

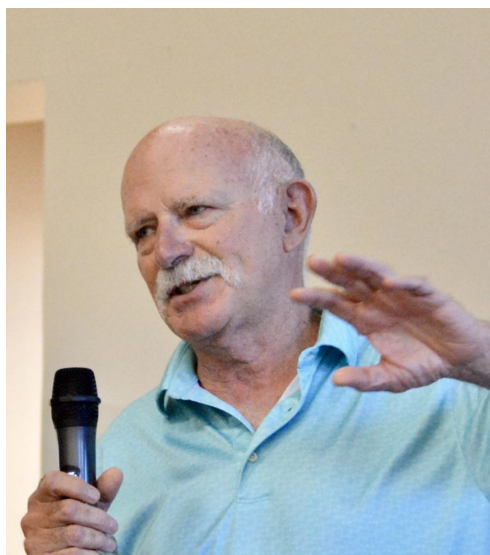


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Today's Program



Granting Committee Report/Member Biography *Benny Nasse/ Chuck Leggiero*

Bill Kaelin began the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Zoomers participating were Marlene Bizub, Rich Rima, and Barry Town.

Larry Young was Sergeant at Arms.

Greg Bielanski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Anderson was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

On Friday, Rich spoke to Bob Evans wife, Deborah. Bob is at home and still in hospice.

Last Saturday, Jim Head was going to lead our meeting but canceled due to a severe head cold. It turned out that he and his wife Lynda had COVID.

Please keep Bob, Jim and Lynda in your thoughts and prayers.

Rich led a morning prayer. Heavenly Father, Bless every effort—large or small—that serves youth and community. Let our actions sow seeds that outlast us, bearing fruit in lives we may never meet. Let hope and inspiration be our legacy. Amen



Member Recognition

Larry Young has been a valued member for many years. He left for Iowa a few years back but returned after a couple of years and has jumped back in to lead our planning and many other club initiatives. Larry was presented with a Distinguished Member plaque. We are very happy to have Larry back with us in leadership roles.

Jim Wolf was also recognized. He's the jack of all trades. Bill thanked him for being there for so many areas. Thanks for being a former membership chair, and was recognized with a pin and a certificate. We appreciate all that you do, Jim!

Frank DeLalla was also recognized with a certificate, for his tech leadership for our programs and for being an assistant for this year's July 4th Parade. We also recognize him for his commitment to be the July 4th Parade Director next year. Thanks so much to Frank.



Visiting Kiwanians and Guests

There were no visiting Kiwanians or guests of members this week.

Upcoming Programs

- August 2 - Peach Distribution, **No meeting**
- August 9 - Career Starter's Program and Ted Bauman Biography
- August 16 - Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference - RF Smith

Announcements

Membership Minute

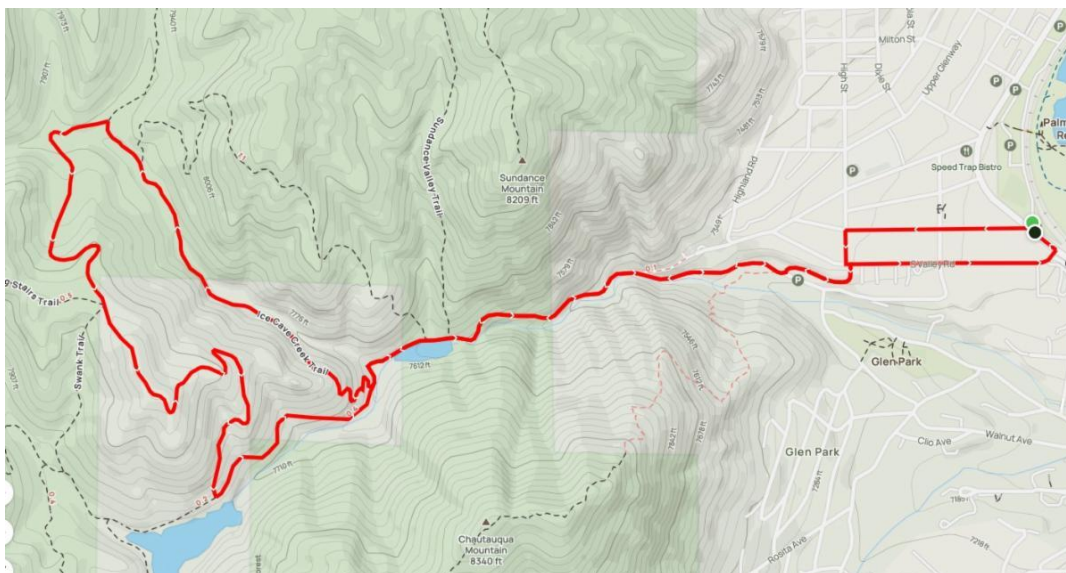
Jim Wolf updated coming events for the membership.

- July 31 - Hiking Group, Palmer Lake Reservoir, Meet at CO 105 Parking Lot across from Lower Glenway, Palmer Lake at 8 a.m.
- August 2 - Peaches at Bear Creek Elementary School. **No Meeting This Day.**
- August 13 (Wednesday) - Happy Hour at Palmer Lake Pub 4:00 pm
- August 14 - Konnectors, Pikes Peak Brewing, Barr Room 5:30 pm.
- August 19 - District 38 School Year Begins



Hiking Group, Palmer Lake Trail, Thursday, July 31st

Frank DeLalla will be leading our hiking social group on its second event this Thursday, July 31st. For our next adventure, we'll meet at the parking lot on CO 105 in Palmer Lake, across from Lower Glenway, at 8 a.m. The hike starts in Palmer Lake, goes up to the first reservoir (a bit of a climb, but not too bad), then making the loop on Ice Cave Creek Trail and Swank Trail to get back to the reservoir road, then back to Palmer Lake. The total mileage on this hike is 5.0 miles, with an elevation gain of 1100'. A snapshot of the route is below:



Peaches Set For August 2nd

Terry McMullen gave us the peaches update.
Peach sales ended on Tuesday, July 22nd.
Final numbers sold: 976 boxes.



<https://monumenthillkiwanis.org/machform/view.php?id=31289>.

We're set to go, but could still use two to three box loaders for the afternoon (Noon-2:30 pm) shift. [Click here to volunteer](#).

Chef Dan Lopez is preparing grilled sweet shrimp with sugar cane spears for peach distro day!



Scribe Duty

Mark Anderson gave a brief presentation about Scribe duty. Scribes are responsible for summarizing the presentation portion (today Benny's Granting Committee Report and Chuck's Member Biography) which makes up the second half of our weekly meeting. We need scribes for the last three meetings in August and for fall meetings. The written summaries don't need to be any longer than one page, and they will be placed into each week's K News so those who were unable to attend our meeting can enjoy the presentation. Sign up sheets were passed along, but anyone can contact Mark to volunteer to be a Scribe. mark@Marksmywords.com or 719 339-7053.

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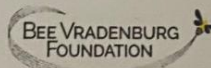
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Palmer Lake Chautauqua

Greg Bielanski told us about this year's Chautauqua being celebrated this week (Monday July 28th-Sunday August 3rd) at Palmer Lake. There will be classes, poetry, concerts, lectures, workshops, pleinair artists, fine art sales, local history, theater, morning daily yoga and tai chi. It's family friendly. For more information, check out chautauquapalmerlake.org.

White Leg Shorts Club

A couple of weeks back, it was noted that many of our members were wearing shorts (it was July after all) and that many of us have remarkably good-looking legs. Warren documented that proud moment. Not that we wanted to brag.



News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Frank and Liam Wynne

No birthdays this week.

Humor

Courtesy of Liam Wynne



A large company's, feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO. This new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning on a wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know he meant business!

The new CEO walked up to the guy leaning against the wall and asked, "How much money do you make a week?" A little surprised, the young fellow looked at him and replied, "I make \$300 a week. Why?"

The CEO handed the guy \$1,200 in cash and screamed, "Here's four weeks' pay. Now GET OUT and don't come back."

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-off did here?" From across the room came a voice, "He's the pizza delivery guy."

Happy Bucks



Bill Kaelin had \$15. Bill stated he has now been a Colorado resident for 50 years. Earlier this month, he became a grandfather. He and his wife JJ went to Kentucky to see his son, daughter-in-law, and their new granddaughter, Rose Marie. Her birthweight was 8 pounds, 6 ounces. The trip to Kentucky was delightful, but the weather was uncomfortably hot. Another happy buck for all the volunteers for our Business After Hours with the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Returning home, Bill breathed in the cooler air and was happy that he lives here and not elsewhere.



Dean Snow had a happy buck and a little extra for his recent trip to Iceland and Norway. He took a cruise to Svalbard Island on the Arctic Circle, then down through the fjords of the west coast of Norway. We took a train from Bergen to Oslo, and he got married there. In honoring the tradition of having happy buck for each year's anniversary, he had 5 cents for the week he's been married. He also had a special shout out for Viking Cruise Lines which provided an exceptional experience.



Ed Tomlinson went on what he considered to be an ill-advised golf trip to Illinois. Ed claimed he sweated more in that week in Illinois than he has in ten years living in Colorado. He's happy to be back home.



Greg Bielanski went up to Wyoming where he and his wife joined Lloyd and Candy Mowery serving pancake breakfast for Cheyenne Frontier Days with the Cheyenne Kiwanis Club. Greg reported having a impressive time, it's a totally unique event, serving 7,000 each day. Greg recommended it to anyone for next year's Frontier Days.



Dan Lopez had two happy bucks. He got to play golf earlier this week with a long time friend from work and got in at Kings Deer after not being able to get a spot at other area courses. Then Dan and his friend met another friend they hadn't seen in twenty years, so they had a great reunion, playing vacation golf where some of the rules were discarded.

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Program



Granting Program Update

Benny Nasser

Scribe Mark Anderson

Benny Nasser began today's presentation by giving a review of this year's granting program. \$62,567 was distributed to a number of individuals and organizations for 2025. We make these grants to support youth and our community.

56 separate grants were requested, up from 53 last year. All applications are reviewed by our eight member granting committee. The committee comes to a consensus of the amounts that will be granted.

We are a 501c. Our committee has individuals from a number of backgrounds which makes for

Among the grants were: \$7,000 for the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership program, \$3,000 for Palmer Ridge Bearbotics, the application fee for the Pikes Peak Soap Box Derby, Transition Services, and several others. Five career starter

scholarships were granted for students who will not be going to four year colleges but are setting out to train for careers.

We will also be helping with funds to start a Health Organizations For Students Association (HOFSA) chapter at Lewis Palmer Middle School, only the second HOFSA chapter in the state of Colorado.

Thanks to Jack Fry for his financial leadership and to the members of the granting committee for all the diligent work they did to spend our funds wisely.

This will be Benny's last year leading this committee. Next year Dave Bailey will take over this important role.





Member Biography Chuck Leggerio

The second part of today's program was a member biography from Chuck Leggerio.

First, he thanked his sponsor, Ron Mangiarelli, and also thanked Max Williams for helping him with student programs.

Chuck's father was a ski trooper for the 10th Mountain Division and played a vital role in mountain combat during World War II, and the more Chuck learned about his father's contribution, the more amazed and grateful he was to him and the other ski troopers. There's a monument that honors him and his fellow troopers in Vail.

Chuck was born in Grand Junction and earned an Army ROTC scholarship to Notre Dame during the Vietnam War era. While he was in college, he played rugby.

Upon graduating, Chuck attended Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and then proceeded to further training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, before being assigned to his first duty station, the Division Surgeon's Office, 3rd Infantry Division, Wertzberg, Germany.

He continued to work with Field Medics and stayed in Germany with the 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt, Germany. There was night work, testing, and helping answer congressional inquiries. He continued to play rugby all over Europe.

While on that side of the world, he and a friend visited Beirut, Lebanon, which was then known as the Paris of the Middle East. However, on this visit, civil war broke out, and he had an adventure trying to find his way out of Lebanon.

He came back to the US and was part of the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg studying loadmaster duty. He decided to leave the Army and spoke with an old college classmate, and was offered a job teaching at Marist Catholic School, a wealthy private school in Atlanta.

After noticing that the high school students drove nicer cars than the teacher, he took a job working in technology in San Francisco, but he wasn't happy there, so he asked to return to his teaching job. Marist added females to their school, and he wound up coaching girls' softball and other sports for eight years.

From there, he taught biology and chemistry and coached at Rampart High School in Colorado Springs.

He went on to teach and become the head football coach at Espanola High School in Espanola, New Mexico.

Then coaching and teaching called him back to Littleton, Colorado, at Heritage High School, and not long after, he went back to Falcon High School, where he was head football coach and athletic director. He retired from there, but wound up teaching at Pikes Peak Community College and UCCS after retirement.

Chuck said people often say they should've done this, or had this happened, things might have been different, but if those things had happened, he would never be where he is now. He's happy and proud to be here now and appreciates everything that has happened.

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The video of today's meeting will be in Zoom shortly at
https://youtu.be/iux3_MwIL50

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