 years of marriage and went back to Italy with her children. In Italy, there was never a lack of food or a place to sleep either on a floor or sofa. Everything was done around the table. With 15 people around the table, their voices were loud and there were emotions coming out. Always plenty of food, espresso coffee with lots of sugar. Of course, most of them had bad teeth.



In an Italian family, the first daughter in every family is named after the grandmother (Nona). For a large, extended family like theirs, there were lots of girls named Angela. James's mother's parents died young. His aunts were young and his uncle played guitar. They lived in Italy for 2 years and during that time, his mother would go to auditions and take her kids with her. When they moved back to the States, his mother with her loud voice joined the church choir. His mother had a wooden spoon to use for "toto" (speak the spank). His mother didn't know the English language very well and at times James would have to interpret for her. America was a "Land of Opportunity." She only had a first-grade education but taught herself to read and write both Italian and English. As the oldest daughter, she took care of her younger siblings. She worked as a cleaning lady and a caterer. In the years growing up, James and his siblings liked to collect buttons especially the Easter button and show them to others.

James grew up with the 4 F's. 1) Faith - Belief in God. 2) Family – Important. 3) Food – Everyone claims to have the best meatballs. 4) Fun.

His 97-year-old Papa Jimmy had 5 piece-a advice for people:

1) Eat – Italian food has no calories. 2) Take no medicine except a chill pill. 3) Must have balance in your life. Work and Fun. 4) Take Olive Oil for your hand and face. 5) Sex, but marriage first.

James dated many women, and his mother always knew that they were not right for him. After 2 1/2 years of dating Susan, he brought her to dinner. His mother knew that she was the one because she asked for seconds of lasagna!

Here is a link to video of the program: <https://youtu.be/5e17vg7dZjc>.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Dave Bailey had a chance of winning \$94, but a red chip showed up in his hand - 5 chips remaining. Maybe next week.

See you on Saturday @ BIG RED!!!

Yours in fellowship,
Scott Ross
President

The video for this week's program can be viewed at
[THIS THIS LINK](#)

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