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Monument Hill Club

K-News

September 7, 2024

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program

Geneva Technologies

Steven Hart

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

Joining us on Zoom today are: Rich and Kathy Strom, Bob Evans, Barrie Town, Rich Rima, Bill Kaelin, Jim Head and Marlene Bizub.

Sergeant at Arms Today is Larry Young.

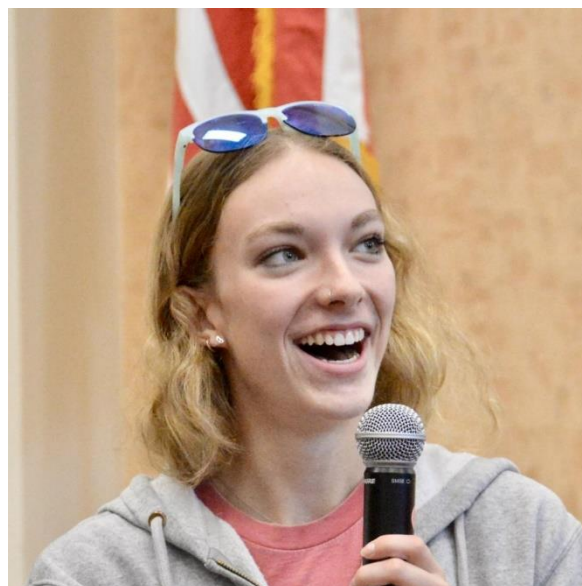
Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led members concerns. Warren Gerig told us that Warren Moore is in the hospital with what he calls "the goofies." Please keep him in your prayers.

Rich led the prayer: Heavenly Father, as we support our community and guide our youth in service, we thank you for the strength to make a difference. Grant us the wisdom to lead by example and by fostering the spirit of unity and generosity among those we serve. Amen.

Heidi Baker led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Baker was today's scribe.



Guests

Rich Hicks introduced Linda Lockhart, who joined us again, and Ted Bauman introduced Sydney Tahmindjis, who is part of our Carer Start scholarship program.





Upcoming Programs

- Sept 14, Pillars With Purpose, Laura Shank, Brittney Martinez, Cindy Piepes
- Sept 21, Mike McGrath
- Sept 28, Changing of the Guard

Announcements

Membership Minute

Here is the calendar of upcoming events:

- Sept 10 - Happy Hour at Pike's Peak Brewery, 4 pm
 - Sept 12 - Konnectors will meet at 5:30 pm at Pikes Peak's Barr Room.
 - Oct. 3 - Empty Bowl at Lewis Palmer High School.
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Ted Bauman introduced Sydney Tahmindjis, who is part of our Carer Start scholarship program. She finished at Lewis Palmer High School this May and is now attending Pike's Peak State College.

She chose Pike's Peak because it's closer to home, and she can and it allows her to participate in their Ascent Program, which allows the high school to pay for her college. She's working on her Associate's degree in Fire Science Wild Lands. Our scholarship is helping her pay for this training. She hopes to be finished at Pike's Peak next May.

She is learning the details of how fires work, how they burn, and how they can be fought and managed. Firefighters are divided into those who work against structural fires and those who try to control wildfires, like the ones in Idaho currently. Her goal is to be a smoke jumper. She hopes to fight fires in wild lands.



RACE AGAINST SUICIDE

Date: September 15th

Time: 9:15am

Location: El Pomar Youth Sports Park

REGISTER NOW! Early
Bird Registration ends
on July 31st.



**All proceeds raised will support FREE Suicide
Prevention support services in our community!**

Suicide Prevention Partnership

Jeff Baker told us about the Colorado Springs Suicide Prevention Partnership. On September 15th they are sponsoring a race against suicide at El Pomar Youth Sports Park that begins at 9:15. a.m. Jeff said suicide is an underappreciated cause of mortality in the United States among the population between the ages of 10 and 24 and is the second leading cause of death. The group of people with the highest rates of suicide are men over the age of 80. The rates across the country are about 14 per 100,000 but the rate in man over the age of 80 is 55 per 100,000. This under recognized problem one that still carries a stigma and the Pikes Peak Suicide. Prevention Partnerships are working hard to support people who have been affected by suicide. They provide free counseling services and free support



groups. If you're interested in donating, follow the with QR code in the brochure above or go to <https://www.pikespeaksuicideprevention.org/events/race-against-suicide>.



SLP Update and Key Leader Conference

Mike Luginbuhl spoke about the Lego Team Tournament for El Paso County to be held on November 16th at Bear Creek Elementary. Mike and RF Smith met with Vicky Nally regarding what needs to be done for the tournament.

Several volunteers will be needed. Set up on Friday night the 15th and clean up between 5 -7 pm Saturday night after the tournament. There are needs for judges. 24 teams are enetered for the competition, with three teams from District 38.

The link for the tournament is:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeRFEAke15Zx2zuQjHVxX3X4iRq2iHr7cQxdX7olQNdFZ6Y3w/viewform>

Steve Sutherland and Mike met with Jen Coopman as they continue to work with the transition students for the Aktion Club as plans continue to start up the club. As of now, it looks as though the club will meet one day per month for 45 minutes to one hour to be held at Grace Best Elementary.

Steve Sutherland is working on the charter.



Monument Hill Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis Youth
Service Leadership Clubs

Tri-Lakes Cares
Present the...



Photo by Bonnie Nasser



2024 Empty Bowls Dinner & Silent Auction



Advance Tickets
Available NOW!
ONLINE



www.MHKiwanis.org

Click on the bowls photo
to purchase tickets

Proceeds to benefit Tri-Lakes Cares!!
Please bring a non-perishable food item
for the Tri-Lakes Cares Pantry!

Thurs., Oct. 3, 2024
5:00 - 7:30 pm

Lewis-Palmer High School
Tickets: \$25 in advance

\$30 at the door

One child under 12 yrs. FREE with each purchased ticket.

Checks payable to: Monument Hill Kiwanis

Ticket Includes

Dinner of Soup, Bread, Drink & Dessert
Handmade Bowl donated by local artist

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Empty Bowls

Dave Bailey wasn't with us today, so Heidi Baker gave us an Empty Bowls status update.

Heidi told us we still have a need for a couple of desserts. Otherwise, we seem to be on track for this big event.



Club Recognition From Family Promise

Mark Zeiger visited recently with Family Promise, one of the organizations we support. They had this plaque recognizing our Club on their wall.



Football Pools

The NFL football season begins this week, Sunday, September 8th.

- The Loser's Pool - Pick 1 team to Lose each week
- Sally's Challenge - Pick 1 team to Win each week
- The Glenn Scott Winners Pool - Pick WINNERS for all games for the week

Jim said there is a special benefit because it does not cost you anything. He will give your name to Kathy, she will put it on your bill and you will never see it! Here is a link to [Jim's briefing](#) that includes the rules and more details for all these pools.

Larry Young and Dan Lopez have agreed to take on the Glenn Scott Memorial Winner's Pool, so they will be running the pool this year.

News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Pete Peterson



Kim Hartlaub

September 6

Sponsor - Frank Wynn

Joined 2016

- Program Chairperson
- 4th of July
- Empty Bowls
- Bell Ringing
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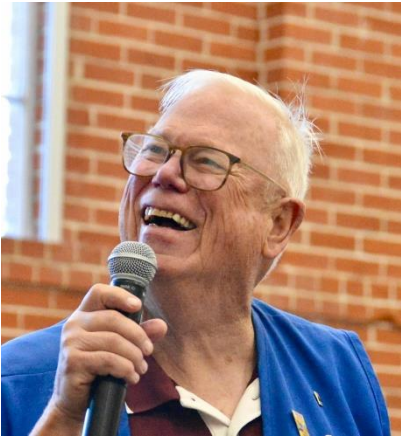
Frank Wynn

September 7

Sponsor - Jim Taylor

Joined 2014

- Program Chairman
- Humor
- Peaches
- Birthdays
- Bell Ringing
- Griffith Center
- MHF Investment Committee



Interesting (?) Stuff

Sept 6, 1916 - First Super Market, Piggly Wiggly, opens in Memphis

Sept 7, 1960 - Al Oerter Wins 2nd of 4 Olympic Gold Medals

Sept 7, 1970 - Donald Boyles parachutes off 1,053' Royal Gorge Bridge

Sept 9, 1972 - Frank Shorter Wins Olympic Gold in Marathon

Humor

Courtesy of Scott Ross

Don't brush your teeth with your left hand. A toothbrush works much better.

I pulled a nose hair today to see if it hurt. Judging by the reaction of the man asleep next to me on the bus, it seems pretty painful.

Happy Bucks



Steve Hall had five happy bucks for his son, daughter in law and grandchildren who have settled in Sevilla, Spain, after spending the last three years traveling around the world and visiting 60 countries. Steve's granddaughter, 9 years old, had her first day in regular school (they've been homeschooled previously).



Ron Mangiarelli had a happy buck for Ted Bauman, who is taking over the Awards and Presentations program from Ron after Ron served in this role for nine years.



Ted Bauman had happy bucks for the band, (joined by Heidi Baker and Sue Reinecke, who volunteered to join the band). No need for practice or real musical talent. Changing of the band will be September 28th. There were pictures of band members dressed in Halloween attire.



Liam Wynn had happy bucks recognizing his recent trip to England for a friend's wedding, and then traveling from there to Scotland with his girlfriend. While in Scotland they got engaged.



Frank Wynn had happy bucks for the engagement, for his 33rd anniversary celebration



with his wife, and for their upcoming trip going on a Safari in Africa.

Terry McMullen had a happy buck. Last night he sat down and ate a peach and was happy to realize that's the last peach he'll see all year.



Weekly 50-50 Draw

There were only 2 chips in the bag on Saturday, one red and one blue (worth \$167), but, although Larry Vliet got the right ticket number, he picked the red. Next week we will have a sure winner. Good luck!

Program

Geneva Technologies Presentation

Steve Hart

Scribe: Jeff Baker



Geneva Technologies, Inc (GTI), is a small aerospace contracting and consulting firm located in our own backyard - 255 Jefferson Street in Monument. The company was cofounded in 2004 by Steve and Julie Hart. Julie functions as CFO and owner while Steve is lead engineer, designer and consultant. The company currently employs approximately 35 people.

Steve took a circuitous route to his current position. He initially enlisted in the Air Force and spent much of his time driving trucks and packing parachutes. Evidently, his superiors recognized untapped potential and he eventually was commissioned and earned a master's degree in electrical engineering at UC Boulder. He then went to work building spacecraft at Ball Aerospace. In 2007 he was recruited by one of his friends at the Air Force Academy and he and his wife moved to Monument. He worked for three years as a consultant and four years as a professor at the academy. During this time, he worked closely with the FalconSAT small satellite program. The building at 255 Jefferson Street was purchased in 2007 but it was until 2014, when Steve retired from the Air Force Reserve and stopped teaching at the academy, that GTI blossomed as an aerospace firm.



Through past prime contract awards, Geneva Technologies has provided a range of research, engineering, integration, testing, satellite development, space propulsion technologies, distributed communications services, threat detection systems, and related services to the Department of the Air Force and Air Force Materiel Command Research Laboratory. These have included firm fixed price definitive contracts for programs such as the development of the Passive Radiated Emitter Collector Enabling Detection of Novel Targets system, the Distributed Inter-Satellite Communications experiment, the F-16 fire control radar antenna project, and research aimed at neutralizing threats in space. GTI currently has five spacecraft in space. Ongoing efforts include the development of future in-space propulsion systems using an ionic liquid propellant thruster and a micro-pulse plasma thruster. The company is also building solar panels for small spacecraft and developing a space-based platform to support machine learning and artificial intelligence in space.



Steve said that these are just some of the myriad projects at GTI. It is a versatile company with wide-ranging talents and a mission to “solve problems for our customers. They come to us for that.”

GTI is funded by several government grants and contracts. The company holds an indefinite delivery contract from the Air Force Research Laboratory for Phase III of the Small Business Innovation Research program. Under this single award IDV, which concluded in November 2021, Geneva Technologies provided research and development services related to prior SBIR awards. Program. Federal contract awards in 2023 amounted to approximately \$11.5 million.

Scott's Bully Pulpit

Bully Pulpit 09/07/24

I gave us five goals this year under the banner of “Make a Moment - Change a Life” . Here is where we stand near the end of this Kiwanis administrative year.

Goals 3-4

Goal #3 – Heart of Monument Play Park – Dared I hope (Scott) that this could go live by September 2024?

Overall – we have made noteworthy progress, in line with community playground projects in other towns. Was I too optimistic as to schedule? Yes, indeed, but we have learned a lot and added skills that we haven’t demonstrated before.

_Memorandum of Understanding – Our Club and the Presbyterian church approved the MOU in September 2023. The Town Council approved our MOU in October and approved hiring N.E.S. as the lead engineering firm to guide us through the next phases. An MOU is a document setting expectations for each of the organizations, e.g. our Club would reimburse the Town for the work performed by N.E.S. This has come to \$27K reimbursed to the Town of the ~\$49K estimated to N.E.S. to be spent into 2025.

_Community Engagement - We continued leading public input meetings with 29 groups such as Special Olympics. N.E.S. created an online survey which received over 340 responses from the community. Using that input, Kiwanis, Town and N.E.S. hosted a public input meeting at the Presbyterian church which drew 28 people who followed a process, similar to what we did at a Club meeting in late January.

_Play Park Design - Following public input, the project team, including Kiwanians, worked to create a playground design that we can take to the Town Council for approval, and for bidding from playground vendors. As of September 1, the design is nearly complete and should go to Town Council for review and approval.

_Land Transfer – At the September 3 Town Council meeting, the transfer of the ~1/2 acre from the Presbyterian church to the Town was approved with possession to take place this month.

_Fund Raising. The major limiter/opportunity as of September 3 is raising the estimated \$555K needed for Phase One acquisition and implementation. We have raised \$102K in gifts and committed pledges at this time. Of this \$45K has come from Kiwanis members and their families, \$12K has come from our various fundraising events. \$27K has come from our Monument Hill Foundation, through a direct gift and through the Club’s Management Reserve which is

funded by our foundation. \$17K has come via grants from foundations. We have \$52K in the project bank account currently.

With the Town's resolution of the land transfer, firming up the design and cost estimates, we are back submitting sizable grant requests of \$50-\$200K to area foundations and granting organizations. We also ask you, our members, to continue to make gifts to our play park project.

Goal #4 – Celebrate our 50th Year – Thanks to you, we have celebrated our Club's 50th year in fine style.

_Celebrate Our Most Senior Members – In particular, we made time to celebrate the 99th birthdays of Watt Hill and Jim Clemans. Watt's presence and his receipt of the appreciation of our club members was a personal highlight for me, made the more significant in that he passed away a few months later.

_Educate Our Club Members – Ed Hettler and Chris Kupko have dug into our old Sertoma scrap books and presented us with a walk down memory lane, including connecting us to some of our current members who date back 20+ years of service to our Club. We had several programs that included member bios and the history of our Frog Awards. Know that the special leadership cutover that we will celebrate on September 28 has a history that goes back 40+ years in its buffoonery.

- Celebrate Our Birthday - Bill Kaelin took the lead in organizing our special 50th birthday party in June at McGuierville. We had music, video, special guests, historical artifacts, and items to take home. I think we did ourselves and our past members proud with the celebrating that we have done this year. Thank you to those who shared their stories about where they were in 1974.

More to share next week,

Scott

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