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Monument Hill Club

K-News

March 1, 2025

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Club Business

Kathy Strom, Mike Luginbuhl and Scott Ross





President Bill Kaelin began the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

Zoomers attending were Rich Rima, Barrie Town, Cay Price, Marlene Bizub, Jim Clemans, Mark Anderson and RF Smith.

Dean Snow was Sergeant at Arms. Mark Anderson was this week's Scribe.

Sheila Ferguson led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led members' concerns.

Rich led a morning prayer: Dear God, we thank You for the bright spirits of our young people, for their energy, their vision, and their courage to dream. Guide us as we mentor them, help us to be patient teachers and inspiring examples. May we nurture their gifts while showing them the joy of helping others. Amen

Guests

No guests on Saturday.




Upcoming Programs

- March 8th - Tri-Lakes Fire Department
- March 15th - Monument Cemetery, John Howe and Michael Weinfed
- March 22rd - TBD

Announcements

Membership Minute

Bill Stoner updated the membership minutes.

- March 11th - Happy Hour at Pike's Peak Brewery, 4 pm
 - March 13th - Konnectors at Pike's Peak Brewery Barr Room 5:30 pm
 - March 14th - Pi Day
 - March 16th - Stars of Tomorrow, Palmer Ridge HS Auditorium
 - March 17th - St Patrick's Day
 - March 20th - Sponsorship Night, Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 4-7 pm
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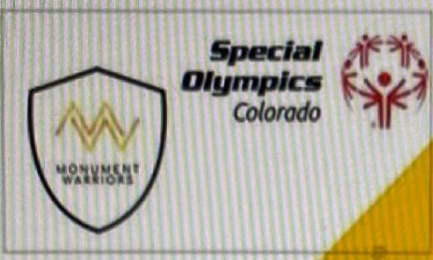


Monument 2040

Greg Bielanski told us that Town of Monument is developing a new comprehensive plan to guide the community's growth over the next 10-15 years. To kick-off the planning process, the Town is hosting a high-level session to form a foundation of knowledge. This session will be Wednesday, March 5th from 5:00 – 6:30pm at Bear Creek Elementary School. Let Greg (719-761-1875) know if you would like to participate in this event.

Monument Warriors Vs. D38 Unified Team, March 19th 5:30 PM

Palmer Ridge High School Gymnasium



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All Abilities Classic

Monument Warriors vs. D38 Unified Team

Wednesday, March 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Palmer Ridge High School Gymnasium



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CrossFit 7070/7070 Athletics-Mark & Shannon VanderMeer ** Stephanie Gonzales, Photographer
The Country Club at Woodmoor ** Monument Fire District ** Monument Police Department
Monument Academy: Spirit Band ** **Lewis Palmer High School:** Men's & Women's Basketball, Volleyball,
Key Club, Soccer ** **Palmer Ridge High School:** Men's Basketball, STUCO, Cheer Team, Key Club
Trinity Lutheran Church ** **USAFA:** Academy Lanes
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Sheila Ferguson told us that on Wednesday, March 19th at Palmer Ridge High School, the Monument Warriors will be conducting and all abilities classic basketball tournament. Monument Warriors is a Special Olympic team that has grown to 100 athletes participating in eight different sports.



Stars of Tomorrow

Rich Strom told us we had a great, successful audition last weekend with the best talent that we have seen in the last 3 years.

Rich pointed out the great work of our public relations man, Bob Harrigan, who arranged stories and photos in Our Community News and the Tribune. Rich has also been receiving great feedback from people that know

about the Stars of Tomorrow show.

Ticket sales are up and running. On our homepage you can find a link to the Booktix site to buy a ticket. Adult tickets are \$10 and kids are \$5, all with reserved seating.

Rich needs some help with the dress rehearsals on March 15th at Palmer Ridge High School. He also needs ushers to help on March 16th during this show.



DECA

Filling in for Ed Hettler, Bill Kaelin said everything went well for the state DECA competition. About 3,700 kids were there at the Broadmoor for a great event.

News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Frank Wynne





Alan Thompson, March 2nd

Joined 2020, Sponsor Greg Donlin

On Mar 2nd in HISTORY:

- 1919: The first Communist International meets in Moscow.
- 1949: James Gallagher completes the first nonstop flight around the world.
- 1962: Wilt Chamberlin scores 100 points in a single NBA game.



Heidi Baker, March 2nd

Joined 2023, Sponsor Mike McGrath

On Mar 2nd in HISTORY:

- 1983: Compact discs go on sale in America.
- 1986: Australia becomes fully independent of the United Kingdom.
- 1998: The Galileo spacecraft discovers a liquid ocean on Jupiter's moon Europa.



Humor

Courtesy of Frank & Liam Wynne

A man is drinking in a bar when a nun harasses him about his drinking. In self-defense, the man says, “Who told you that drinking was bad?” The nun replies, “Mother Superior told me so.” “Have you ever tried it?” the man says to the nun. The nun replies, “No, I’ve never had a drink of hard liquor.” The man goes “Well, don’t criticize me if you’ve never tried it. I’ll tell you what, if you try it and you don’t like it, I’ll give it up for the rest of my life.” And the nun says, “Okay, that’s fine, but bring it to me in a cup of tea. I don’t want anyone else knowing I’m drinking.” The man goes up to the bar, and he asks the bartender, “Sir, could you please bring me a couple of shots of vodka, but bring one of them and a cup of tea, please. The bartender looks at him and says, “Oh, is that nun back?”

Happy Bucks



Last Thursday night Rich and Kathy Strom saw comedian Jeff Allen. Rich said he laughed through the whole show. But what was really great was that Jeff actually improved Rich's golf game by explaining about "woke golf." In "woke golf" you can place your ball anywhere you really feel it should be. Jeff explained that when he first played "woke golf" he had a score of 17. On one hole, he felt so good about it, he scored 0.



Ralph Baggerly was celebrating the birth of his great-grandson, Beckett, last Wednesday. Congratulations!



Ted Bauman was happy for the help of Jim Ward who was one of the judges during last week's auditions for the Stars show. Jim did a great job helping select the performers that will be in the show. Part of his happy buck also went to Rich Strom. Ted was glad Rich was not a judge because they would have had to take all 42 kids who auditioned.



John Alcorn had a happy buck and an unhappy buck. He said he and Terri will be putting their house on the market in the next couple of weeks. They are moving to Florida to be with three wonderful people. So, if you know someone who's looking for a house on an acre in downtown Monument, please let them know.



Mike Luginbuhl was happy because Saturday was his youngest daughter's birthday, and that she announced she is going to bless them with their 9th grandchild. Congratulations!



John Spidell said that he would be happy later on Saturday evening when Jim Johnston pays him the \$10 after the Kansas Jayhawks beat Jim's Texas Tech Raiders.





Weekly 50-50 Drawing

We are getting up there again. This week the pot grew to \$112 with 4 chips. Proud Jayhawker, John Spidell pulled out a red chip, so next week we'll be talking about real money.

Program

Club Business

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Saturday's program was devoted to club business and was divided into three segments.

The first segment was devoted to Club Dues and was presented by Kathy Strom. Kathy explained that our members are billed for their dues four times a year, on the first day of January, April, July, and October. The costs are \$66.25 for each of these quarterly. That means our dues are \$265 per year. Of that yearly total, \$107 goes to Kiwanis District 4, \$46 goes to Kiwanis International, and the remaining \$112 goes to our club.

Statements are sent out by email at the end of each quarter (in March, June, September, and December) to remind members of how much they owe. If members request, the bill can be sent by mail. Payments are due at the first of the month, two reminders will be sent, but a \$10 late fee may be issued if a third reminder is needed. Payments can be made at the website using the URL <https://tinyurl.com/2p8rpahd>, or routed through a bank to the club's Integrity Bank account. Kathy asks that you let her know if you route through a bank.



Second up, Mike Luginbuhl gave an update on our Service Leadership Program (SLP). The program is a continuous and voluntary effort aiming to develop competent, capable student leaders by helping them learn to help others while opening doors to engage with the world. We want to enable servant leaders, who want to serve first. This conscious choice then brings one to aspire to lead.

We now have K-Kids programs in all D38 elementary schools — Bear Creek, Kilmer, Lewis Palmer, Palmer Lake and Prairie Winds. Currently, we do not have an active Builder's Program at Lewis Palmer Middle School, although we are making strides to get that program back on track. There's a new elective class at the middle school in leadership that lends itself to integrate the class into Builder's Club. Both Lewis Palmer and Palmer Ridge High Schools have strong, active Key Clubs. We also have a Circle K club at the University of Colorado - Colorado Springs. We are also in the process of establishing an Aktion Club to help young adults who have developmental difficulties.

Last year, our club members devoted 830 hours of volunteer service. Our faculty advisors from D38 schools worked 520 hours and our 290 student club members contributed 2,475 hours. Our SLP clubs raised \$11,500 in the past year to support their projects.

Our members who volunteer have to go through background checks and follow D38 regulations and Kiwanis International policies. Our dedicated volunteers include Max Williams, Chuck Leggiero, Dave Bailey, Loyd

Mowery, Dan Lopez, RF Smith, Jim Wolf, Bryan Hardesty, Mark Anderson, Sue Reinecke, Candy Mowery, Teri Alcorn, Steve Sutherland, Jim Hatley and Mike Luginbuhl. Questions: Contact monumenthillkiwanis@gmail.com or Mike Luginbuhl at 719 313-8532. Below, Key Clubbers preparing the 'tattoo parlor' for Prairie Winds Family Fun Night.



Scott Ross provided an update of the Heart of Monument Park. We are making progress in providing the community a playpark for youngsters, from ages 2 to 102. The park will be ADA compliant and have universal access. It will engage all senses, nurture brain development, and build strength while promoting social skills. There will be paths suitable for wheelchairs and an 8-foot tower to challenge individuals. There will be unique designs to promote intergenerational play. It will be a gathering place for the community. So far, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Town of Monument, our Kiwanis club, and the Monument Community Presbyterian Church.



The original cost estimate of \$450,000 has grown to \$715,000, much of it due to safety considerations, insurance, and a 10% contingency fund to meet unforeseen developments. We have raised \$317,000 so far toward the goal—44%. Club members have given a significant amount of their time and money toward the park. Recognition in the form of a Heart of Monument pin for 100+ hours and/or #200 and a pin and vest patch for those who have contributed more than 200 hours and/or \$1,000 was given for the following members:

Bonnie Biggs, Bill Kaelin, Bill Stoner, Bob Harrigan, Cay Price, Dan and Ofie Lopez, Doni and Paul Gourley, Ed Tomlinson, Greg Bielanski, Heidi and Jeff Baker, Jim Wolf, Joe Kneedler, John and Teri Alcorn, Kathy and Rich Strom, Loyd and Candy Mowery, Mark Zeiger, Mike Huss, MJ Beulieau, RF Smith, Scott and Roberta Ross, Sheila Ferguson, and Sue Reinecke.

Scott adds: Apology for Not recognizing Sheila Ferguson. I, Scott Ross, sincerely apologize to Sheila for missing her when I was handing out Play Park recognitions at Saturday's meeting. Sheila has been one of the most important and active members of the team, contributing over 600 hours of her time and expertise while making significant financial donations to the project. All, please share with Sheila your thanks and regard for all she has done to move this project forward so successfully.



Sheila Ferguson gave us an update on fundraising. Two large grants have been realized, \$100,000 from the Colorado Springs Health Foundation and \$76,000 from the Disabling Barriers Foundation. A number of grant proposals are being processed. We've made progress in turning this plan into reality. In the coming months, we should be hearing back from contributors and getting closer to the opening of the park.

The Saturday Meeting video is available here - <https://youtu.be/MvyQwJwPhJg>

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