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Monument Hill Club

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Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Career Start / D38 Updates
***Ted Bauman, Kaylie Fields, Eden Cobas
Ortega, Jay Olgren, Hayden Fields, Robin
Hudson and Amber Whetstine***

Bill Kaelin began the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Zoomers participating were Marlene Bizub and Barrie Town.

Jim Head was Sergeant at Arms.

Alan Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Wolf was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Rich Hicks led member concerns. Ron Mangiarelli was hospitalized with a collapsed lung. He had successful surgery and is recovering at home. Please keep Ron 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

Ted Bauman called Sue Reinecke, Bob Harrington and Frank Wynne for special recognition.

Sue Reinecke has been secretary for the last four years, serving behind the scenes recording the important decisions and moments for our club. Sue is also the Empty Bowl Queen, and has been instrumental in this important event each fall. Sue was presented the President's Award.

Bob Harrigan was also recognized with the President's Award for his steady work as Director of Communications for our Club, working to have what we do recognized in local media. As for the salary increase Bob mentioned, upon receiving this award, time will tell.

Frank Wynne received the President's Award too, for all his work recognizing members' birthdays and providing humor for each week's meetings.



Visiting Kiwanians and Guests

There were no visiting Kiwanians or guests of members this week. Ted Bauman recognized today's program presenters, Career Start young adults, and Robin Hudson, and Amber Whetstine from District 38 Schools.



Upcoming Programs

- August 16 - Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference - RF Smith
- August 23 - Empty Bowl/Club Communications - Heidi Baker, RF Smith
- August 30 - Angels of America's Fallen - Joe Lewis

Announcements

Membership Minute

Bill Stoner updated coming events for the membership.

- 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
- September 10 (Wednesday) - Happy Hour at Palmer Lake Pub 4:00 pm
- September 11 - Konnectors, Pikes Peak Brewing, Barr Room 5:30 pm.
- October 1 - Empty Bowls, Lewis Palmer High School



Social Updates

Jim Wolf gave an update on our Social Programs. Our hiking group, led by Frank DeLalla, had a nice hike through the Palmer Lake Reservoir on July 31st. We will be looking for the next trail for this group and have another date soon. All are welcome. Our Happy Hour for this month will be Wednesday the 13th, not Tuesday, and it will be held at the Palmer Lake Pub, which has a greater variety of drinks and food. See you Wednesday.



Peaches Recap

Liam Wynne spoke for Terry McMullen (who was enjoying a well-deserved reset) on the results of last week's Peaches event. Final numbers - 976 boxes sold. After expenses, our club made \$10,400. Liam thanked everyone for a very successful event. We made many friends while raising funds for our programs.



Upcoming NFL Pools

The NFL season is now a month away with pre-season games beginning this weekend. Dan Lopez told us that we will again be pitting members against each other to prove who can be the best at picking winners and losers of each week's games. A sign up sheet was sent around for those wanting to be involved in Sally's Challenge, the Glen Scott Memorial, the Losers Pool and then the Loser Loser Pool.



Heart of Monument Play Park Update

Scott Ross gave a Heart of Monument Play Park Update. We have recently received some significant contributions to bring the park closer to the finish line. We began this summer with approximately \$350,000 contributed. The town of Monument received a \$100,000 grant and has been placed toward the Play Park. Then, a husband and wife of club members contributed \$50,000 apiece, and this week another Kiwanian contributed another \$50,000. That brings the total committed to \$600,000. Scott announced, then requested club members consider donating to the Heart of Monument Play Park by September 30th to take advantage of the Ross family's matching donation. The Ross family will match donations up to \$50,000 for the Heart of Monument Play Park by September 30th.

Scott also had an early happy buck from his time last week at his high school's (Iowa City's City High School) 50th reunion. He brought back Caitlyn Clark Hy-Vee cereal and auctioned off the box (matching the \$30 this collector's item box brought), with proceeds going to HOMPP.

News & Notes

Happy Birthday

Courtesy of Frank Wynne



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Last weeks Birthdays
Bonnie Nasser 4
AUG

1936 American athlete [Jesse Owens](#) wins his second gold medal at the Berlin Olympics, defeating German Luz Long in the long jump final with an Olympic record

Chuck Leggiero 6
AUG

1964 US Congress approves the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, granting US President [Lyndon Johnson](#) the authority to assist any Southeast Asian nation facing "communist aggression"; he uses it to openly bring the US into the Vietnam conflict



Bill KAelin AUG 13th

**Joined 2013
Sponsor Jim Taylor**



On AUG 13th in HISTORY

- **1792:** Revolutionaries imprisoned French royals, including [Marie Antoinette](#)
- **1942:** The Manhattan Project commences under the direction of US General [Leslie Groves](#) to develop an atomic bomb
- **1956:** [Elvis Presley](#) releases the music single "Don't Be Cruel"

Humor

Courtesy of Liam Wynne



Rich Strom had three happy bucks. One for his terrific trip to Africa, another for everyone's efforts on the Peaches Project, and one to correct another thing Sue Reinecke does for our club: Community Relations.



Gov Vaughn had a happy buck for the Hobo Convention, which is being celebrated in Brent, Iowa. Gov saluted those men who rode the rails.



Mike Luginbuhl had a happy buck for District 38 schools getting ready to start back up and for Raquel Vasquez, who is helping leadership programs at Lewis Palmer Middle School and who will be helping get our Builder's Club restarted at LPMS.



John Spidell had a happy buck for Dan Lopez's lunch he provided for all members at Peaches. He had an additional happy buck in response to Gov Vaughn's honoring the Hobo Convention, noting Brent, Iowa was close to Clear Lake, where Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper lost their lives the day the music died in 1959..



Jim Wolf had two happy bucks, one for Jim Hartley who was on the Cover of Palmer Divide Living recently, and for the Honor Bell, which is currently at the Foundry in Cincinatti and will be active every day soon at Pikes Peak Cemetary.



Jim Hartley had a happy buck for his son Carlin who completed Welding School in Wyoming and is now headed to work for Superior Industries in Arizona.



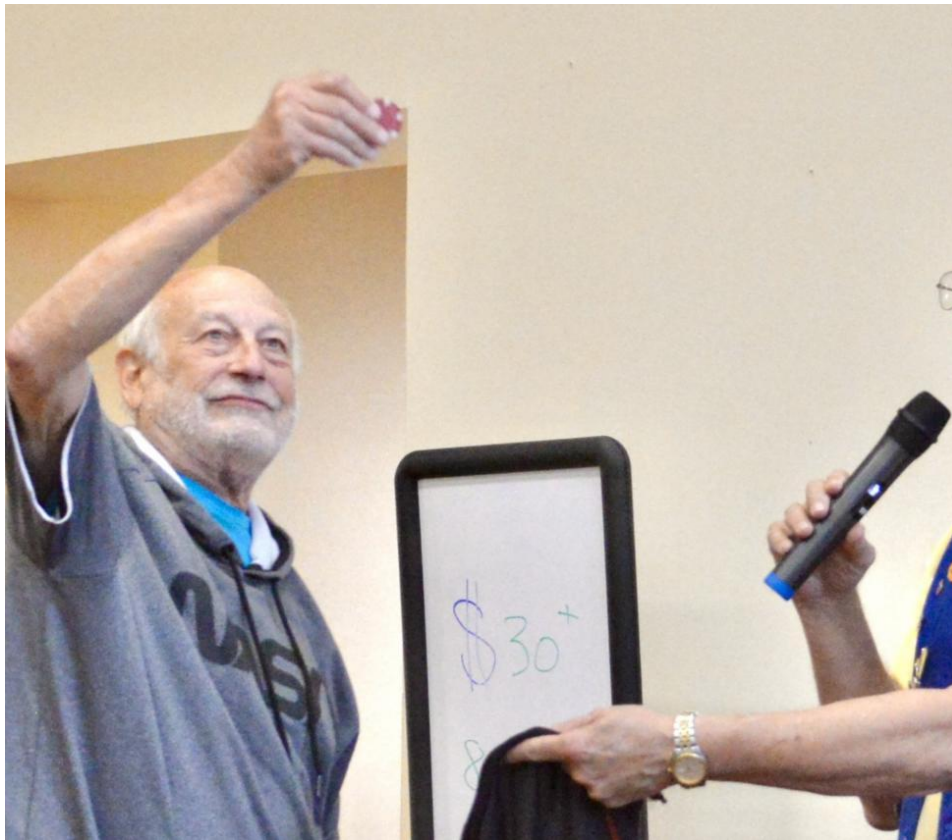
Steve Keefer had several happy bucks for members who failed to wear their name tags for today's meeting. Steve took on the fines these members would have had to pay.



Dan Lopez had a happy buck for his wife Ofie, who cleaned and recleaned all the cooking appliances from last week's Peaches event.

Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Frank Bitteringer had the lucky ticket but not the lucky blue chip.



Program



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Scribe Jim Wolf

Ted Bauman reviewed the program and introduced the four recipients, telling their story:

Kaylie Fields – 2023 Palmer Ridge Graduate. She was a member of Key Club (president her senior year). Completed over 75 hours of volunteer work in both junior and senior years. Complete her Associate Degree (Criminal Justice) at Pikes Peak College. Currently enrolled at UCCS in Criminal Justice and Psychology. After graduation, she will apply to the Police Academy with hopes of working in Colorado Springs or Castle Rock.

Eden Cobas Ortega – 2025 Lewis Palmer Graduate. Four-year letterman in wrestling. Team captain, twice team MVP and finished 4th in the state of Colorado High School competition. Awarded a wrestling scholarship @ Otero Junior College in La Junta, Colorado. He is the second in his family to graduate from high school

and the first to attend college. He plans on majoring in construction management and business with the goal of assisting the Spanish-speaking community in developing their business. He worked part-time landscaping & furniture repair as well as volunteering at the Monument Goodwill. His hobby is bird watching.



Jay Olgren – 2025 Palmer Ridge Graduate. She struggled with ADHD and school was difficult until she found the Zoo Keeping Program through PRHS. Now she has all As & Bs and last semester was on the Deans list. She always liked animals, especially birds of prey, reptiles and invertebrates. She has volunteered or completed internships at the Black Bird Sanctuary, Wild Animal Sanctuary & the Pueblo Raptor Center. She worked as a lifeguard @ the Monument Y and the Farms. Last week she was involved in saving a woman and her young child. She also was a member of the set crew and lighting crew at PR. She was instrumental in assisting the MHKC in the Stars of Tomorrow production the last two years.

Hayden Fields – 2025 Palmer Ridge Graduate and younger sister of Kaylie. She plays the flute and in her senior year was awarded to the All-State Band of Colorado and a part of the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony. She currently is enrolled in the Pikes Peak College Certified Nurse Assistant Program (CNA). She plans on continuing to get her Associate Degree and Bachelor's Degree in Nursing working in Pediatrics. She currently works at the Hope Montessori Academy in the infant and toddler program. While in high school she was a member of Key Club (president in her senior year) and worked summer camp at Trinity Lutheran youth camp.



Robyn Hudson – Counciler and Career Strat Program Director. She has been part of District 38 for over 20 years and for the past 10 yrs at Lewis Palmer High School. Currently 25 students from each high school enrolled in the program at Pikes Peak College in 16 different programs. The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club gave her our award of 'Making a Difference'.

Amber Whetstine (new District 38 Superintendent) provided a short presentation titled @025-26 Kick Off

Career Innovation Center – Scheduled to open Aug 25th. The programs will include engineering management, welding, construction/home building, IT, Cyber, and health care (within the next two years). While the health care program is developed the Transition program will occupy their space. The plan is to develop and find space for the Transition Program.

Home School Enrichment Academy – with Grace Best closing need to build space for this program. D-38 will use a POD on their space to house this program – currently ~160 students.

Two seats available this year on the Board of Education in November 2025.

Draft goals:

Examine and define the use of Cell phones in the classroom

Maintain academic standards – currently in top 10 %

Continue to increase teacher retention and experience

Develop the 'Downtown Campus' – Big Red through transportation dept
Continue Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency
Develop and implement Board member evaluation system



The video of today's meeting will be in Zoom shortly at
<https://youtu.be/CgRJqjTp0G4>

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Virtual Meeting Reminder

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