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Monument Hill Club

K-News

February 15, 2025

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Iguazu Falls and Antarctica Trip

Dean Snow, Chris Wilson





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

Zoomers participating were Rich Rima, Steve Hall, Marlene Bizub, Barrie Town, and Ben Bellis.

Dick Salverson was Sergeant at Arms. Scott Ross was this week's Scribe.

Charlie Brown led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.



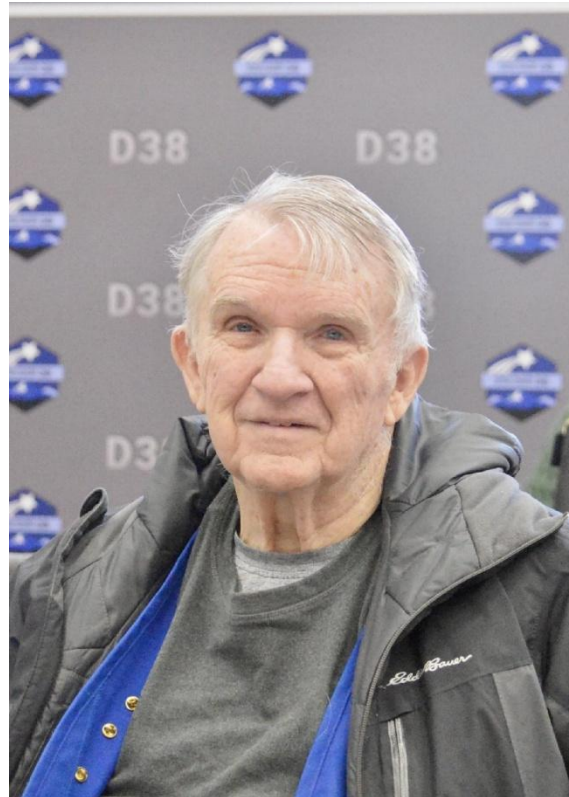
Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led members' concerns.

Jim Taylor is back home, feeling better, and hoping to be back out and around soon.

Kathy Strom let us know there will be a celebration of life for Larry Stevens at the Woodmoor Barn next Saturday afternoon, February 22nd, from 1-4 pm.

Rich led a morning prayer: Heavenly Father, Thank you for the privilege of serving our community. Help us to be a source of hope and encouragement to our youth as they discover their unique gifts and use them to serve others. Amen.



Guests

Bob Hayes joined us for the first time in a several months. It was great to have Bob back with us.



Avs Honor Charlie Brown

Charlie Brown was honored for his military service at a Colorado Avalanche game on January 31st. The Avalanche honors members for their service at a game each month. Charlie said his daughter submitted his name, and Charlie was chosen to be honored at the Avs game against St. Louis. During a timeout, the public announcer made the presentation, and Charlie received a rousing ovation. The team raised their sticks, and a number of fans brought him beers (far more than he could consume). We honor your service, too, Charlie.



Upcoming Programs

- Feb 22 - Business Meeting, Stars of Tomorrow Auditions
- Mar 1 - TBD
- Mar 8 - Tri-Lakes Fire Dept. Jonathan Bradley
- Mar 15 - Monument Cemetery - John Howe and Michael Weinfeld

Announcements

Membership Minute

Bill Stoner updated the membership minutes.

February 17th - President's Day

February 19th - Heart of Monument Playpark Sponsorship Nite at Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 4-7 pm

February 22nd - Stars of Tomorrow Auditions

February 24th - DECA State Championships at the Broadmoor



Member Recognition

Bill Kaelin recognized Ted Bauman, Jeff Baker, Mark Zeiger, and Jim Johnston for the work they did on big recent projects.

Jeff Baker and Mark Zeiger worked very hard to organize and make sure the Salvation Army Bell Ringing was a success. Jim Johnston did a great job to ensure

the Christmas party was an absolute success. Certificates presented to recognize them for their outstanding work.



Super Bowl Boards

Paul Gorley recognized the winners of the Super Bowl Boards. The boards were completely filled. A special thanks to Dan Lopez for his pledge to cover 50% of any



bets placed on the second board, Bill Kaelin, who made a similar pledge for the first board, and John Spidell, who paid for every remaining square for the other boards.

Because all the squares were filled, \$3750 will go to the foundations. Five random Ron Rima, Barrie Town, Jim Head, Rich Strom, and Frank Wynn. Recognizing the winners Jim Head, Rich Strom, and Frank Wynn, the other two, Rich Rima and Barrie Town, are zoomers so that the checks will be sent to them.

Here's Paul's last Super Bowl Board Poem:

Well for all you Chiefs fans, I'm very sorry to say,
The Eagles looked great, and with the trophy they flew away!
Another season is over, and I hope you all had some fun,
And I'm sure you'll be thankful because my poetry is almost done!

The Boards were all filled, so \$3750 we all can realize,
Will go to the Foundation thanks to all you gals and guys.
We had five random winners based on the scores that went down,
Donna Rima, Jim Head, Rich Strom, Frank Wynne, and Barrie Town!

Now this project for me is over and I hope you don't mind,
Because a new Super Board chairman, I am hoping to find!
Don't raise your hands all at once, as Pete Peterson would say,
But give it some thought and let me know another day!





**"FOR ALL AGES
AND ABILITIES"**

You Are Invited!

Wednesday, February 19th and/or Thursday March 20th
4:30 – 6:30 P.M. at
Monument Community Presbyterian Church
238 3rd Street, Monument



In addition to touring the future location of the park and reviewing play park designs, we will present sponsorship opportunities for your business or organization to consider how you can partner with us to make this park a reality by fall 2025 or spring of 2026.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Scott Ross at 719-661-9078 or Scott@Rosses.me

***A Partnership Project of Kiwanis, Town of Monument &
Monument Community Presbyterian Church***



Heart of Monument Playpark Sponsorship Nite, February 19th

Scott Ross told us that there will be a Heart of Monument Playpark Sponsorship Nite at Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 4-7 pm on February 19th. We can meet the sponsors, view designs, and show support for this park on Wednesday.

SLP Activities

Mike Luginbuhl updated us on all things SLP and encouraged us to participate in their activities.



Mike Luginbuhl met with middle school folks and believes there is a good path forward for Builders Club going forward.

Those who signed up for STEAM judging should have heard from Jennifer Skalko at Bear Creek on February 19th. They'll be given a rubric for judging criteria.

Mike distributed a sheet showing the projects that Palmer Ridge Key Club is involved in from January through May. He asked us to look at the projects and invited us to come to any of the events - just let Mike know. He highly recommends STEAM night, the D38 Chess tournament, the Prairie Winds Elementary School family fun night, and Monument Warriors as a great events to attend. Mike also invited us to attend Palmer Ridge Key Club meetings which are on Tuesdays at 7:15 a.m. See the impressive [list of events here](#).

Stars of Tomorrow

Rich Strom provided a reminder that we will be doing Stars of Tomorrow auditions on Saturday, February 22nd at 9:00 a.m. following our Kiwanis meeting. Rich passed around a signup sheet for members to help with the audition. It is fascinating to see the talent these kids possess. Rich will also need our help for the dress rehearsals on March 15th, and for the Stars show on March 16th at Palmer Ridge High School. Stand by for updates.



42 auditioners have signed up so far. We're having very good luck with sponsorship. Plan to engage last year's sponsors and club members have contributed \$4,000.



DECA

The upcoming state DECA competition will be held at the Broadmoor on February 23rd and 24th. Judges are needed for this impressive event - see below for details. Contact to Ed Hettler to volunteer - 719-641-3349 or edhettler@gmail.com.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) State Judges N

What: DECA needs Volunteers to judge local high school students at the State Competition
State winners go to Nationals in Orlando FL April 26-29, 2025

When: February 23-24, 2025 (you can sign up for one or both days)

- Sunday, February 23: Written Project Preliminary/Oral presentation judging (~ 11:00am- 6:00pm)
- Monday, February 24: Individual and Team Role Play Preliminary round (~7:00am to 5:00pm)

Where: The Broadmoor. 1 Lake Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Why: Support Students Demonstrate Problem Solving Skills, Leave with a Great Feeling for

How: Register Online at the following link (let me know and I can email the link):
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJxFSd9Z3yPkFd763GFpoERkjspg-FF3zrb2js1pNp19A9rQ/viewform>

Info: No Experience Needed, Dress is Business Casual, Judges receive free breakfast/lunch
An internet capable charged device is required to input scores

Contact Ed Hettler (edhettler@gmail.com, 719-641-3349) on questions & sign up in

News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Frank Wynne



Jim Head, February 17th

Joined 2009, Sponsor Steve
Stevenson



Jim Wyss, February 17th

Joined 2004, Sponsor - Honorary
Kiwanis Member

February 17 History:

- 1863: Red Cross is founded / Italian War of Independence
- 1864: Torpedoes in the water!. Confederater Navy invents the SUB.
- 1933: Newsweek first published.

MORE February 17th History

- 1959: First weather satellite, Vanguard 2, is launched.
- 1980: First winter ascent of Mount Everest
- 2008: Kosovo gains independence, post-break up Yugoslavian states.



Humor

Courtesy of Mark Zeiger

An elderly couple was having dinner one evening when the husband reached across the table, took his wife's hand in his and said, "Esther, soon we will be

married 50 years, and there's something I have to know. In all of these 50 years, have you ever been unfaithful to me?"

Esther replied, "Well, Herman, I have to be honest with you. Yes, I've been unfaithful to you three times during these 50 years, but always for a good reason."

Herman was obviously hurt by his wife's confession, but said, "I never suspected. Can you tell me what you mean by 'good reasons?'"

Esther said, "The first time was shortly after we were married, and we were about to lose our little house because we couldn't pay the mortgage. Do you remember that one evening I went to see the banker and the next day he notified you that the loan would be extended?"

Herman recalled the visit to the banker and said, "I can forgive you for that. You saved our home, but what about the second time?"

Esther asked, "And do you remember when you were so sick, but we didn't have the money to pay for the heart surgery you needed? Well, I went to see your doctor one night and, if you recall, he did the surgery at no charge."

"I recall that," said Herman. "And you did it to save my life, so of course I can forgive you for that. Now tell me about the third time."

"All right," she said. "So do you remember when you ran for president of the synagogue, and you needed 73 more votes?"



Happy Bucks



Dean Snow had two happy bucks. One because Bob Hayes was back with us today, and another because he got engaged over the Christmas holidays.

Dave Bailey had two happy bucks. One for the Ohio State Buckeyes and their national championship football team. The next was for Cameron, their first grandchild.



Terry McMullen had two happy bucks, one because he has accepted to be in charge of this year's peach drive, and the other because he woke up this morning to beautiful blue skies (those blue skies were gone by the time the meeting was over).



Mike Luginbuhl had a Happy Buck for the Connectors Club and our guests Kim Hartlaub and her twin sister Gwen, who will likely be joining us for more meetings. He also recognized two more guests at Konnectors, Darby Kelly and Bill Miller, who

represented Wounded Heros USA and the MSgt Bill Crawford (Medal of Honor winner) memorial site in Palmer Lake. There are opportunities for SLP clubs to help maintain this site.



Pete Peterson had two happy bucks. One because he and his wife have a contract on their house, which includes leaving their furniture and second because he and his wife will be leaving soon on a long cruise to Hawaii. They'll be back in April.



Jim Head had a happy buck for a story he saw recently on Fox News. The story told of a youngster who received appointments to all four service academies. Fox also said that in addition to all his other attributes, this young man was

President of his school's Key Club.



Jim Johnston had a happy buck after returning from a trip through Asia; they went to Hong Kong, Taiwan, TaiPei, six stops in Japan and also three or four stops in China. Jim reported that he left less worried about China after seeing the huge number of high-rise buildings that sat empty.



Scott Ross has a happy buck for the Heart of Monument Playpark which will have a Sponsorship Nite from 4-7 pm this Wednesday, February 19th at Monument Community Presbyterian Church. All Kiwanians are welcome are encouraged to attend.



Randy Vernon had a happybuck for his granddaughter, who participated in four events in the state swimming championships and medaled in three of those events.



Steve Hall had a Zoom happy buck for Bob Hayes, who joined us today, and for Barrie Town, who had a successful heart operation.



Rich Rima had a happy buck, saying he planned to be with us in person sometime soon.



Weekly 50-50 Draw

After making today's presentation, Dean Snow learned he had the winning ticket. However, he did not draw the winner out of the bag, so the winnings will increase for next week's drawing.

Program

Iguazu Falls and Antarctica

Dean Snow and Chris Wilson

Scribe: Scott Ross



Dean and Chris shared photos and videos from their trip in December. The first stop was in Buenos Aires where they spent several days enjoying the local color, wonderful food, and tasty beverages.

They then flew north to Iguazu Falls, on the borders of Argentina and Brazil. One day sunny with beautiful panoramic views of the falls from the Brazil side. The next heavy rains which created atmosphere for the Devil's Throat Trail which they hiked.

Getting back to Buenos Aires, they caught a flight to the fabled "end of the world", Ushuaia ([Click here](#) for Jimmy Buffet fans). There they caught the Atlas Ocean Voyages ship "World Traveler" for the several day trip across the Drake Passage to Antarctica. Thanks to effective anti-seasick patches and moderate seas, the journey went well.

Travelling from beautiful location to beautiful location, they hiked up the Antarctic shore to see and smell large numbers of penguins. On the water, they were blessed to see numerous whales.



As the slides show us, the combination of ocean, blue ice, and snowy mountains was outstanding. Watch the video to see for yourself to see why Dean called it the most beautiful place he has been to.

The trip back had much larger waves through the legendary Drake Passage, described by CNN as “[the world’s most terrifying ocean crossing](#)”. Getting back to safer waters, Dean took the plunge, literally, jumping into the 30-degree sea water.

For those less susceptible to sea sickness, watch their video presentation. Otherwise book a tour and experience for yourself.



Here is a link to video of this week's meeting: https://youtu.be/e_lug36iveA

The Program starts here

https://youtu.be/e_lug36iveA?si=il9ZPbzxwvYAqIAb&t=2663

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