



Kiwanis®
Monument Hill Club

K-News

May 31, 2025

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Member Bios

Frank Wynne and Mike Luginbuhl



President Elect Jim Head began the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Zoomers participating were Donald Johnson, Barrie Town, Rich Rima, and Jim Clemans.

Dick Salverson was Sergeant at Arms.

Tom Weyer led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Dennis Beasley was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led members' concerns.

Sharon Williams recently had hip surgery and is going to receive in-patient rehab at Encompass in Colorado Springs. Please keep Sharon in your thoughts and prayers.

The memorial service for Anne Campbell, former president of the Tri-Lakes Women's Club, will be June 7th at Family of Christ Church at 10 a.m. It will also be live streamed.

Rich led a morning prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the potential you have placed in every young person, for the seeds of leadership waiting to bloom, for the privilege of witnessing their growth and transformation. Help us nurture these gifts with patience and wisdom, guiding each child to discover their unique way of serving others. Amen



Visiting Kiwanians

Rick Couch, and Dan and Cheryl Kerbs from the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club came to promote an event that they would like to have all Division 4 Kiwanis clubs participate in. From 9:00 to 12:00 a.m. on June 14th Kiwanis clubs are going build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. This event will provide beds for kids in the community that do not have beds. The event will be at 1089 Ford Street in Colorado Springs. See the flyer below. All tools and lumber are provided.

SHIP | NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!

*Help Build Beds
& Fundraiser*

Kiwanis
COLORADO SPRINGS

Bed Build
Saturday, June 14th
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
1089 Ford Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Fundraiser at Bubba's 33
5807 Constitution Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80915

After the Bed Build, we'll provide a flyer for you to take and present when you order. Bubba's will contribute a percentage of sales to our Colorado Springs Kiwanis Foundation to support local youth.



Guests

Dave Bailey introduced Greg Beyke who is somewhat a of a snowbird and is a former submariner with the US Navy. Welcome!

Dean Snow introduced a neighbor of his, Scott Madsen. Scott said he has lived in the area for about 7 years and was impressed by all the great things that Dean said about our club. Great to see you!

Upcoming Programs

- June 7 - Jackson Creek Senior Living Garage Sale (No meeting at Big Red)
- June 10 - Happy Hour at Pikes Peak Brewery
- June 14 - Why Wait Stories, Lauren Ferrara
- June 21 - D-Day Weather Forecasts, Ed Tomlinson & Steve Sutherland
- June 28 - Living Thru Intel Nightmare, Warren Gerig

Announcements

Membership Minute

Jim Wolf updated coming events for the membership.

- June 7 - Heart of Monument Playpark Garage Sale at Jackson Creek Senior Living
 - June 8 - P51 dedication at Monument Town Hall
 - June 10 - Happy Hour, Pikes Peak Brewery, 4 pm
 - June 12 - Konnectors meeting, Barr Room at Pikes Peaks Brewery, 5:30 pm
 - June 14 - Build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace service project
 - June 22 - Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference at UCCS Pueblo
 - July 4 - Fourth of July Parade
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Social Groups



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

- Golf (*bill*)
- Hiking/walking (*frank*)
- Snow skiing/snowboarding
- Cards – poker, bridge, pinochle (*john*)
- 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*)

Clearing out from Grace Best Education Center

After many, many years of support to our community and to Monument Hill Kiwanis, the D-38 Grace Best building is scheduled for demolition soon. On Wednesday last, Power Lifters Bill Kaelin, Sue Reinecke, Steve Keefer and Ed Hettler moved our final storage items from there to Jackson Creek Senior Living for the yard sale or to the Shed. Great thanks for your efforts!



Saturday, June 7, 2025 | 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
Jackson Creek Senior Living's Backyard
16601 Jackson Creek Parkway, Monument, CO

Jackson Creek Senior Living is partnering with the Kiwanis Monument Hill Club and other local organizations to host a community yard sale benefiting the future Heart of Monument Play Park. Stop by to browse items sold "as-is," check out special "Beyond the Bag" bundle deals, and grab a hot dog lunch — all proceeds from the event support the future park. Cash and credit cards accepted. Guests are kindly asked to park on the north side of the building.

Donations **May 1–June 5**

Jackson Creek Senior Living will collect gently used items Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donations may be dropped off inside the community's main entrance.

Accepted Items:

- Housewares
- Décor
- Clothes
- Toys
- Furniture
- Gardening Supplies

To learn more, call 719-259-5248 or
visit jacksoncreekseiorliving.com/events.



Heart of Monument Play Park Fundraiser Sponsors
www.HeartOfMonument.org



Yard Sale at Jackson Creek Senior Living June 7th

On June 7th, we are replacing our regular Monument Hill Kiwanis 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.

We need folks to help pick up items and organize products ahead of June 7. On the 7th we need folks in two-hour shifts from 6:00AM – 4:00 PM setting up tables and tents, staffing tables of products and cleaning up after the sale ends at 2:00PM. If you can help, here is a link to SignUpGenius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BAEAF2CABF94-56660971-jackson>

See Scott Ross with additional questions - scott@rosses.me or 719 661-9078. See poster above for more details.



Service Leadership Program

Mike Luginbuhl told us that the Children's Literacy Center is officially moving from Grace Best to Woodman Valley Chapel sometime in July. They might need some help moving materials. Mike also said the school year is over, but snack packs will continue to be provided through the summer. Snack packs will be assembled at tri lakes cares on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and will be distributed from the YMCA. Volunteer sign up is not yet available electronically, so you can just show up at Tri-Lakes Cares to help.

Palmer Ridge High School could use volunteer help on their Outdoor Learning Lab (OLL) on a regular basis. The OLL contains several different areas and gardens, including a pollinator garden, a cover crop demonstration area, an ornamental garden, a Colorado native plant garden, a transect area for year-to-year research, two greenhouses, and raised and elevated garden beds. They will also have a weather station. PRHS carpentry classes built the greenhouses, raised beds, and seating for the OLL. Here is a link to the OLL Homepage with links for their newsletter and volunteer signup (they would like up to 20 volunteers a couple times a week):

<https://sites.google.com/lewispalmer.org/proutdoorlearninglab/home>. Also, here is a good news article about the program:

<https://www.lewispalmer.org/o/lpsd/article/2192193>

4th of July Parade

The parade this year is on Friday, July 4th. This is an "all hands" service project that needs 90+ volunteers. The biggest single need for volunteers is 45 parade marshals - here is the link to the Marshal Signup:



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BAEAF2CABF94-56854385-2025>. Our club members often fill multiple roles.

Mark Zeiger provided the latest info on parade planning progress. Of note, the parade is led by joint effort between our Kiwanis Club, the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Monument. We receive a lot of support from throughout the community including:

- Woodman Valley Chapel – Participant Parking
- D-38 Transportation - bus support
- Town Of Monument GIS – Maps
- Woodmoor Country Club – Golf Carts
- Palmer Ridge H.S. Football Team – Trash pickup and resident letter distribution
- United States Space Force – C-130 Flyover (#AFFlyover)
- Tri-Lakes Radio Club - Communications coordination
- Tri-Lakes Women's Club – Lost child booth

The theme for the parade this year is Honoring the Boy and Girl Scouts for their contributions to our community. We already have 60 parade participants! Here is [Mark's briefing](#) to the Club on Saturday.



Order of the Frog

Benny Nasser informed us that there might be a need for a new caretaker of the frog. As told by Jim Wolf, Dave Bailey attacked an esteemed member of our Club in charge of birthday reporting, accusing him of failing to include his birthday in the week's birthday presentation. However, as explained by this keeper of the birthday records, birthdays are recognized for the week ahead, not the week behind. For this egregious disparagement and error, Dave was voted by club membership to be the new caretaker for the frog. Dave said that he apologized to Frank...

News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

Birthdays 31 May – 6 JUN 2025



Dave Foster

JUN 1st

Joined 202
Sponsor Bl



On JUN 1st in HISTOR

- 1495: Scotch whisky is in monk named John Cor.
- 1974: The Heimlich mane published.
- 1980: The Cable News Ne broadcasting. (CNN) One satellite-distributed televi

Jim Hatley

JUN 3rd

Joined 201
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On JUN 3rd in HIST

- 1539: Hernando de S Florida for Spain. Lanc Bay.
- 1621: The Dutch Wes Company receives a r
- 1943: The Zoot Suit Ri the West Coast over e material usage.

Joe Kneedler

JUN 3rd

Joined 202
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On JUN 3rd in HISTO

- 1861: Union forces ar the Battle of Philippi.
- 1937: The Duke of W Wallis Simpson.
- 1981: The Centers for unknowingly announc of AIDs.

Mike Luginbuhl

JUN 3rd

Joined 201
Sponsor R



On JUN 3rd in HISTO

- 1965: Gemini 4 is launch spacewalk Ed White
- 2025: The same three th happened on Jim Hatley
- 2025: The same three th happened on Joe Kneedl

Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne



There were two old farmers sitting in a cafe. They're drinking their coffee wearing their coveralls. All of a sudden at the table next to him, there is a young lady who starts choking, giving the universal sign she can't breathe. With that, the one farmer immediately jumps up and walks over behind her. He pulls out her chair and lifts her up, pulls up her skirt, and licks her left buttocks cheek. All of a sudden, totally startled, she coughs out the debris that was caught in her throat. Totally disheveled, she sits down, the farmer walks back and sits with his friend. The friend says, "What the heck was that?" The farmer says, "Haven't you heard of the Hind Lick maneuver?"

Happy Bucks



On May 31st, 1980, Scott Ross married his wife, Roberta. Scott was 45 bucks happy. Congratulations!

Frank Bittinger apologized to Jim Head for wearing his cap into the meeting. Frank said he was not aware of the protocol. Secondly, Frank is looking for a new or used RV preferably 18 to 22 ft long. Please tell him if you know of RVs for sale.



RF Smith had three happy bucks. 1) The 31st of May was his great Aunt Caroline's 91st birthday. She is resting comfortably in the hospital after emergency abdominal surgery on Thursday, so RF was happy about that. 2) He was also happy to announce that Bill Kaelin and Dean Snow, have agreed to take over as the advisors for the K-Kids club at Bear Creek Elementary and to announce that they are continuing their drive of pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House. 3) The last happy buck that he had was to make sure that everybody knows that the [Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference](#) is 23 – 27 June at CSU Pueblo. You are all invited to come down and observe what we do down there. RF thanked all the members of the club for the donation that the grant that you have continued to give over the years to help make RMYLC free for all the students who attend it. So, [come on down and see us 23-27 June, CSU Pueblo.](#)



Dave Bailey had a happy buck for his guest, Greg Beyke. Dave also indicated that he would be happy to soon pass on the frog.



Tony Trifletti was 60 bucks happy because 60 years ago he and his bride hitched. They will celebrate with a little dinner that includes 14 of his kids and grandkids. Congratulations!



Cheryl Kerbs wanted to say thank you so much for having us and this has been a blast. You guys are really fun!



Ed Hettler mentioned the P-51 dedication we talked about earlier. It is on June 8th, next Sunday at Monument Town Hall. The statue is there already and this Boy Scout, Colin Saber raised 50 thousand

dollars to have this statue built and did all the coordination to be able to get it installed. A phenomenal effort.

Dedication of P51 Statue for Col Earl Depner/Robert Henders

- **On June 8th 3:00 a P51 Statue Dedication will Occur at Monument Town**
- **Marks the Completion of the Project Driven by Colin Saber for his Eagle**
- **More details available at <https://p51monument.com/>**
- **In Colin's Words** "WWII P-51 pilot Colonel Earl Depner passed January 2022. I have interest in as well as aviation. I have great respect for people that risked their lives to save our country. Reading about Depner inspired me to do something so I thought this would help honor and remember people like him that sacrificed so much for us"



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Mark Pfoff is hiding a red chip in his hand.

Program

Member Bios *Frank Wynne and Mike Luginbuhl*

Scribe: Dennis Beasley



Our speakers today were MHKC members: Frank Wynne and Mike Luginbuhl, who presented their bios, both representing very interesting lives in service to their country.

Frank started the morning with an outline of his life's history, starting in the Bronx NY, and on to Central Florida where he finished school. He also outlined his career in the Army, then focused his time as an Armor officer in the Middle East.

Frank was in Desert Storm and Desert Shield, and showed a number of interesting pictures about, and told stories of, life and action as the commander of an Armored Scout platoon in during the attack of Iraq.

He clearly illustrated the challenges of combat in the desert and what life was like for those who fought it. His stories also reminded this scribe of why I went in the Air Force.

Frank wrapped up with a brief description of meeting his wife in the Army, and of his family, and then promised another presentation of his time in the Army after the war.



Mike followed Frank with a powerpoint showing his start in Alliance, Ohio, in 1954. His memories from growing up centered on wearing glasses from a young age and playing lots of baseball.

Mike went on to the University of Akron and then became a Navy officer through Aviation OCS. He went through jet pilot training and then flew Navy fighters on and off of several different aircraft carriers.

Mike then showed us several videos that dramatically demonstrated the challenges of day and night carrier landings. He also described both older and current aircraft carriers, fully reinforcing this scribe's opinion that carrier aviators have a screw loose!

Eight Grandchildren



One on the V



Why it is All Worth it



Mike then showed us pictures of his family and noted, with pictures of him ringing the bell with grandkids, the reason why it is all worth it.

Once again, it is really great to have these member bio presentations on a regular basis. Our members have had such rich and varied lives, and bring a lot to this club. This morning's briefs clearly and effectively carried on that tradition, and taught us all a bit more about each other.

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

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Virtual Meeting Reminder

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