



Kiwanis®
Monument Hill Club

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Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Artificial Intelligence Applications *Jeff Rhodes*

Bill Kaelin began the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Zoomers participating were Marlene Bizub, Rich Rima, Donald Johnson, Barrie Town and Greg Bielanski.

Larry Young was Sergeant at Arms.

Dave Bailey led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

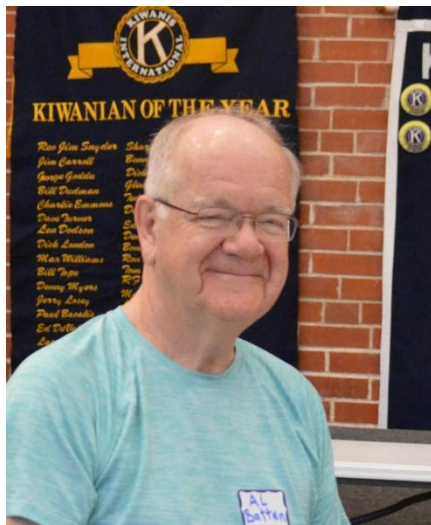
Jim Wolf was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Jim Wolf talked to Sharon Williams on Friday and she is doing much better after her hip surgery, rehab and PT.

Gracious God, As we gather in celebration of our nation's independence, we thank you for the freedoms we enjoy and the unity of our community. We ask your blessing upon Friday's parade—for those who march, those who organize, and those who watch. Let this event be a symbol of pride, gratitude, and hope. May the spirit of liberty and peace shine through every banner, float, and song, reminding us of the blessings we share. Amen.



Visiting Kiwanians and Guests

Jim Head introduced his friend, Al Batten and our guest speaker, Jeff Rhodes. Welcome to you both!



Member Recognition

Bill Kaelin and Ted Bauman recognized Kathy Strom with the Distinguished Member Award for her outstanding service and bookkeeping excellence for the last 13 years. Congratulations!

Second up for an award was Jim Murphy, who was recognized by Bill and Ted with the One Can Make A Difference Award for his outstanding service and Senior Meals operations. Congratulations!

Upcoming Programs

- July 5 - No meeting (July 4th Recovery)
- July 12 - Bearbotics, Eric VanDenHoek
- July 19 - Organize Affairs in a Digital Environment, Kate Hufnagel
- July 26 - Biographies, Club Members
- August 2 - Peach Distribution, No meeting

Announcements



Membership Minute

Bill Stoner updated coming events for the membership.

- July 4 - Fourth of July Parade
 - July 5 - No meeting
 - July 9 - Happy Hour, Pikes Peaks Brewing, 4:00 pm
 - July 11 - Konnectors, Pikes Peak Brewing, 5:30 pm. This time on the Patio.
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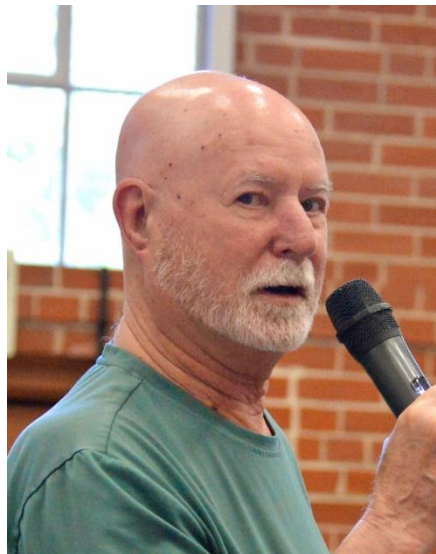
Frog Caretaker

Benny Nasser announced that it was time for a change in caretakers for the Frog. Jim Wolf detailed shortcomings of a member who during the visit of the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club committed a protocol error that cannot be overlooked. The member is a decorated General officer with unmatched talents, as demonstrated by his selection to be our next president. During the Happy Bucks portion of our May 21st meeting, a visiting Kiwanian raised her hand to contribute to Happy Bucks. The president-elect acknowledged her, by referring to her as a member from abroad. A broad is a disrespectful slang term for a woman. It is sexist and connotes that the woman in question is sexually promiscuous. The entire membership, as well as our guests, were mortified by this outrageous comment. Although he attempted to correct his comment by claiming it was intended to clarify that she was not from our club, but from afar. For this inappropriate comment, Jim Head received the distinguished award of the Order of the Frog.



Dues and Other Bookkeeping Matters

Kathy Strom told us that she and Rich will be gone from 4 - 28 July and Kay Price will be filling in for her as bookkeeper. If services are needed, send emails to the bookkeeper email: mhkbookkeeper@gmail.com. Also, it is time to pay your dues for the next quarter.



4th of July Parade

Mark Zeiger met with the Town of Monument on Friday and everything seems to be in order. He said that the flyover by a C-130 will be a single pass at 1,000 ft. Mark thanked everyone for their help in setting up the parade and we look forward to a great time on Friday.



Peaches Set For August 2nd

Terry McMullen told us that the date for this year's Peaches will be Saturday, August 2nd at Bear Creek Elementary School. The costs for a box this year will be \$43. Check the link below for ordering.



Service Leadership Program

Mike Luginbuhl expects to have 15 SLP kids walking in the parade next week.

The Palmer Ridge HS Outdoor Learning Lab - here is a link to their 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>.

Mike also updated us on the need for Snack Packs for Tri- Lakes Cares. We will be packing them all summer on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm.



Craft Fair

Dick Salverson provided an update on the December craft fair. Last week he and Jim Ward met with the principal of Bear Creek Elementary School and we now

have a venue for the fair! He said it is a nice place and we have just a few things to work out.

News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Frank Wynne



Jim Ward

JUN 30th

Joined 2023
Sponsor Jim Wolf



On JUN 30th in HISTORY

- **1934:** Adolf Hitler initiated a purge of his political opponents within the Nazi party, known as the Night of the Long Knives
- **1936:** Margaret Mitchell's novel "Gone With the Wind" was published, becoming a literary classic
- **1971:** The Soviet Soyuz 11 crew, who had achieved the first docking with a space station.

Jo Carroll

JUN 30th

Joined 2023
Sponsor Steve Plank



On JUN 30th in HISTORY

- **1905:** Einstein publishes his groundbreaking theory of relativity
- **1953:** First Chevy Corvette rolls off the assembly line.
- **1997:** Hong Kong was officially handed over to China, marking the end of British colonial rule.

Humor

Courtesy of Jim Wolf



So, there's this guy who is a philanthropist with tons of money. And he liked General George Custer, and he said nobody ever really captured what was in General Custer's mind at the Little Bighorn. So, he searched forever, and he finally

found an artist who said he thought he could recreate what was in Custer's mind at the Little Bighorn. The artist said, "But I've got one request. I need to be able to create this pain in complete solitude. Nobody could watch me. Nobody can look at it when I'm done. I'll notify you." Days, weeks, months, go by. Finally, he contacts the philanthropist and says, "Okay, I'm done." The philanthropist schedules this huge unveiling with all kinds of people and dignitaries. When he drops the drape from the painting, everybody gasps. The philanthropist exclaims, "How could you do this? How could you embarrass me?" The painter, "What do you mean?" "Look at that painting. It's a whole bunch of cows with halos. And Indians having sex. How could you think that was what was going through Custer's mind?" The painter says, "That's exactly what was going through Custer's mind. Custer looked across the ridge and said 'Holy Cow! Look at all those freaking Indians!'"

Happy Bucks



Jack Fry was happy to report that our investment fund has been able to completely fund next year's granting, plus an increase, completely replace the command management reserve in the club, and we've given ten thousand dollars to the Monument Play Park, so we've got a great year and we're off to another great year.



Scott Ross had a happy buck for the great time at the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference last week and he had a pretty good roommate in Steve Keefer. Secondly, he had family in town last night and they all really enjoyed the rebuilt Flying W Ranch wranglers venue. The music and comedy were outstanding.

Scott is also looking for a small box that had volunteer name tags on it that he would like to recover. If you know of it, please tell him.



RF Smith had 32 happy bucks for the completion of the 32nd Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference. They graduated 85 students this year and had a terrific group of honor graduates and an outstanding essay! RF thanked us for our annual grant from Monument Hill Foundation to RMYLC.



Steve Keefer has attended RMYLC for 4 years and he is proud that our club sponsors this event. He loves the event and the kids are awesome! Thank you!



Benny Nasser reported that our Foundation provided grants to 43 organizations out of 57 that requested grants. Benny will give a full report in late July.



Ed Tomlinson told us that he walked the Broadmoor golf course three times last week for the PGA Senior Open tournament. He was told he was not needed on Saturday and he was so happy!



Dave Bailey was happy that Jim Head took over responsibility for taking care of the frog. Thank you!



Terry McMullen was happy that we have 201 orders for peaches so far. Things are going good!



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

It's getting serious now. We were down to 3 chips and a jackpot of \$125! Dick Salverson was up for the draw but as you can see, red! On to next week!

Program

