



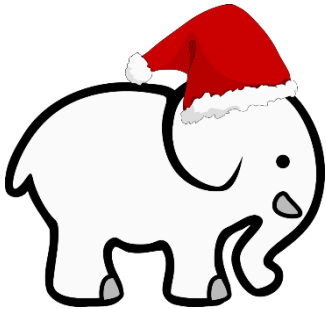
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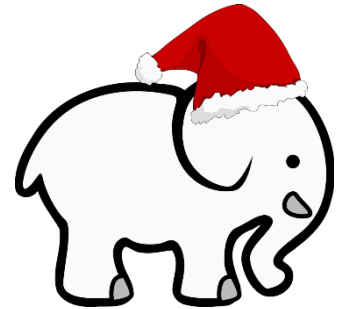
December 14, 2024

*Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974*

## Today's Program



White Elephant  
Gift Exchange



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

Sergeant at Arms was Dave Bailey.

The program scribe was RF Smith.

Bob Harrigan led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

## Member Concerns

Jim Ward led member concerns.

Jim noted that Bob Harrigan was back with us in person after his open heart surgery.

Jim led a morning prayer:

Thank you God for health and for happiness for the season that brings family and friends together, and especially we thank you God as Kiwanians that we close out a year of serving our neighbors and prepare to do your work as good neighbors in the coming year as well. Bless our efforts God and bless our fellowship together. In your name we pray, Amen.

### Guests

Bob Harrigan brought his  
Chairman of the Board for Life,  
Sheila Harrigan



### Upcoming Programs

- Dec 28 - **NO MEETING**
- Jan 4, 2025 - Biographies
- Jan 11 - The Salvation Army

### Announcements

### Membership Minute

Coming events:

**CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK**

- **Jan 9 - KONNECTORS.** 5:30 - 6:30pm. 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.
- Jan 14 - Happy Hour at Pike's Peak Brewing Company. 4:00 - 6:00pm.

**Service Leadership Minute**

Mike Luginbuhl announced Bear Creek STEAM Day (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) day science fair on February 19th, 9:30am-1:00pm. He passed around an initial sheet for judges to show interest in participation. Judges will be asked to evaluate approximately five student projects and their presentations. Training will be provided. If you are interested and didn't get to sign up, click the name to contact [Mike Luginbuhl](#).



**Super Bowl Boards**

Paul Gourley, after paying a \$1 fine for forgetting his name tag, provided a special pre-Christmas poem for the Super Bowl boards project:

Twass 4 days before Christmas, and all through the school hall,  
Many Kiwanians were stirring including RF, Scott, and even Paul.  
You see the Super Bowl game is now a mere 53 days away  
But you all still have time to sign the boards and get to play

As of this morning, 197 squares are filled, leaving yet 303  
Plenty of opportunities for each of you, and some even for me.

So at the break, rush to the boards and proudly print your name  
And join all of us together in this worthwhile charitable game.

Now as I end today's poetry, I sincerely must say,  
I appreciate the true meaning of this upcoming Christmas Day.  
And it reminds me so much that you, each and every one  
Have supported our Kiwanis goals with all that you have done.

Thank you and Merry Christmas to all !!

The boards will be at our meetings every Saturday, beginning again with the first meeting of 2025, January 4th. 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 nearing the end for 2024. All available slots are filled. Jeff Baker and Mark Zeiger thank the many Kiwanians who volunteered for this year's Red Kettle campaign for The Salvation Army.





## Eagle Scout Project

Scott Ross announced the successful placement of a scale model P-51 fighter aircraft outside the Monument City Hall in honor of WWII veterans. This memorial is the Eagle Scout project of Colin Saber, who previously presented his project for the information of the club.

The Project is nearing completion and formal dedication is expected in Jan or Feb 2025.

Pictured with Colin is Jim Swanson, Scott's father-in-law and a WWII veteran

## Scribes

Mark Anderson made his weekly plea for Scribes to sign up. Scribe is easy. The scribe only has to report on the program portion of the meeting, NOT the business portion. Three or four paragraphs are sufficient, a very simple request. Zoom recordings are available to assist the scribe. If you are willing to give it a try in the new year, contact [Mark Anderson](#).



## Coffee

Larry Vliet still has some Kris Kringle coffee left for those ever popular New Years Day gifts. He has both whole bean and ground. \$15/bag now—proceeds go to the Foundation for grants. If you end up with whole bean and you don't have a grinder, you can take your Kris Kringle coffee to Serranos and they will grind it for you FREE. If you want some, contact [Larry Vliet](#).

## Football Pools

Dan Lopez will report the status of Sally's Challenge and the Loser Loser Pool in January when he returns from warm, sunny California.

Two or three continue to fight it out for both Sally's Challenge and the Loser Loser Pool.

The Glenn Scott Memorial Winner's Pool was announced by RF Smith:

The Week 15 winner was: Rich Rima with 13/16. Turns out this wasn't the week to pick all the home teams to win...only 5 of them won, so, the Sacajawea went to: Max Williams



## News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Frank Wynne







**Tony Trifiletti, December 22nd**

Joined 2001, Sponsor - Don Smart

On December 22nd in History

- **1900:** The Daimler Automobile Company in Germany completes a new 35-horsepower car.
- **1944:** Nuts! During the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, France. BG Anthony McAuliffe
- **1990:** The Brandenburg Gate reopens in Berlin.



**Bob Warren, December 24th**

Joined 2022, Sponsor - RF Smith

On December 24th in History.

- **1818:** "Silent Night" is performed for the 1st time in a church in Oberndorf, Austria
- **1851:** A huge fire destroys about two-thirds of the 55,000-volume Library of Congress in Washington, DC
- **1914:** During WWI an unofficial ceasefire breaks out along the Western Front

***Special Note from the Birthday Guy***

If you don't want the low resolution picture from the Club Roster, send a better head shot to [Frank Wynne](#).



## **Humor**

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

After taking votes for a long or a short vote, Frank told this, the long joke:

"Sarah was in the fertilized egg business. She had several hundred young pullets and 10 roosters to fertilize the eggs. She kept records of any roosters not performing—they went into the soup pot and were replaced.

This took a lot of time.

So she bought some tiny bells and attached them to her roosters. Each bell had a different tone, so she could tell from a distance which roosters were performing. Now she could sit on her porch and fill out her efficiency report and just listen to the bells.

Sarah's favorite rooster, Old Butch, was a very fine specimen. But this morning she noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all.

When she went to investigate, she saw that the other roosters were busy chasing the pullets.

Bells were ringing, but the pullets, hearing the roosters coming, ran for cover.

To her amazement, old Butch had the bell in his beak so it couldn't ring. He would sneak up on a pullet, do his work and walk on to the next one.

Sarah was so proud of old Butch, she entered him in a show and became an overnight sensation among the judges.



The result was the judges not only awarded Old Butch the Nobel Peace Prize, they also awarded him the Pulitzer Prize as well.

Clearly, old Butch was a politician in the making. Who else but a politician could figure out a way to win two of the most coveted awards on the planet by being the best at sneaking up on an unsuspecting populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention?

Be careful when you go out to vote.

### Happy Bucks



Mike was happy to announce a "very short SLP meeting afterward in the back of the room." Anyone interested in supporting our Signature Program, is welcomed to sit in.



RF Smith had four happy bucks: One each for Rich Rima, Tony Trifiletti, Ron Mangiarelli, and Jo Carroll, all of whom signed up (with their better halves) for a square on each of the super bowl boards.

Thank you for supporting the Career Start Scholarship program.



Ed Tomlinson reminded us that the winter solstice was Saturday morning at 2:30am for those with insomnia who wanted to view that along with Barrie Town in Florida. A show of hands showed no hands. The longest night of the year is over.



Mark Anderson had a happy buck for great weather for bell ringing.



Bryan Hardesty was twice happy. His daughter won the Louisville Slugger award with her company for landing a record \$15 million deal. And his sister-in-law is recovering from 4th stage cancer, gaining weight, and in the kitchen helping prepare Thanksgiving dinner

Larry Vliet was happy buck for his son Garrett who goes to CU Boulder. Many of us have seen him with the Buffoons (he's the business manager) when they performed at our Christmas party.

Garrett is also a member of Detachment 105 of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at CU. He was just selected to be Deputy Wing Commander of the Detachment next semester.



Pete Peterson was happy that his granddaughter's boss decided to continue funding her job through February.

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

Liam Wynne had the lucky ticket, drawn by Sheila Harrigan, but only found a red chip. Next week: 8 chips.



## Program

### White Elephant Gift Exchange

Scribe: RF Smith





As has become tradition, the last meeting before Christmas was the world famous, not to be duplicated, Monument Hill Kiwanis White Elephant Gift Exchange or MHKCWEGE (mac-wee-gee).

Only one gift was missing in action—the famous southwest chip and dip which currently lives with Sue Reinecke. Apparently, this popular gift, valued well in excess of the \$10 limit, has changed hands outside the proceeds of the MHKCWEGE several times.



After a reading of the rules by the MC, Scott Ross, numbers were drawn and Dick Salverson got the lucky first pick. There ensued a hearty, hopeful, and hilarious series of gift openings and thefts. Among the stolen gifts were a couple of souvenir Air Force Academy miniature football helmets, a bottle of wine with pouring device, a puzzle, a model of a 1967 Camaro Z28, and a couple of interesting objet d'arte. There was even a nice leather cigar case, complete with cigars of unknown vintage.

Those participating proceeded in an orderly fashion, their gifts to chose and unwrap. There were only minor moments of noise during some of the thefts. Everyone got to take home some nice things—some of which we will probably see again next year. In the end, everyone received a wonderful Christmas gift of humor, good will, and fellowship.

Oh, and Max got something besides the Sacajewea.



**REMINDER**

**NO MEETING NEXT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH.**

***ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS AND BE SAFE***

**WE WILL SEE YOU BACK AT BIG RED**

**ON THE 4TH OF JANUARY 2025.**

Here is a link to video of this week's meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeDSiket3LY>

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