



Kiwanis®
Monument Hill Club

K-News

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Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Cowboy Hat Diplomacy for Kiwanis Kids Around the Globe *Bert West*

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

Today's Zoomers: Bob Evans, Barrie Town, Larry Young and Rich Rita.

Scott introduced our guest speaker, Bert West, the outgoing Kiwanis International president, from our Woodland Park club. He'll be telling us about his adventures traveling the globe representing Kiwanis. Welcome Bert!

Mark Anderson was our program Scribe.



Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led Member Concerns.

Tom Csrnko has had shoulder surgery, and we passed around a get well card for him.

Rich led a morning prayer. Heavenly Father, we thank you for the privilege of guiding our youth in leadership and service. Bless our endeavors as we embark on projects to benefit others and grant us the wisdom to instill values that will inspire a lifetime of compassionate leadership. Amen.

Jim Murphy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Dean Snow introduced his good friend Kevin Quinn who is visiting us. Welcome Kevin!

RF welcomed back Paige Williams from Helmet Fire Productions. Paige has turned in her application for membership. Hurray!

Scott welcomed MJ Beaulieu, who was joining us again. Great to see you again, Paige and MJ!



Announcements

Membership Minute

Jim Wolf presented the Membership Minutes regarding upcoming events.

Tomorrow, Sunday, March 10th we begin daylight savings time.

Happy Hour will be Tuesday, March 12th and the Konnectors will be Thursday, March 14th, both at Pikes Peak Brewery.

March 17th at 2 p.m. the Stars of Tomorrow Talent Show at the Palmer Ridge High School auditorium. Tickets are \$10 at Ticket on booktix.

Newcomers orientation. We will plan to have one the first Saturday of every month until we catch up, then once a quarter.

Again, our goal is for each member to bring in one new member this year.



Announcements



RF Smith reminded us that he is still collecting newspapers for the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership conference.

For K-Kids, he also continues to collect pull tabs from aluminum cans. We can turn these items into RF each week.

Recruiting New Board Members

Bill Kaelin used a middle of the night Texas motel imagery (think when the lights go on, cockroaches scurrying away in a hurry), as he's asking for people to consider volunteering for various board positions for our club. So, when Bill approaches members, he asks that we not be cockroaches.





Stars of Tomorrow

Rich Strom gave us an update on Stars of Tomorrow. We had a half page story in the OCN.

Rehearsals for the program will be Saturday, March 16th at 10:00 at Palmer Ridge.

We may need ushers for the show, although there should be more than enough. SLP members are set to be ushers.

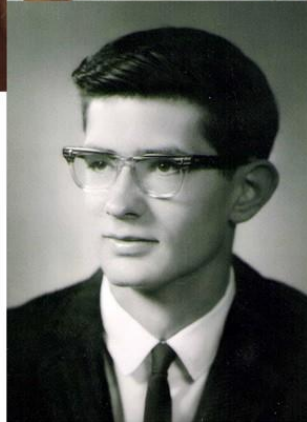
The program is next Sunday afternoon, March 17th, starting at 2:00 in the afternoon.

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Go to the website to get tickets or scan this QR code. We prefer to sell as much as possible early because last year we had a delay at the box office.

See Rich to help. Buy your tickets to the show at:
<https://mhkc.booktix.net>. Guaranteed to be a fun evening!!

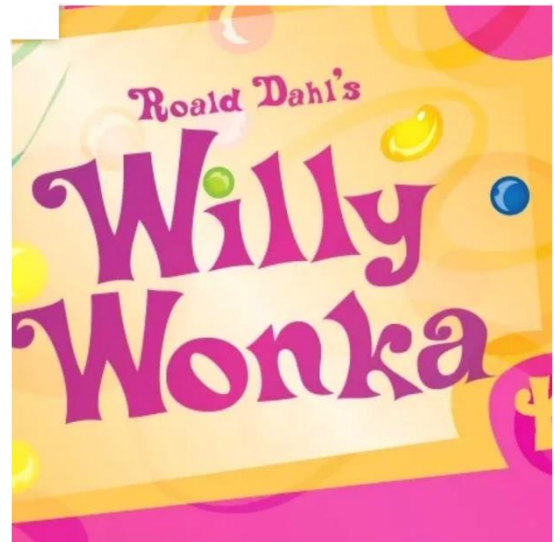




50th Anniversary

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. This week's 50 years back pictures - upper left, the cowboy, was Ron Mangiarelli. Next, center top, is Ed Tomlinson. Far right on the top, is Bennie and Bonnie Nasser, holding their baby. On the bottom left - in prom ware, Steve Hall, and next in the center, is Steve in his graduation picture. At the bottom right is Greg Bielanski.

If you have a picture of yourself from 1974 (or thereabouts), email it to: [Scott Ross](mailto:Scott.Ross@monumenthillkiwanis.org). You too can be famous!



Carter Jones (our favorite young thespian) and Scott Andrews invite YOU to attend a performance of Willy Wonka Kids on March 22 or 23, at the Colorado Springs Charter Academy, 2577 N. Chelton Rd, in Colorado Springs. Carter will be playing the part of Uncle Joe who gets to accompany Charlie to the Willy Wonka factory after finding the golden ticket. Show options are:

- 6:30pm on Friday March 22nd
- 3:00pm matinee on Saturday March 23rd
- 6:00pm show on Saturday March 23rd.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission. Tickets are available at:

<https://risechristianarts.com/ols/categories/tickets>.

Partnering with Tri-Lakes Rotary on Heart of Monument Park Fundraiser

Scott Ross told us that the Tri-Lakes Rotary Club will be doing a golf ball drop fund-raiser that will benefit our Heart of Monument Play Park. There will be more information upcoming, but we greatly appreciate their help in backing our big project. We need a handful of volunteers to help them organize this event. Last fall, this same type of fundraiser gathered \$4,000

Palmer Lake Center for the Arts

The Palmer Lake Art Group's Winter Show Reception will be held this Friday, March 8, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Among the featured artists are Joanie Lang and Vicki Mynhier, wives of Mahlon Lang and Greg Bielanski respectively. Admission is free and everyone is invited to attend. The show continues through March 30!

Circle K Club Update

Max Williams gave a report on last week's Circle-K regional convention. Our UCCS club won three awards. First was for paying dues early. Second, the Circle K Club completed Brick by Brick, where the bricks were decorated for building South African homeless to help feed and clothe them. Our UCCS Club raised the most money. The third award was for the outstanding club president. Our UCCS club president won that honor.



March Madness

March Madness is coming up. Dennis Beasley and Jim Head want you to know that we can register online at CBS Sports starting in a couple of weeks. Brackets will be open on March 17th and must be submitted no later than NOON on March 21st. There's only 4 days so you need to be ready on the 17th with your picks.

The rules are family members can play, and we're limited to three brackets a person at \$10 per entry.

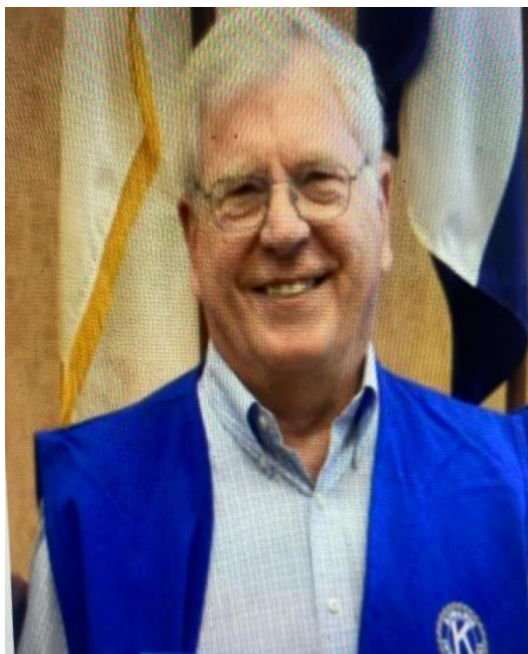
Half the proceeds go to our foundation, the remainder is divided between the four top brackets. Details will be explained in upcoming e-blasts.



News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Pete Peterson



Alfred “Al” Feldcamp

March 11

Joined 2023

Sponsor Jim Wolf

1. New Member
2. Knights of Columbus Liaison

Warren Gerig

March 11

Joined 2008

Sponsor Dick Durham

- Photographer (13+ years)
- 4th of July
- Bingo
- Bell Ringing
- Empty Bowls
- Craft Fair
- Foundation Secretary
- Life Member



Scott Andrews

March 14

Joined 2018

Sponsor Jim Hatley

- Bell Ringing
- Empty Bowls
- Peaches
- 4th of July
- Senior Meals
- Craft Fair
- Soap Box Derby
- Thanksgiving Food Distribution

March Fun Facts

These items never go bad:

Honey
Salt
Sugar
Vanilla Extract
Vinegar
White Rice

Happy Bucks



Mahlon Lang had a happy buck for Rob, who loaned him a Kiwanis cap because his cap is still missing.



Sue Reinecke regarding a letter posted to Watt Hills wife, Eunice for her donation she made to the Children's Fund. While writing a thank you note to Eunice, she went onto the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership website and found that there was a button to push to make a donation in Watt's name. There is a really nice write up about him there.



Dennis Beasley had a happy buck for being back after a five week-long road trip to the southwest including Phoenix, and is looking forward to being around for March Madness.



Bill Kaelin has a happy buck for the youth group who provided the snacks this morning, and challenged Scott concerning the whereabouts of the frog. Scott assured him he has kept track of the frog and can produce it.



Ben Bellis had happy bucks for being able to spend time this week skiing with his best buddy Steve



Sutherland, and will do three more days next week before heading back home to Guam.

Dave Wittman had a happy buck. He spent two weeks traveling in Florida. He got to spend time with Barrie Town and also went to Aruba, Cartagena, and the Panama Canal. It's nice to be back.



Jack Fry had a happy buck because the mention of Watt Hill brought back memories of running into Watt back in Bien Hoa, Vietnam. Then Jack also thought of running into General Bellis, Ben's Dad, in Ramstein, Germany. He even recalled General Bellis signing one of his OERs, which helped him get promoted below the zone.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Rich Strom won the weekly drawing, but did not pick the right color chip. \$28 moves on to next week.

Program

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Scribe: Mark Anderson



Bert West is the immediate past President of Kiwanis International. He is from the Woodland Park Kiwanis Club. He has traveled the world on behalf of Kiwanis.

Last year, Bert had twenty-four stamps added to his passport and circled the world four times. He finally got south of the Equator, visiting a country in Africa. It was an amazing experience.

As he began his duties, he told his wife that they needed to embrace the culture as a couple. It would be the only opportunity they would have to experience different food experiences and cultures.



Out of the blue one day, he decided to wear his cowboy hat when he was on his travels. He discovered that many people really liked the hat. Especially children.

Kids were fascinated by the hat. On many occasions, they followed Bert around. This led Bert to ask the children, "Would you like to wear my hat?" They nearly always answered yes.

Bert started letting children around the world put on his hat. Often times, they'd take a picture.

A year ago he was in Romania, visiting a Kiwanis Club there. Bert noticed The Objects of Kiwanis posted in one of the clubs, in Romanian, and he had a little boy read Object Number One. Wearing his hat.

Now we have children from around the world introducing the Objects of Kiwanis, one by one, in their native languages. The presentation had children from Romania, Luxembourg, Taiwan, Philippines, and other countries - <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/xgislencr6gtnduc2bkac/The-Objects-kids.mp4?rlkey=iuitkxzp8ve5psqwe9i12gr7k&dl=0>.

Bert arranged video because this July we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Objects of Kiwanis at our Convention in Denver. The Objects have remained unchanged since they were adopted, in Denver, in 1924. Bert invited all of us to be involved either attending or volunteering this July.





Bert had pictures and a story to go along with these children. First was a toddler, son of an unwed teenage mother, in a Kiwanis home for unwed mothers in South Carolina. There are other clubs that such as Rotary that have homes dedicated to such young people in the same compound. The little boy is being taken care of while his mother is finishing her schooling. This little boy will have an opportunity to succeed because of Kiwanis and the nurturing environment we are able to provide.

The next picture is of a little girl who was in Romania. She's a Ukrainian refugee. Although she's moved to a new country away from war, and she has to learn a new language in school. Bert and his wife brought them snacks — an apple and a banana. She set the banana and apple down, she would not lose sight of them, because she might not get other things to eat that day. She did not know where the rest of her family was.

The next was a picture from a new Kiwanis Club three miles outside of New Delhi. Bert and his wife, Sandy, were part of an unusual parade. When they arrived at the club, they met a little girl who wanted to wear his hat. The smiles were heartwarming.

The next picture was back from the Ukrainian refugee center in Romania. Then there was a picture from their trip to Taiwan. Very large clubs there. A little girl followed him around. She wanted to wear his hat, too.

There were hazards about socializing and Toasting in Taiwan. Banquets had 600-700 people attending, and they expected Bert to go from table to table to make toasts (which are expected). You have to be careful but Bert remembered that tea looks a lot like whiskey.

There is a three-story tall hospital fully funded by Kiwanis in New Delhi that concentrates on providing prosthetics. Below is a picture of a youngster who couldn't speak or walk but was being helped. There's also

a rehab clinic and a general medicine there. The Indians started that club in 1982, and they are doing great things. This hospital's services are completely free to those needing medical help.





The last picture was taken in Romania, only three miles from the Ukrainian border. The little girl in the picture came from the border. Her Mom came, and she brought five children to the safety of this home. They had no idea of where their father was or even if he was alive. He had been conscripted into the Ukrainian Army. The family had to get out, and they were able to be cared for by Kiwanis.

Passion and perspective are everything. We all have a different perspective of what Kiwanis looks like, but that passion is all the same. We love the smiles on the children's faces, and that is what all the ideas are about what makes Kiwanis. We all share that passion for children.

Scott's Bully Pulpit 03/09/2024

Send Your 1970s Photos

Re our 50th birthday members video slideshow. ~30 of you have sent me your photos from the mid 1970s, including this young fellow who doesn't look old enough to be drinking beer.

Please send me one or several pictures of you and I will pull slides together along with a recent image into a slide for the video.

Canoeing Lessons

A young boy was floating down a small river in a canoe with his grandfather. When the grandfather steered, they made good progress, smoothly slipping between the rocks and through the smoothest, deepest parts of the rapids. When the young boy steered, it was a continual struggle to avoid disaster, narrowly missing boulders, and often getting stuck in the shallows. The youngster steered them down the river without calamity, but they both grew weary from the effort.

When the older man had been through enough, he directed the boy to beach the canoe on a sand bar. Over lunch, he taught the child (OK, it was me) how life is like the river they were floating down. Time flows like a river, carrying us toward opportunities and obstacles alike. To avoid rocks and take advantage of good water, we must be in position well upstream from our objective. If we aim directly for the desired spot, the current will carry us past it. We will have to work many times harder, fighting time and current to accomplish what we could have done easily if we had allowed ourselves to be well positioned ahead of time.

We are five months into the Kiwanis year, and you have heard, will be hearing, from Bill, Greg, RF, and me about getting involved with our Club's 2024-25 year. We have a lot of planning going on to make this Club the best we can be, for ourselves and our community. You can help by stepping up to lead projects, help with club duties, and looking ahead at where we want to go, and aiming upstream to get there.

RF is leading a Planning Team working to help chart the path for us to thrive in a changing society with new norms of volunteer commitment, but with a continuing desire to make our world better. You will learn more later this year.

"The duty of planning the morrow's work is today's duty..." — C.S. Lewis

Scott

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See you on Saturday @ BIG RED!!!

Yours in fellowship,
Scott Ross



President

The video for this week's program can be viewed at
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