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Monument Hill Club

K-News

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Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Jim Clemans 100th Birthday Celebration
Bill Kaelin and Ted Bauman



Bill Kaelin began the meeting shortly after 8:00 a.m. at Jackson Creek Senior Living.

Barrie Town, Rich Rima and Marlene Bizub were zooming with us on Saturday.

Rich Hicks was this week's Scribe.

Jim Clemans led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Concerns

Jim Wolf saw Jim Taylor at church the other day. Jim is doing okay. Before surgery, he said his pain was a 7 or an 8, but now it's down to a 2 or 3. He was hoping for more pain relief, but he says, "I'll take what I can get." Marian was there with him. They both look very good.

Rich led a morning prayer: Heavenly Father, Today we gather in gratitude and joy to celebrate the 100th birthday of our dear friend, Jim Clemans. His heart for others and his dedication to our Monument Hill Kiwanis Club have been a blessing to so many. We thank you, Jim, for the many years of wisdom, your kindness, and service you gave to us and the Tri-Lakes community. Lord, we ask for your continued grace upon Jim. Please bless him with good health, joy, and the love of family and friends. May this celebration be filled with laughter and appreciation for his many contributions to all of us. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.





Visiting Kiwanians and Guests

Greg Bielanski introduced his grand-nephew, Tyler, who is a freshman at Evergreen High School in the Denver area. Great to meet you!

Bill Kaelin introduced Jim Clemans' son, Tom (not pictured). Thanks for joining us on this special day!

Upcoming Programs

- March 22 - Member Biographies
- March 29 - TBD

Announcements



Membership Minute

Jim Wolf updated the membership minutes.

- March 19 - Monument Warriors All Abilities Classic at Palmer Ridge Gymnasium, 530 pm
- March 20 - Sponsorship Night, Monument Community Presbyterian Church, 4-7 pm
- April 8 - Happy Hour, Pikes Peak Brewery, 4 pm
- April 10 - Konnectors meeting, Barr Room at Pikes Peaks Brewery, 5:30 pm

Monument Warriors Vs. D38 Unified Team, March 19th 5:30 PM
Palmer Ridge High School Gymnasium



Special
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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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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
Many Individual donors ** Parents & Caregivers ** Volunteer Coaches

On Wednesday, March 19th at Palmer Ridge High School, the Monument Warriors will be conducting an all abilities classic basketball tournament. The Monument Warriors is a Special Olympic team that has grown to 100 athletes participating in eight different sports. Come see a fun sports event!



Stars of Tomorrow

Rich Strom had a final comment on the Stars of Tomorrow show: On Sunday you will have some really great entertainment. Especially at the high school level, you'll be amazed at the talent of these kids. Come spend a few bucks, kick back for three hours, and just enjoy yourself.

The show goes on Sunday afternoon, March 16th, at the Palmer Ridge High School auditorium at 2 p.m.



March Madness

Dennis Beasley reminded us that March Madness is coming. Next week, will be selection Sunday, March 16th. Brackets will be drawn up then, with a charge of \$10 per pool bracket entry. Contact information will be coming out on an E-Blast. You can also check our website. We are using the CBS Sports website to fill out our entries. 10 bucks an entry goes on your monthly dues. It's real easy. Any direct family member can play. The bill for their practice goes on your club dues. You can have up to three brackets per person. Any person can have up to three brackets. Dennis reminded us that there is a tiebreaker on the championship game that's on the 6th of April. Don't forget to fill that out. You have until noon Thursday, March 20th to fill out your brackets and get them on them on the CBS Sports website. Contact Dennis or Jim Head with any questions: Dennis Beasley: pdcbcos@gmail.com or Jim Head: jhhead@comcast.net.

POW Fraud

Mike McGrath let us know that they have identified 2,000 phony POWs enrolled by VA that are getting POW benefits. Mike said the VA admits to the number, but they won't give him names. So, he has gone to Stars and Stripes and they have an article written, ready to publish. Stars and Stripes are waiting for a comment back from the VA. If they don't get a comment back, they expect to publish this week exposing the whole fraud.



News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Frank Wynne



Jim Clemans, March 18
Joined 2005

March 18 History:

- 1818: US Congress approves 1st pensions for government service
- 1882: Morgan Earp is assassinated by outlaws while playing billiards in Tombstone
- 1965: Poppin' Fresh Pillsbury Dough Boy introduced



Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

An Irishman and an Englishman walked into a bakery. The Englishman steals three buns, puts them in his pockets and leaves. He says to the Irishman that it took great skill and nerve to steal those buns. The owner didn't even see me.

The Irishman replies that was just simple thievery. "I'll show you how to do it honestly and get away with the same results." The Irishman then proceeded to call out the owner of the bakery and says, "Sir, I want to show you a magic trick." The owner was intrigued, so he came over to see the magic trick.

The Irishman asked him for a bun, and he proceeded to eat it. He asked two more times and after also eating them, the owner says, "Okay, friend, where's the magic trick?" The Irishman then said, "Look in the Englishman's pockets."

Happy Bucks

None this week due to the special meeting.

Weekly 50-50 Drawing

No drawing this week due to the special meeting.

Program

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Scribe: Rich Hicks



Ted Bauman conducted a short interview of Jim Clemans. Jim was raised Frankfort, Indiana. After finishing high School in 1943, Jim joined the Navy and spent a year at Wabash College, and then went to New Jersey/New York for midshipman school. Jim was assigned to the USS Windham Bay (CVE-92) in San Diego and he vividly remembers walking down the pier to the ship and seeing the flight deck molded over the bow. The ship had been damaged in a typhoon in the Pacific. After repairs, the ship was ready to go to sea and just at that time the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and so everything changed. After Jim arrived on the ship, it turns out they had too many deck officers, which was Jim's training. So they had a meeting to make assignments and they asked Jim what he did before the Navy. Jim told them he had experience working in a Buick garage in Frankfort, Indiana (sweeping floors). And they said oh wow, oh you're an engineer. So they shuffled Ensign Clemans off to the engineering department and he was in charge of the boilers and the evaporators, but they had to show him which was which.



Jim considered staying in the Navy, so he joined the regular Navy and applied for a training school, but that didn't turn out. Jim went back home and got a degree in mechanical engineering. He subsequently got work in Kansas City and was there for 7 years followed by a move to Texas. He and his wife Betty moved to Colorado in 1976 and they built a house in Woodmoor in 1978. Betty's career was as a nurse. They both volunteered for the senior center, and in 2005 Jim joined the Sertoma Club with Ed Holton as his sponsor. Jim's second wife is also named Betty. She lives with Jim's daughter in Traverse City, Michigan. Jim calls her every day.

Several years ago, Jim was part of an Honor flight to Washington, DC for World War II veterans. For that Honor flight, they flew the group to Washington DC and they stayed overnight. The sponsors made the group feel like great people and escorted them around all the memorials.



Steve Hall told us a memory that he and his wife, Anita have of Jim regarding Salvation Army bell ringing. Steve and Anita were arriving for their scheduled early session and there was someone there already ringing the bell, Jim Clemans. They didn't recognize Jim, but he said he was in Sertoma and he was ringing the bell to do something useful. They asked what that meant and he said that his wife Betty was inside shopping and that he hates shopping. He only goes in for what he needs and some woman shop. So, for the next hour the three of them rang the bell and at the end of an hour out walks Betty.



Larry Young told us a story that for him reveals the kind of character that Jim has. Jim was on Larry's Bingo team and always worked in the pull tab area and sold lots of pull tab over the years. Chris Wilson was also on his Bingo team and has neuropathy in his feet, so it was difficult for Chris to walk the floor. But, good guy that Chris is, he insisted on helping with Bingo, and one evening he was having a particularly difficult time but there was not a spot for him to sit and do his job. So, Larry and Chris talked about how he was getting along, and then Chris moved on and went back out on the floor. Jim asked what was going on, and Larry shared with him that Chris's feet were bothering him. And Jim, being the servant that he is at 90 some years old, asked if he could trade with Chris and work the floor. I thought my goodness, Jim would go out and walk the floor at his age. Chris's spot. What a guy you are, Jim! That was a wonderful offer!

Next, we all sang Happy Birthday to Jim. Jim told us how proud he was of all the commotion and things we did for the meeting on Saturday. "It was just great. Thank you again."

Bill Kaelin replied that we were absolutely honored and happy to be with him to celebrate a remarkable milestone. Bill commented, "Jim has had a memorable century filled with wisdom, love, and unforgettable memories. We are proud you have been a member of our Club for the last 20 years. Your life is a testimony to resilience, kindness, and the power of positive spirit. May your days continue to be filled with joy, good

health, and the love of those around you. Here's to 100 years, an extraordinary life and more to come. Cheers!"



The Saturday Meeting video is available here - <https://youtu.be/J9H3B5tPTyI>

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