



Kiwanis®
Monument Hill Club

K-News
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Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Safe Passage Children's Advocacy Center
Emily Bowker



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

Donald Johnson, Barrie Town, Rich Rima, Ben Bellis and Marlene Bizub were zooming with us on Saturday.

Jim Wolf was this week's Scribe.

Rob Knoth led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Last week, Ron Mangiarelli had two major surgeries. He recovered well and has returned home.

Warren Moore moved to skilled nursing at Liberty Heights about three weeks ago. He is now moving to memory care at Liberty Heights.

Rich led a morning prayer: Heavenly Father, fill our hearts with hope as we work to improve the lives of our youth and community, especially those less fortunate than us. Help us to achieve our goals and make a lasting positive impact. Amen

Visiting Kiwanians and Guests



Membership Minute

Bill Stoner updated the membership minutes.

- April 8 - Happy Hour, Pikes Peak Brewery, 4 pm
- April 10 - Konnectors meeting, Barr Room at Pikes Peaks Brewery, 5:30 pm
- April 19 - Board meeting following the regular meeting
- April 26 - SLP meeting
- May 9 - Potluck at the Woodmoor Barn from 4-8 pm.

Last week, Bill updated the membership roster and saw we are moving the wrong way. There are many good reasons that members leave, but we need to turn this around and begin to get membership moving in the other direction. Bill encouraged us to bring in a friend, or neighbor, or your neighbor's friend.



Member Recognition



Ted Bauman recognized two members for their great work in our Super Bowl boards project. Ted pointed out that the proceeds from the Super Bowl boards goes to help our career starter program for kids that are not bound for college.

First was our resident poet laureate, Paul Gourley. Paul received a certificate and pin for One Can Make A Difference for outstanding contributions to the Club, 2025 Super Bowl poetry and boards.

Second was John Spidell who over the years has filled in the blank spots on the boards, at \$10 per spot! John also received a certificate and pin for One Can Make A Difference. Congratulations to you both!



Gov Vaughn was recognized by Ted Bauman and Bill Kaelin with a Legion of Honor award for 25 years of service to Monument Hill Kiwanis Club. Gov told us that Dick Spirell brought him into the Club. Our club was then a Sertoma Club. In those days, the Super Bowl boards \$5,000 proceeds went to buy a hearing dog for those in need. Gov said that was a memorable effort, he has enjoyed being part of the 4th of July parade, Memorial Park country, and has enjoyed the camaraderie that we have shared over the years. This has been significant and uplifting to him. He appreciates everything that we do for our community.



Frog Award

Benny Nasser was the Master of Ceremonies. When this club started in 1974, they began an award for people who did something less than bright and it's called the Frog. 70 people in the Club have been inducted and in 2000 we started issuing hats. Benny asked those with Frog awards to stand. He thought it interesting that a lot of these guys are past presidents as well. You might note that a good percentage of Saturday's speakers were wearing Frog hats.

Frank Wynne was recognized on Saturday for seriously confusing names and pictures of those celebrating birthdays, namely Dean Snow and Rick Schoenlein. In lieu of a second hat, Frank was rewarded with a star to his Frog cap!



March Madness

March Madness is getting close and we are down to the final four teams. Our club pool standings have not changed much - First, Bonnie Nasser; Second tied between Dennis Beasley and his granddaughter; Fourth, Rich Rima; Fifth, Benny Nasser.

Service Leadership Programs

SLP has been busy this week according to Mike Luginbuhl. They met for the first round with the leadership class at the Lewis Palmer Middle School and seven of our folks showed up to support. There was very positive feedback on the results and everybody wants to do it again. Mike is still taking applications if you are interested. Mike thanked Scott Ross, Larry Young, Chuck Leggario, Sue Reinecke, Grace Ferguson, RF Smith, Dave Bailey, and Bryan Hardesty for their participation. This is very rewarding effort and a lot of fun helping these kids grow.

The Outdoor Learning Lab at Palmer Ridge has contacted Mike and they are looking for some additional STEM support, possibly in both hours and monetary. Mike is going to check it out more next week and if you would like to go with him, let him know.

The Children's Literacy Center has also contacted Mike and they are getting nervous about the shutdown of Grace Best school and where they might hold their learning sessions. They currently have about 25 students. If anyone knows of a suitable facility for them, please contact Mike.

The 18th of April is the next Key Club event at Kilmer Elementary for their Spring Fling from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. . If you would be interested in seeing how the high school students support the elementary school kids, contact Mike and he will arrange for your participation.

On April 19th, we will have the K-Kids from elementary schools attending our meeting to tell us what they do and how their clubs run throughout the year.



Mike thanked Gov Vaughn because he has been the number one tutor for the Children's Literacy Center and for Palmer Lake Elementary School. Thank you Gov!

Here is the [list of SLP events remaining this year for Palmer Ridge and Lewis Palmer High Schools](#).



Stars of Tomorrow

Rich Strom provided a wrap-up of the Stars of Tomorrow's show. We got great coverage in both the Tribune and Our Community News thanks to the efforts of Bob Harrigan. It takes a lot of planning to put together the show and it begins in the fall with Rich and Ted Bauman going to solicit support from the performing arts teachers in D38 schools. This year there were 47 applications, 39 students auditioned, and 20 were selected for the show. This effort requires a lot of work by the students that are participating as performers. They learn a lot.

This effort also requires a lot of participation by our Kiwanis members and the D38 team. Rich provided a list of the businesses that supported the program and encouraged us to support them in turn. This is primarily a service project but we make some money which is a good thing for the club.

Sponsors included:

- Club Members \$9,400
- Club with businesses \$1,500
- Businesses \$5,565
- Total \$16,465

The bottom line:

- Income: \$18,599.85
- Expenses: \$9,943.48
- Profit: \$8,656.37

Here are [Rich's slides](#). Also, here is a list of corporate donors for this year:

Name	Donated
Frank & Liam Wynne (Financial Advisor Edward Jones)	\$1,000
Christian Bros. Automotive	\$500
<u>Fascinelli Motors</u>	\$500
First National Bank	\$500
Heather Mitchell Law Office	\$500
Tri Lakes Garage Doors (Jim Hatley)	\$500
Wine Seller	\$400
Lauren Trent <i>The Fletcher Team & Associates</i>	\$250
Local Landing	\$250
Tri-Lakes Collision and Auto Service Center	\$250
VCA – Front Range Animal Hospital	\$300
My House Cafe	\$300
O'Malley's	\$250
Hourigan Platinum Group Realtors	\$250
Les Schwab Tires	\$250
Sundance Studio	\$250
Freedom Car Wash	\$150
Monument Cork & Bottle	\$50
Forge Coffee	\$100
The Love Shop	\$100
Rocky Mtn Barber	\$50
<u>Monument Merchantile</u>	\$25
The Roost	\$20
Columbine Gardens	\$20

Extras

Larry Young Announcement: We had a little problem with our speaker last week who did not show up. Larry said he received a very apologetic text from her saying that she came down with a very bad case of COVID. She is very sorry she missed the date and will try to arrange another time for a presentation.

RF Smith Announcements:

1. Member Orientation available and will be scheduled for May
2. Pull tabs still wanted for Bear Creek Elementary K-Kids through 1 May
3. For Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership
 - a. We have 113 students who have applied
 - b. Intrested members should visit on Thurs 26 June to see Mike McGrath

- c. They should also stay for the Banquet to see the students graduate
- d. Save the Date: Sat, Oct 4th at the WWII Aviation Museum annual RMYLF gala.
- e. Will need 40 Parade Marshals to keep our parade safe. All able should plan to sign up in May and June

Kathy Strom Announcement: Kathy reminded us to pay our dues and next week she sends out reminder notices.

News & Notes

Happy Birthday
Courtesy of Frank Wynne



Cay Price, April 9
Joined 2021, Sponsor: Frank Bittinger

On Apr 9th in HISTORY

- 1965: Robert E. Lee surrenders to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox.
- 1942: The Bataan death march begins.

- 1965: The Houston Astrodome opens. Oilers 1996 / Astros 1999 / Houston Rodeo 2002 / 1st artificial turf



Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

A man received the following text from his neighbor:

I am so sorry Bob. I've been riddled with guilt and I have to confess.

I have been helping myself to your wife, day and night when you're not around. In fact, more than you. I do not get it at home, but that's no excuse. I can no longer live with the guilt and I hope you will accept my sincerest apology with my promise that it won't, ever happen again.

Bob in complete shock, didn't know what to do.....

A few moments later, a second text came in:
Damn spell check! I meant "wi-fi"

Happy Bucks

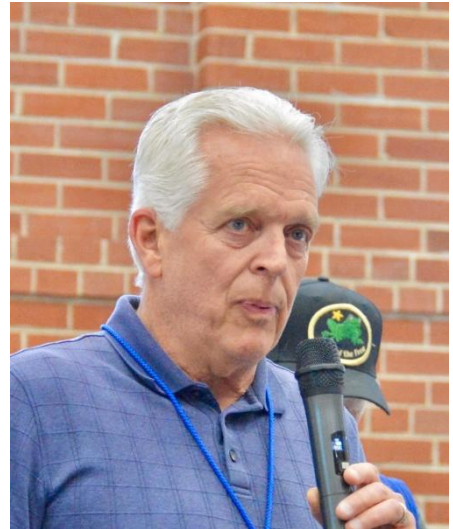


To clarify, Pete Peterson said there was some fake news in the K-News last week. Their recent home sale was not fraud. The money is in the bank and his wife Vicky is spending it as fast as she can. The fraud was regarding their credit card. They were a thousand miles out at sea when they were notified of fraud on their credit card which was shut down. They received a replacement credit card shortly thereafter. Second, Pete had a bag of coins gathered from throughout the world and offered them to anyone who might have a grandkid who would be interested. John Spidell raised his hand and got the coins.



Sue Reinecke ran into Barb Broshous the other day and she is wonderful. Barb said that Russ is doing very well and doing a lot of things independently. They plan to move north to Denver to be closer to their kids. Barb said she has an eye on a particular place because it has a quilting Club. Barb plans to come by the club to say goodbye before they move.

Rich Strom had 25 happy bucks - \$20 for the great support for Stars of Tomorrow and \$5 for his eye surgeon and the very successful cataract surgery Rich received in both eyes. Now 20/20 and 20/15!



A couple of months ago, Bill Stoner announced the birth of grandchild number 8. He announced the birth of another grandchild and this one came 3 months early weighing 2 lb. Bill was six bucks happy to say that after a couple of months of exciting times, he is doing much better and is now up to 6 lb. Great to hear!



Earlier last week Scott Ross and six or seven others went to see the Monument Warriors basketball special Olympics team. They played the D38 unified team and made Scott's smile muscles tired. There was the basketball game, and the students that helped them, and the pep band, and the national Honor society cheering them on. Come and watch next year, it is awesome!



Mark Anderson had a couple happy bucks: 1) he apologized to Pete because he misreported Pete's happy buck from last week. 2) he was happy for RF Smith and the Konnectors Club that will meet at Pikes Peak Brewery on Thursday afternoon at 5:30 pm. This is a Kiwanis meeting for those that cannot attend our regular Saturday meetings. Please join us!



RF Smith's Aunt Caroline in Connecticut will turn 91 years old on 31 May. On 8 April, she will be



Mike McGrath just got back from a week in Hawaii where a friend of his donated \$300 to the Play

having her right rotator cuff replaced so RF asked for thoughts and prayers on that day. Additionally, RF and Ann will be traveling to Connecticut from 9-19 April to help with Caroline's rehab.



Dick Salverson was happy to be going to Greeley on Saturday to see his grandson who is in the Allstate band and to see their concert on Saturday evening.

Park. Also, his expose of the VA is in the hands of the final editors and should be ready for publishing next week.



Dave Bailey has recently come to understand that the Sergeant at Arms position is also a revenue generating office, especially when you should be wearing your name tag or when proper hats are needed for a Frog event. We're going to be looking at you...



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

There was \$55 at stake, 8 chips and Alan Thompson was up for the draw. Sorry, only red.

Program

Safe Passage Children's Advocacy Center

Emily Bowker

Scribe: Jim Wolf



Benny Nasser introduced our guest speaker, Emily Bowker. Emily is the Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships with Safe Passages. Safe Passages aids children that have experienced some form of child abuse. Benny said this fits in well with our model of making a positive difference for youth in our community. They have been a recipient of many grants from our Foundation. Emily started by it warms her heart to see a group like ours getting out into the community and really making a difference. She thanked us for the opportunity to make a presentation to us and that she was blown away by our group.

She has been in her current position for about 6 years. She is a clinical social worker who has worked in the community for a long-time including CASA and in the hospital. This position is great for her because she can not only talk about fundraising but also what goes on everyday at the center. Emily thanked us for our support and remembers receiving grants every year from us for the last 6 years. It is such a gift. The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) for the Pikes Peak region services the 4th Judicial District.

Safe Passage gives abused children a voice and enables the healing process by acting as the single source of contact for medical, investigative, and legal services.

The Scope of the problem - > 500,000 children are abused in the US every year – 8 out of every 1000. One in four girls and one in thirteen boys will experience sexual abuse before the age of 18. Child abuse affects

children from every background (rich, poor, mid-income, both genders, sexual orientation, race ethnicity, religion and in every community). Nearly two-thirds of all cases the CACs handle involve child sexual abuse. Children's Advocacy Centers coordinate the investigation, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse cases by utilizing multidisciplinary teams of professionals involved in the investigation. Safe Passage provides:

- forensic interviews
- forensic medical exams (sexual assault nurse examinations – SANE)
- general medical exams - victim advocacy for the child/family-resources and referrals
- mental health services crisis intervention
- mental health screening and long term mental health services.



The Children's Advocacy Center located on 2335 Robinson St services children from 0-18 and developmentally delayed adults but must be able to communicate with staff (2-3 years old). They have 11 staff members plus the multidisciplinary team (MDT) – child protective services, law enforcement, prosecution, medical, mental health & victim advocacy. The only co-located CAC in the state of Colorado. Partners on site – COPD, El Paso Sheriff's Office, El Paso County Dept of Human Services, UC Health, KidPower CO, Hope Animal Assisted Crisis Response (therapy dogs) & the Safe Passage Team (child forensic interviewers, family advocates, mental health team, and child friendly environment for victims)

Last calendar year: 789 victims served, 712 caregivers served, 181 siblings served, 61 children received a forensic medical exam, 663 children had general exam. 58% of the victims were female. They are thankful for the continual support of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Foundation

<https://www.safepassagecac.org/>

The Saturday Meeting video is available here - https://youtu.be/1gn2l88_EkI

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