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Monument Hill Club

K-News

May 10, 2025

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



**MHKC Annual Meeting and
Operations Updates**



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

Zoomers participating were Marlene Bizub, Barrie Town, Rich Rima, Don Johnson, Larry Young, Ben Bellis Jr, Cay Price, Joe Kneedler, Benny Nasser, and RF Smith

Dave Bailey was the Sergeant at Arms.

Scott Ross was this week's Scribe.

Ed. Hettler led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks was traveling to care for his sister. RF Smith is recovering from knee surgery.

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club announces the passing of Anne Campbell, Co-President of TLWC, who courageously battled cancer for two years. Anne was surrounded by loving family when she passed peacefully on May 7, 2025. She will be remembered for her unwavering compassion, infectious humor, and deep faith. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her. Anne is survived by her husband, Jeff, her sons, Gavin and Connor, and daughter-in-law Stephanie and grandson, Colt.

Jim Ward led the morning prayer: God thank you for the gift of the day. Thank you for being with us as we gather this day, and seeking to love and to serve our community and our neighbors, We ask that your blessing be upon those we've lifted up for comfort and peace. Be in us as well as we seek to do your good, Lord, in this place. Amen!



Visiting Kiwanians and Guests

There were no visiting Kiwanians.

Mike Luginbugl brought a guest, Rachel Velasquez, who is a teacher at Lewis-Palmer Middle School. Rachel joined us to talk about the Builder's Club and leadership curriculum for which she is responsible at LPMS.

New inductee Bob Eskridge was present at the Diva's Table...more on that later.

Jim and Marian Taylor joined us for the meeting. It was good to see them both back in Big Red with the Club.



Upcoming Programs

- May 17 - Computer Surgeon, Garry Greenspan
- May 24 - Care and Share, Nate Springer
- May 31 - Biographies of Club Members
- June 7 - Jackson Creek Senior Living Garage Sale
- June 14 - Why Wait Stories, Lauren Ferrara

Announcements



New Member Induction

Bill Kaelin inducted Bob Eskridge, sponsored by Jim Hatley as the newest member of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club.

Bob grew up in Salt Lake City, UT, and graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1977. After retiring from the Air Force, Bob took up a second career with Lockheed Martin and a third career as a Physical Therapist from which he recently retired. He says he's now a full-time nanny for his grandchildren. Bob is looking forward to be associated with our Club.



Membership Minute

Bill Stoner ran through the coming events for the membership.

- May 13th - Happy Hour at Pikes Peak Brewing
- May 15th - Rescheduled Konnectors, Pikes Peak Brewing, 5:30
- May 16th - Last Day of School for D38.
- May 20th - PRHS and LPHS graduation at the Broadmoor
- May 17th - Board Meeting
- May 24th - Farmer Market returns to the Big Red parking lot
- May 31st - Memorial Day

President's Award

Bill Kaelin honored Dennis Beasley with the President's Award for his many years of service to the Club, including many years as manager of the March Madness fundraiser; but, especially, for his performance for the third straight year as Master of Ceremonies for the Stars of Tomorrow Talent Show.



Social Activities

Jim Wolf announced that the pot luck on Friday was a big success and that he is working on an event for June, perhaps a baseball game. The 4th of July parade is on a Friday this year. The next pot luck will be in September.



Social Groups



*a collection of individuals gathering together with a common interest.
Informal, encouraging socialization & camaraderie, flexible attendance*

- Golf
- Hiking/walking
- Snow skiing/snowboarding
- Cards – poker, bridge, pinochle
- Wine Tasting
- Beer Drinking
- Lunch
- Museum Trips (US Olympic & Paralympic, WWII Aviation, Western Mining, ProRodeo Hall of Fame, Michael Garman, etc.)
- Tours - Denver Mint, State Capital, USAFA
- Outdoor Trips – sightseeing, fall colors
- USAFA Sports – football, hockey, basketball, baseball (*wolf*)
- Rocky Mountain Vibes Baseball games (*wolf*)



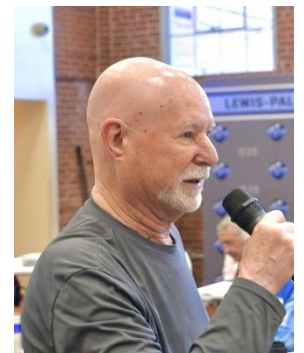
Peaches Update

Terry McMullen announced that the Peaches project has started up again as of May 1st. He made contact with C&R Farms and the peaches are growing well. Distribution will be at Bear Creek Elementary School. Many of the people who worked on certain portions of last year's Peaches day will likely be taking the same positions and times again this year. Dan Lopez will be cooking for us again and is open to requests for what he'll be grilling for us.

4th of July Parade Update

Mark Zeiger also briefly reminded the members the 4th of July parade. Applications for entries are coming in toward our target of 90+. He also pointed out that there are several signups including the largest need which is for over 45 marshals to help us keep the parade route safe. Those interested in being Parade Marshals should contact RF Smith.

This year's theme will be "Honoring Scouting in America."



Yard Sale at Jackson Creek Senior Living June 7th

Scott Ross told us that five Saturdays from now we are replacing our meeting with a garage/yard sale at Jackson Creek Senior Living. Items will be sold "as is" and all proceeds from the event support the Heart of Monument Play Park. There are a couple of ways to help: 1) donate garage sale items at JCSL starting May 1st, and 2) on Saturday, June 7th, MHKC Will run this garage sale from set up at 6:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. See Scott with questions.



News & Notes

Happy Birthday
Courtesy of Frank Wynne

Bob Nissen **MAY 10th**

Joined 2011
Sponsor Ted Bauman



On MAY 10th in HISTORY

- **1924:** J. Edgar Hoover is appointed the first Director of the FBI.
- **1954:** Rock around the Clock is released Bill Hailey and the Comets.
- **1962:** The Incredible Hulk debuts in Marvel Comics.

Larry Vliet **MAY 10th**

Joined 2023
Sponsor Jim Johnston



On MAY 10th in HISTORY

- **1933:** Nazi book burning begins State Opera Berlin.
- **1970:** Bobby Orr scores "The Goal" Bruins over the Blues in Stanley Cup Game 4
- **2005:** Vladimir Arutyunian attempts to kill George W. Bush.

ED Hettler **MAY 15th**

Joined 2022
Sponsor Dean Snow



On MAY 15th in HISTORY

- **1905:** Las Vegas is founded.
- **1928:** Mickey Mouse is introduced.
- **1941:** Joe DiMaggio begins a 56-game hitting streak.

Loyd Mowery **MAY 16th**

Joined 2009
Sponsor R.F. Smith



On MAY 16th in HISTORY

- **1843:** The first wagon train sets out on the Oregon Trail.
- **1925:** The first air-to-ground telephone call is made.
- **2011:** Final flight of Endeavor.

Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne



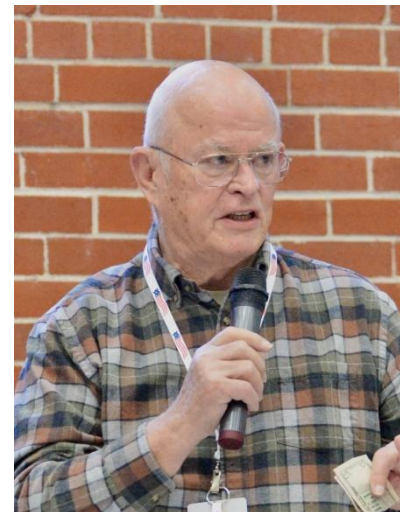
An older gentleman bought a new sports car and drove along, reaching 120 miles per hour. Amazing! He thought. Then he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing.

I can get away from him, he thought, I can reach a 150. Then he thought, I'm too old for this nonsense. So he pulled over to the side of the road.
Pulling in behind in the police car, he Trooper walked up and said,
"Sir, my shift ends in 10 min. If you can give me a reason why you're speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."
The older gentleman said,
"Years ago my wife ran off with a Trooper. I thought you were him bringing her back."
The Trooper said, "Have a good day, sir."

Happy Bucks



Frank Delalla had two happy bucks, one for Liam Wynne who stood in for him during his absence, and the other for the good time he had hiking in Death Valley and Joshua Tree National Parks. "It was cool....well, not cool, but neat!!"



Dennis Beasley had five happy bucks because they just took a very nice back roads trip to Branson, Missouri and on the way they became only the 2nd MH Kiwanian to visit the Kansas campus of the Pittsburg State University Gorillas, Ed Hettler's alma mater. Dennis says there are bigger gorillas in Branson.



Jim Hatley was excited to have Bob Eskridge join the club. He was also happy to see Marian Taylor back at a Club meeting.



Dave Bailey limped up with his happy buck because his birthday is in MAY. Frank Wynne paid the fine.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Rich Strom had the winning number for Saturday's 50-50 drawing. Unfortunately, he was unable to draw the blue chip.

Program

Club Annual Business Meeting

The Club is required in our Bylaws to conduct an annual meeting of the membership for the purpose of electing a new Board of Directors and other business as required.

Today, our Board of Directors nominees were presented again and nominations for each positions were opened to the floor for each position. There were no nominations from the floor. The slate of officers and directors was elected unanimously, Charlie Brown having been absent. During discussion, Sue Reinecke made an impassioned plea for assistance with the Secretary duties. Anyone interested in helping with this critical work should see Sue.



2025 - 26 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



President	Jim Head
Immediate Past President	Bill Kaelin
Secretary	Sue Reinecke
Treasurer	Dan Lopez
V.P. Operations	Dean Snow
V.P. Membership	Bill Stoner
Director of Programs	Ed Tomlinson
Director of SLP	Mike Luginbuhl
Director of communications	Bob Harrigan
Director of Information Technology	Mark Zeiger
Director of Planning	Larry Young
President Elect	Jim Wolf

Other Annual Club Business

Bill continued this week's program which covered a number of different topics.

Board of Director Actions

Bill announced that the Board of Directors will be informing the membership on a more regular basis of actions taken at monthly Board meetings. The first of these involves selecting a new speaker recognition gift—a new mug, commercially produced, which is more cost-effective than previous items. Club members may also purchase these mugs.



Status of Grace Best

D38 is closing the Grace Best building later in the year. We have had a classroom to store all kinds of things – signs, documents, boxes of fundraising supplies, etc. Earlier this spring we decided to move what we need

to keep to our storage shed at the Church at Woodmoor. Several of us removed much of the obsolete stuff at the shed and we are nearly done moving things from the Grace Best storage room.



Weather Station Presentation to Bear Creek Elementary

Ed Tomlinson and Steve Sutherland made a presentation Friday to Bear Creek Elementary School. Ed and Steve had previously made a presentation to 6th grade science classes about the weather and identified a need for a portable weather station. They purchased the station which was presented Friday for the benefit of all Bear Creek Elementary students. The station will be paid for out of Presidential Discretionary funds.

Service Leadership Programs

Mike Luginbuhl introduced several items of interest regarding our SLP club activities



First, Ed Hettler was invited up to talk about a food drive, conducted a couple of weeks ago by the Palmer Lake Elementary K-Kids for Tri-Lakes Cares. Class donated food and cash and got a tour of TLC

Palmer Lake K-Kids Food/Funds for Tri Lakes Cares (TLC)

- Our Palmer Lake K-Kids had a Food/Fund Drive for TLC 4/30-5/2/25
- The 3 Day Event raised 296 lbs. of Food and \$246 Cash for TLC
- For their efforts they received an end of the year field trip to TLC 5/7

Touring the Pantry



On The Scale
2100 lbs. of 27 K-Kids



Bagging Pet Food



Mike then invited Rachel Velasquez, the Builder's Club advisor at Lewis-Palmer Middle School, to talk about her plans for the new school year. Raquel has created a class on leadership and a number of Kiwanians have stepped up to work with the students, including: Sue Reinecke, Scott Ross, RF Smith, Grace Ferguson, Dave Bailey, Chuck Leggiero, Bryan Hardesty, Dan Lopez, Jim Head and Ed Hettler.

In her Leadership classes, Rachel covers 9 qualities of a good leader, and there are qualities of people that are seeking to serve others, and they can be really difficult concepts to understand as 8th grade students.

Rachel has been able to step into the role as facilitator for our Builders Club next year. She hopes to be able to continue to connect with our Club and push our outreach even further. We've got several incredible ideas that our students have come up with. If you hear of opportunities within the community where student volunteers or student leaders would be useful. Rachel asks that you forward those ideas to her.

She shared a cool story with us about how cool it is to see the effect that our group has had. Rachel has a group of 8th graders that has experienced both visits from our Kiwanis members, and one of them came to me today with an impact that they had on one of those visits, and the biggest thing she came away with was that she wants to be able to impact others in a way that she can understand people younger than her and make them feel seen. Thank you so much for what you do, and we're going to keep doing that good work at LPMS.

Mike reminded us about the upcoming Key Leader events, that our club has supported for years. Key leader will be 2 sessions this this in the fall. And as for any high school kids, basically in Colorado, Wyoming, East Eastern Wyoming, and Western Nebraska. And if you go through, it's almost so we have a lot of good things and some overlap. Here is a summary of what our Service Leadership Programs (SLP) have done this year.



Annual Hours Worked by MHK Members

- 560

Annual Hours Worked by Faculty Advisors

- 488

Number of Student Club Members

- 298

Annual Hours Dedicated by Student Club Members

- 4,340

Funds Raised by SLP Clubs

- \$4,673



Communications

Bob gave us a rundown on the success of our earned media campaign. We do advertising for our events and to promote our Club. We also do "Earned Media", when we submit articles and photos of events and try to get them published in the Tribune, the OCN, and other publications—at no cost to us. When the media publish our pictures and other non-revenue content, they are telling us that our content is more meaningful to their audience than other content available...as Bob says: "If dogs won't eat it, it ain't dog food." We have programs that are really valuable and we get great participation from the public, and that is good in and of itself. But it's not enough. We are working toward putting our Club message out on digital advertising and you will learn more about that in the future. Along with the work that our Communications Team does, it is very important that our membership help out by spreading the word on Next Door, Facebook, Instagram, and the like.

Programs

Ed Tomlinson gave a report on Programs. Every club member is on the Programs committee. If you know somebody that you've heard speak, and you think would be of interest to this group, please give Ed the contact information, and he will follow up from there. If you know somebody that is working on something in particular, that this group would be interested in, bring that to Ed's attention so that he can make the arrangements.

Ed has been really, really successful in getting one in businesses, especially small businesses with businesses in mind that have become established and people are familiar with and how they got started. You may remember Randy Rush and Jim Wyss came out and talked about Integrity Bank right here in Monument, and they've been very successful with community support. So anybody that is, from any other small business in Monument that would have a story to tell that would be of interest, please give your recommendation to Ed.

In particular, Mark Anderson, Jim Head and Larry Young have been really good about making recommendations, and we do have some that have already presented, and that will be presented as a result of their recommendations.

We will continue with Member Bios as they seem to be well received. Ed anticipates for the next year is on the order of once a month, to have either to have a new member along with somebody that's been a member for quite a while, and then maybe none of us were here when they gave their initial buyout. We are putting together a fresh program about D-Day and should have that for you in June.



The Saturday Meeting video is available here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnGFljyS05g>

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