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Monument Hill Club

**K-News**

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*Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974*

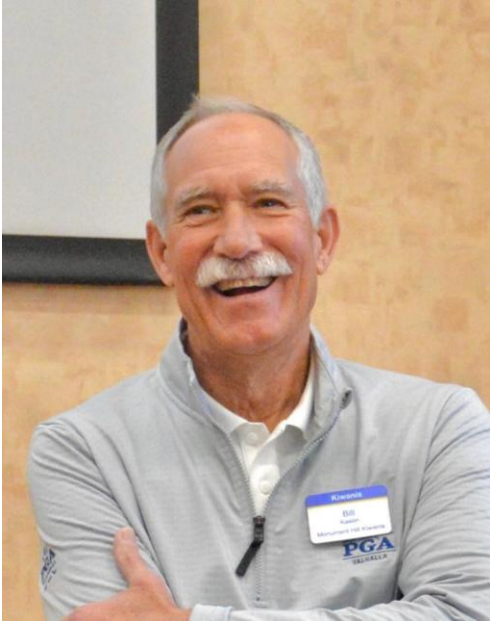
## Today's Program



**Integrity Bank**

*Jim Wyss and Randy Rush*





President Bill Kaelin called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Sergeant at Arms was Larry Young.

The program scribe was Bob Harrigan.

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### **Member Concerns**

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

After being released and returning home from the Center at Cordera, Bob Hayes relapsed and is now at St. Francis hospital. He is Ok, anticipating more intensive physical therapy, and welcomes visitors (6th Floor).

A few weeks ago, Sandy Mangiarelli fell and broke her upper leg. She had surgery, is recovering, and vows to be on the golf course next year!

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Rich led a morning prayer. Lord, thank you for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our youth. May they find joy in helping others. We strive to be faithful stewards of Your love and grace. Amen.



### **Guests**

No guests or visiting Kiwanians on Saturday.



### **Upcoming Programs**

- Dec 21 - White Elephant Exchange
- Dec 28 - No Meeting

## **Announcements**

### **Membership Minute**

Coming events:

- Jan 14 - Happy Hour at Pike's Peak Brewery, 4 pm.
- Jan 16 - Konnectors Club. 5:30 pm. Pike's Peak Brewery Barr Room. Great alternative for local residents who want to have a role in service projects but may not have time for our Saturday meetings.





### **Recognition Awards**

As announced at the Christmas party, Bill Kaelin told us that Rich Hicks is our Kiwanian of the Year for 2024. Ted Bauman gave Rich a vest patch in recognition of this honor. Congratulations!

Chris Kupko and Ed Hettler put together our club history pulling from annual scrapbooks going back about 50 years. Chris and Ed gave presentations for us throughout the year to help commemorate our 50th anniversary. Ted Bauman presented them with a certificate and a One Can Make a Difference pin for their vests. Thank you!

Ted Bauman introduced Carrie Coates, who is the faculty advisor for Lewis Palmer High School Key Club. Ted has known Carrie for a long time and said she has made a big difference for Lewis Palmer SLP. Terry has been at Lewis Palmer High School since 2004 and been the faculty advisor for the Key Club since 2014. One of the things that she emphasizes is that kids go to where they say they are going to go. Their Key Club helps with snack packs, 4th of July parade, Empty Bowls, Salvation Army bell ringing and at elementary schools. Ted and Max Williams presented Carrie with a Distinguished Service pin. Congratulations!



### **Monument Hill Foundation**

Rich Strom reminded us that the end of the year is coming up and it is an important time to think about charitable donations. Rich asked us to consider donating to our Monument Hill Foundation, which does great work in our community. The Foundation has already received a couple of checks for \$5,000!



## North Pole Craft Fair

Bob Nissen said we had another fun craft fair. Some numbers: There were 71 total vendors, two elementary school choirs, Ted Bauman's brass group, 1,205 people at the fair, revenue \$6,591. Tri-Lakes Cares received \$1,009 in donations, collected 540 lb of food, and three boxes of donated toys. There were 2,500 cookies at the Cookie Walk resulting in \$1,480 in revenue. Bob said we had exceptional support from the Club this year, which he and the vendors greatly appreciated. Dave Foley was Santa, Ted Bauman helped with the entertainment, Ofie Lopez + Kathy Strom did a great job in the break room. Additional standouts were Jim "The Mule" Murphy, Chuck "I Can Lift It" Leggiero, Sue "The Enforcer" Reinecke, and Dan "The Vacuum Man" Lopez. Next year, Bob is handing the Craft Fair over to Jim Ward and Dick Salverson. For next year, there are questions about what is going to happen to Grace Best Education Center, so keep an ear to the ground. Larry Vliet said we sold 55 bags of coffee at the Craft Fair and he thanked all of those who helped man the table selling coffee.





### **Blue Ink Studio Donation**

Above is the Grace Best Kiwanis store room with ~60 boxes of merchandise on Thursday afternoon before the Craft Fair. Scott Ross told us that they received eight van loads of products from Blueink Studios, courtesy of Jane and John Kerr. Our Club, the Rotary Club and Tri-Lakes Womens Club helped sort and price all these paper products, and they sold \$3,290 worth of goods at the Craft Fair. In addition, there were \$600 donations from our members. All of this is to benefit the Heart of Monument Play Park. Scott thanked all the volunteers for their help!



## Service Leadership Programs

Mike Luginbuhl reports that he and Dan Lopez went to Lewis Palmer Middle School to find out more about their leadership program. They met with Raquel Vasquez, who is teaching this program, and she was excited about trying to incorporate our Kiwanis Builders Club into her classes. She has three 8th grade classes and two 7th grade classes in this subject. Mike and Dan believe this has a lot of potential for our work in the middle school and that it will require additional Kiwanis support. Please see them to help.



## Super Bowl Boards

Paul Gourley provided a second introductory poem for the Super Bowl boards project: "For those at the party this past Tuesday night, you certainly got us off to a great start, all right. The Super Bowl boards are now 24% complete but 377 squares more before our goal, we will meet. I mentioned at the party, it's only ten dollars per square to help our career start students study and prepare. To the foundation 750 dollars from each board it will go, with 250 dollars per board to reward someone with a little dough. In only 60 more

days the Super Bowl game will begin. So be sure to sign those squares to have a chance to win."

The boards will be at our meetings every Saturday, so you'll have an opportunity to sign in the next few weeks. The proceeds go to our Foundation and our career start scholarship program primarily. Thank you very much!





## Bell Ringing

Salvation Army Bell ringing is going fine, but we did have last weekend off so we might not collect as much in donations as last year. Jeff Baker said we did, however, receive a check for \$5,000. As of Saturday, there were still about 16 empty bell ringing slots, so he encouraged us to take a look at the calendar online and sign up where we can. Jeff said overall we are doing well and thanked us for our support.



Here is the link to the bell ringer signup page:

<https://monumenthillkiwanis.org/bellringing/>



## Football Pools

FALT Report (Football According to Lopez Taylor)

Football pools as told by Dan Lopez on Dec 14:

Players in Loser, Loser pool are still fighting it out for first, second and third place: Jeff Baker, RF Smith, and John Spidell.

The same in Sally's Challenge between Rich Hicks, Loyd Mowery, and Dean Snow.

Glenn Scott Memorial pool:

Week 12. Winner was Paul Gourley, and the Sacagawea went Greg Bielanski.

Week 13. A virtual week since there was no meeting. Winner was Benny Nasser and the Sacagawea went to Rich Rima.

Week 14. Another virtual week, and the winner was Dan Lopez with the Sacagawea going to Donna Rima.

## News & Notes



### Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

A 15-year-old Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, "What is this Father?" The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son. I have never seen anything like this in my life; I don't know what it is." While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, an older lady in a wheelchair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number.... and then the numbers begin to light in the reverse order. Finally, the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blonde stepped out. The father not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son... "Go get your mother."

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

# Happy Birthday



**Candy Mowery, December 4th**

Joined 2004, Sponsor - RF Smith

On December 4th in History

- 1791: The Observer, the world's first newspaper published on Sunday, goes on sale.



**Gene Jones December 4th**

Joined 2022. Sponsor - Tony Trifiletti

On December 4th in History.

- 1953: The First Burger King opens in Jacksonville FL.
- 1965: The Grateful Dead perform their first concert as the Grateful Dead. (Warlock, Mother McCree's Uptown Jug Champion)

- 1927: Laurel and Hardy's first film debuts.
- 1884: The Washington Monument is completed.
- 1992: A computer engineer send the first text message. (Vodaphone Network)



**Ted Bookman, December 12th**

Joined 2008, Sponsor - Rich Lybolt

On December 12th in History

- 1901: Italian inventor Guglielmo Marcon sends first radio signal across the Atlantic
- 1946: John D. Rockefeller, Jr donates 6 blocks of Manhattan to the UN
- 2000: US Supreme Court hands down a ruling in Bush V. Gore



**Ofie Lopez, December 15th**

Joined 2015, Sponsor - Cheryl Wangeman

On December 15th in History

- 1773: The Boston Tea Party.
- 1890: Police shot and killed Sitting Bull, leader of the Lakota Sioux.
- 1905: The first issue of Variety Magazine was published.



**Dan Lopez**

**December 20th**

Sponsor - Mike Wangeman

Joined 2015

On December 20th, in History

- 1699: Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia, orders the date of New Year changed from Sept 1 to Jan 1
- 1803: At a ceremony in New Orleans, the Louisiana Purchase is complete.
- 1989: The United States invades Panama.

**Happy Bucks**





RF Smith had three happy bucks: The first one was that they are still collecting pop tops for Bear Creek Elementary School, so bring them in and give them to RF. Second, our sister club, the Rotary Club, are having a fundraiser at I Heart Mac and Cheese at 12229 Voyager Parkway on December 20th. RF encouraged us to go there, have a bowl of macaroni and cheese and mention the Rotary Club, and they'll get a portion of proceeds. For his third buck, he told us Barrie Town was taking five squares on each board for \$250!



Scott Ross thanked everyone who attended the Saint Peter concert Friday night. It was excellent. Also, he had a reminder that next week our transition students are on school break so if you want snacks, bring something next Saturday.





Warren Gerig had just one thing to say:  
Go Army, beat Navy.



Steve Sutherland had a happy buck for  
Ralph Baggerly's grandson, who is the  
quarterback for the Classical Academy  
football team that won the 2A  
championship. Congratulations! Steve's  
second happy buck was for his son, Go  
Army, beat Navy.



Terry McMullen was happy for his 55th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

For your calendar, Ed Hettler let us know the state DECA competition at the Broadmoor is scheduled for February 24th. Ed had bad news, that his Pittsburgh State Gorillas got beat in the playoffs. But the Montana State Bobcats from Bozeman are 14-0, number one in the country and are going to be playing for the national championship. That's where his daughter lives and it's a big deal in Bozeman.



Tony Trifiletti let us know that at the Army football game on Saturday, Army will wear a uniform commemorating the Battle of Bastogne from World War II. Tony's uncle was in the 101<sup>st</sup> at the Battle of Bastogne. Tony was helping his deceased uncle's wife go through his things where he discovered a Silver Star. This is the third



Frank Wynne told us Dave Bullis, the gentleman giving the invocation for the Army-Navy game on Saturday is the Chaplain for West Point and was a first lieutenant working for Frank when he was Company Commander.

highest medal for valor in the US military. The family never knew about this medal.



Larry Young congratulated Rich Hicks for his selection as Kiwanian of the Year. He is a great Kiwanian and has done so much for this club. Second, Larry thanked Max Williams for being early to the meeting every week to help with set up.



Bill Kaelin let us know that his wife, JJ really appreciated all the support Friday night at the St. Peter Christmas concert.

### **Weekly 50-50 Draw**

Alan Feldkamp had the lucky ticket, but only found a red chip. Next week there are 9 chips and \$14 carried over.



**Program**





## **Integrity Bank**

***Randy Rush and Jim Wyss***

Scribe: Bob Harrigan

Integrity Bank & Trust is a local business. It was conceived on a golf course, came to life in Colorado Springs and has been mindful of its moto “To Have an Enduring Impact” ever since.

Its history was and remains intimate. The Principals, Jim Wyss and Randy Rush (notice that familiar form for their first names) met when Randy was in high school. Randy’s sister was dating Jim and later became his wife. Jim and Randy even overlapped one year in college when they played on the golf team together.

As you would expect, banking isn’t a casual undertaking. We only have to look back to 2008 to see the dangers inherent in respecting and managing the risks

presented by market conditions. Fortunately, Jim and Randy were committed to “enduring”.

Additionally, the requirements for starting a bank are many and challenging. Jim’s career included 25 years with another local bank. The Federal Reserve requirements for approving a filing for a new bank are many and thorough. Including in those is the requirement to not be employed by another bank. Jim had to quit his job and was facing a year until the application was approved.

Then there was the reserve requirement. It was \$4.3 million when Integrity opened and would probably be \$25 to \$35 million today.



Then there’s the history of locations. The current location at 1430 Cipriani Loop (near Knollwood and 105) was to be the initial location, but it was derailed by the presence of a colony of Preble Jumping Mice. Another building was found in which to begin business, and later the mice were successfully relocated and Integrity occupies the building today. Additionally, they operate from three other locations.





The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club has a long-standing relationship with Integrity. Kiwanis and Integrity have both benefitted from Integrity's \$5,000 annual sponsorship of our Independence Day Parade. With viewership estimated at approximately 20,000 people (plus livestreaming by KKTV increased viewership).

Kiwanis isn't the only beneficiary of Integrity's corporate involvement. Each year the bank sponsors a local golf tournament with proceeds going to a different nonprofit each year.

And finally, there's sharing expertise on the Boards of both organizations. Kiwanian Ted Bauman was a long serving member of Integrity's board and Jim Wyss continues to be an active member on the board of our Monument Hill Foundation.

Monument Hill Service Club, DBA Monument Hill Kiwanis Club has had a long and beneficial relationship with Integrity Bank & Trust. It is proud of that relationship. The information provided in this story about Integrity Bank & Trust, its founders, and its partnerships is for informational purposes only.



Here is a link to video of this week's meeting: <https://youtu.be/mH23Ld1IPzo>

### Quick Links

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In-person attendance is encouraged. Zoom is available.

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