



**Kiwanis®**  
Monument Hill Club

**K-News**

October 18, 2025

*Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974*

## Today's Program



**Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Update**  
*Terri Hayes*



President Jim Head began the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Zoomers participating were Rich Rima, Don Johnson, Marlene Bizub, Benny Nasser, Ben Bellis, and Barrie Town.

Dean Snow was Sergeant at Arms.

Joe Kneedler led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Mark Anderson was this week's Scribe.

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## Member Concerns

Ofie Lopez led Member Concerns and a morning prayer. There were no concerns mentioned.

Heavenly Father, with the abundance of gifts you have entrusted us. Help us to always use them effectively and wisely, and show us how to share them generously with our Community. Amen.

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## Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

There were no visiting Kiwanians today. Jim Head welcomed our guest speaker, Terri Hayes, of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

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## Upcoming Programs

- Oct 25 - Lt Gen Eric Wesley - Pete Peterson
  - Nov 1 - The Wizard of Oz - Palmer Ridge HS Drama Director Josh Belk
  - Nov 8 - Into the Woods - Lewis Palmer HS Musical Director Kris Lilley
  - Nov 15 - Angels of Americas Fallen - Joe Lewis
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## Membership Minute

Here are upcoming events for the membership.

- November 4 & 5 - Harvest of Love
- November 11 - Happy Hour at Pikes Peak Brewery 4:00 pm
- November 12 - Wine Seller Fundraiser at the Margarita @ Pine Creek
- November 13 - Konnectors at Pikes Peak Brewery 5:30 pm
- November 18 - DECA in Castle Rock



## Harvest of Love

Mike Luginbuhl told the club about this year's Harvest of Love food drive for Tri-Lakes Cares. We need drivers and stockers from 9 am-2 pm on Tuesday, November 4th, and Wednesday, November 5th.

For the drivers, a pickup or SUV is needed to go to schools, make the pickups, and deliver to Tri-Lakes Cares. Stockers are needed to unload the trucks and SUVs and move to the 2nd floor to restock the TLC shelves. There's been an E-blast that provides a link to Signup Genius.

Questions: Contact [Chuck Leggiero](#) or [RF Smith](#)

## Empty Bowls

Heidi Baker gave a final report on this year's Empty Bowl Dinner. First, she provided a history of Empty Bowls. It was started in 1992 by three nationally known artists: Ann Shimek and Linda and Richard Pankratz as a fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Cares. It began with 42 crockpots in the basement of the Mennonite Church. Kiwanis took over in 2005.

This year's players included our club, local artists, Tri-Lakes Cares, local high schools, Key Clubs from Palmer Ridge and Lewis Palmer High Schools, Tri-Lakes Women's Club, Local Churches, King Soopers, Safeway, The Home Depot, and Kohls.

In 2024, Empty Bowls generated \$8,190. This year our ticket sales were \$9,296 and the silent auction raised \$6500. More than 50 Kiwanians participated, there were two shifts of 20 Key Club members. Over 50 loaves of bread were provided, and 21 restaurants donated 80 gallons of soup. Our goal was to reach a \$10,000 donation to Tri-Lakes Cares.

The Tri-Lakes Women's Club donated over 30 desserts. More desserts were donated by local churches, friends and neighbors, and there was a Bill Kaelin cake sale.

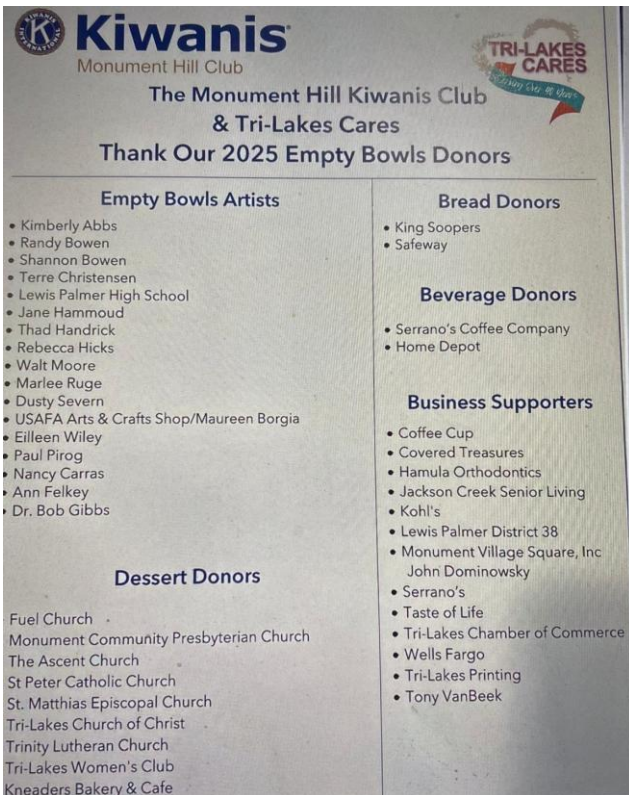
There's a long list of people to thank. Bob Harrigan did an outstanding job of publicizing the event with local media. The Lewis Palmer HS Pom Squad gave every guest an enthusiastic welcome. The Sleeping Giants group provided traditional Irish and Celtic music. The high school key clubs helped throughout the evening. Too many club members to list were instrumental in making this event a success.



## The Players

- Monument Hill Kiwanis
- Local artists (Potters)
- Tri-Lakes Cares
- Local Restaurants
- Lewis Palmer High School
- Key Clubs from Palmer Ridge and Lewis Palmer High Schools
- Tri-Lakes Women's Club
- Local Churches
- Kings Soopers and Safeway
- The Home Depot
- Kohl's





## DECA

Ed Hettler updated us on the opportunity to judge D38 high school students in the annual district DECA competition, Tuesday, November 18th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock.



The competition is from 7:30am until a little after 1:00pm and includes a free breakfast and unlimited coffee & tea. No experience is necessary. Those of us who have done this can attest that it is not difficult and it is a very rewarding experience. These young students have aspirations in business and their abilities will boost your confidence in the next generation





## Social & Interclub

Jim Wolf started by reminding folks that he is now the President-Elect and, as such, needs a volunteer to replace him as the social chairman. So all of you who love to socialize, look inside and see if you have the inclination to support your Club as Jim's successor.

Jim reminded folks that we will be back at Pikes Peak Brewing Company on Tuesday the 11th of November for our monthly Happy Hour. Come on out at 4 pm and swap some stories in general camaraderie.

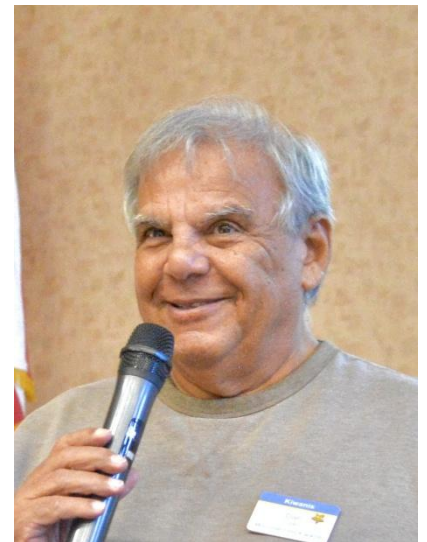
Jim also pointed out that our annual Christmas Party will be held December 9th at the Bear Dance Country Club. The Buffoons from CU Boulder will be entertaining us again so it should be a great evening of entertainment and the traditional announcement of the Kiwanian of the Year.

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## NFL Pools

Dan Lopez updated us on the first week of our football pools. It was another tough week. The Loser's Pool was down to three participants, and Liam Wynne and Charlie Brown were eliminated, leaving Larry Young as the winning of this year's Loser pool. For Sally's Challenge, we're down to the final two: Rich Rima and John Spidell. The Glen Scott competition this week stayed all in the family. Anja Wynne selected twelve winners and was this week's best picker. But Liam Wynne was the least successful wagerer and took home the Sacagawea.

The SuperBowl will be coming up faster than we can imagine. Paul Gorley has done a great job for several years, but he won't be managing the boards this year. We will need a replacement. And we won't require that the person taking Paul's place have to produce several weeks worth of poetry.



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## News & Notes

### Birthdays



## Birthdays 12-19 October

**Mike Aspenson** **OCT 18<sup>th</sup>** **Joined 2023**  
**Sponsor Dean Snow**



**On Oct 18<sup>th</sup> in HISTORY**

- **1767:** The Boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania, the Mason–Dixon line, is agreed upon.
- **1867:** US takes formal possession of Alaska from Russia, after paying \$7.2 million in the Alaska Purchase
- **1921:** [Charles Strite](#) is granted US patent #1,394,450 for his invention, the automatic pop-up toaster

## Doni Gourley 10/23

Joined 2016  
Sponsor Paul Gourley



### On Oct 23<sup>th</sup> in HISTORY

- 1850: The first Women's rights convention in the U.S. is held
- 1917: In Russia, the Bolsheviks call for an armed revolution
- 1944: The Battle of Leyte Gulf begins

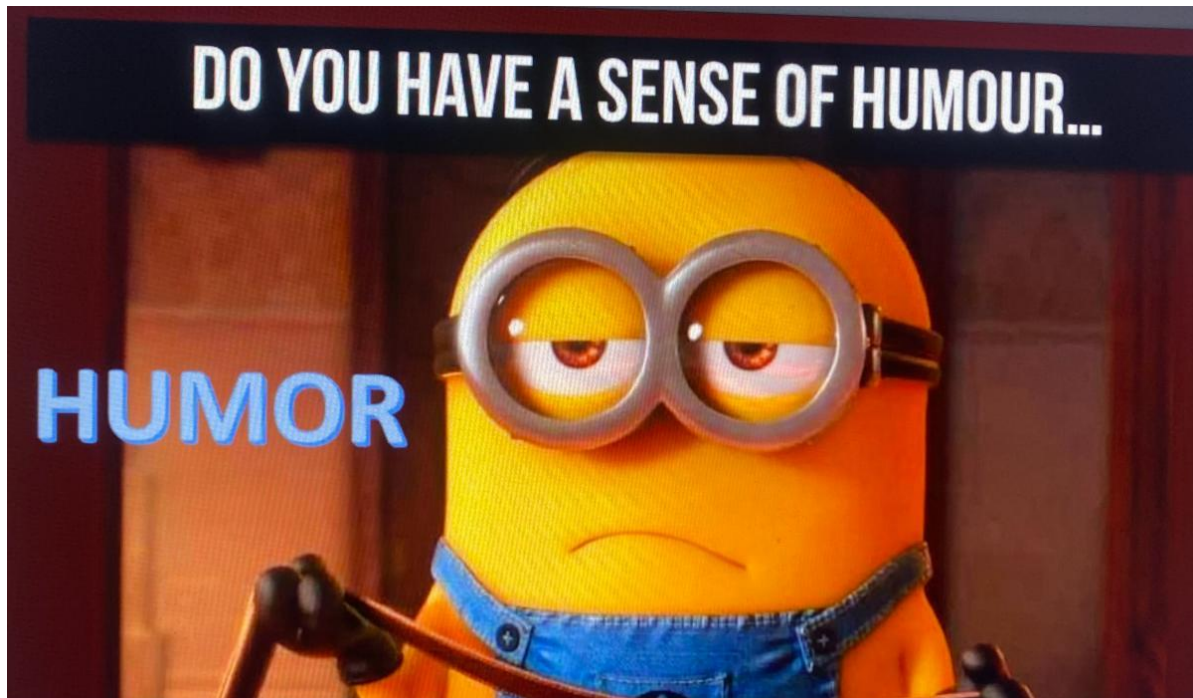
## Ted Bauman 10/24

Joined 1994  
Sponsor Jerry Losey



### On Oct 24<sup>th</sup> in HISTORY

- 1851: William Lassell discovers moons around Uranus
- 1926: Harry Houdini performs for the last time at Garrick Theater in Detroit
- 1945: The United Nations is formed



## Humor

By Jim Wolfe

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess".

He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket.

The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week". The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want". Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket.

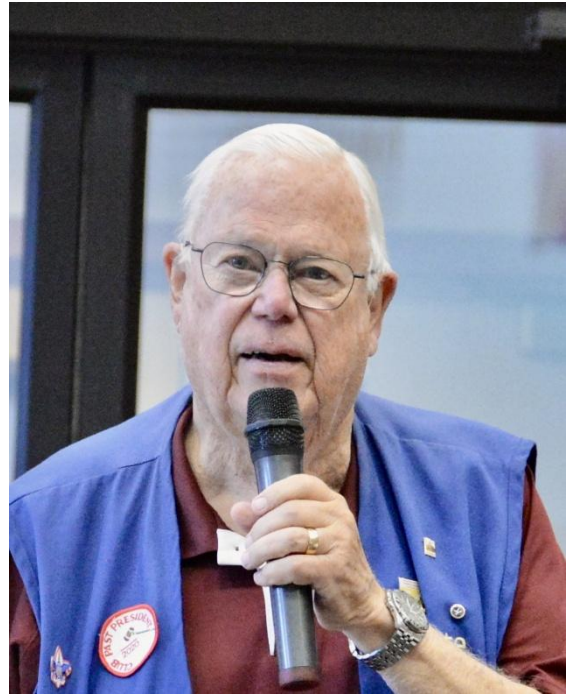
Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

The engineer said, "Look , I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog - now that's cool".

## Happy Bucks



Scott Ross had three happy bucks and one of them was a \$10 bill. Scott found a \$10 in the parking lot at King Soopers, so that went in. The second was for the Lewis Palmer High School Key Club, which committed \$1,000 to the Heart of Monument Playpark, and the last buck was for the Town of Monument, which has sold \$1000 worth of Zombie Hunting Licenses and contributed them to the HOMPP.



Pete Peterson had a happy buck after returning from a three week long western road trip. The happy buck was for the good directions and driving help he received from his wife Vickie.



Steve Sutherland had a happy buck for the trip he took to Japan with Ben Bellis. He was impressed with the order and cleanliness he observed in the Land of the Rising Sun.

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Mike McGrath had a happy buck to kick off more wagers on the Army-Navy game coming up in December. He will be happy to take those bets. All money collected will go to the Club Fund. Tony Trifiletti contributed the first dollar, betting on Army.



RF Smith had a happy buck for the Bear Creek K-Kids who ran 93 laps to help raise funds for a playground for their school.

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Mark Anderson had a happy buck for Heidi Baker, who did a fantastic job heading our Empty Bowls drive.



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### Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Dick Salverson selected the right ticket. There were 6 chips, and \$56 in the jackpot, but Dick but did not choose the right chip.

Program



## **Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Update**

### ***Terri Hayes***

Scribe: Mark Anderson

Terri Hayes, Director of the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, presented our program today.

The Tri Lakes Chamber exists to support our local business community. The Chamber has 500 members. A staff of three and a half lead

The Tri-Lakes Economic Development Corporation's (Tri-Lakes EDC) mission is to expand the Tri-Lakes region's economic base, achieving sustained growth and prosperity for the greater Tri-Lakes community, which consists of Monument, Palmer Lake, Woodmoor, Larkspur, Gleneagle, King's Deer and Black Forest.

The Tri-Lakes EDC achieves this mission by:

- Working with local and regional stakeholders to identify, recruit and help relocate new businesses to the area.
- Serving as a liaison between the Tri-Lakes government agencies, nonprofits, associations and businesses, to help current organizations expand their presence within the region.
- Educating local and regional stakeholders on the current economic health of the Tri-Lakes' region through annual luncheons and meetings.



Terri gave a general update of the state of business in the Tri-Lakes. She told us businesses are doing okay. 2025 has not been that great for business. One of the ways we know that is that the town of Monument's tax revenue is down by 13% this year. The big stores that generate much of that revenue, Walmart, Kohl's and Home Depot have seen a bit of a downturn in sales. Downtown Monument, on the other hand, is steady (not a great deal of growth, but not much shrinkage either). County tax revenue is down \$3-4 million, too.

The Chamber is all about networking. They host events that get people together, where they can share information about their businesses and ideas on how to better manage the challenges they face. The chamber sponsors educational classes to improve operational efficiency. It also serves the community as a resource when citizens call searching for businesses that can help them with an endless variety of needs.

To help improve the economic health of the Tri Lakes community, the chamber urges the community to spend where you live.

Terri provided news about local development. As she updated us, she helped explain local zoning laws and the significant impact they have on what can be built in various locations.

Of course, she was questioned about where things stand with Buccee's. Terri told us that there are a number of steps in the process that have to be approved before this complex can be built. Right now, Buccee's has asked that their proposed site be annexed by the town of Palmer Lake. There could be a no answer to that annexing question. But even if Palmer Lakes says yes to annexing there are still several more hurdles to cross. Solving what to do about water may well be the largest obstacle.

Terri explained that commissioners have a very difficult job to do in deciding how these proposals are handled. Much of the land in question has been zoned commercial. State law gives those land owners significant rights to do what they wish with their property. She asked that we give our leaders a fair amount of grace as they make decisions.

She also helped answer questions about various buildings that border I-25 and rumors of other businesses that might be coming to our region.

The town of Monument is looking to the future and planning with a committee that will address what our region will look like in 2040. Everyone in the Tri-Lakes are is welcome to participate in this planning.

Some frustration has been voiced that there are an abundance of certain businesses, like tire stores, car washes, and dental shops while other, sexier businesses, like certain retail stores and restaurants haven't been part of the build up. Terri told us that the new businesses will be coming when there are enough families in houses to support them. It's a numbers issue, and each of these proposed large businesses carefully run marketing to see if there are enough people to generate the sales it takes before they invest millions of dollars to start up these businesses.

Our members had far more questions than time allowed Terri to answer. We partner with the Chamber on many of our initiatives. Members left with a much better idea of what is happening with local businesses.



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The recording of our meeting will be up on YouTube shortly - <https://youtube/1byQKXKtzBM>

## Quick Links

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## Special Thanks

Senior Meals Drivers & Scheduler - Jim Murphy  
Deliveries: Tues, Wed, Thurs; Senior Center; Grace Best Education Center  
Photographer: Warren Gerig  
Media Support: Frank DeLalla and Liam Wynne

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## Virtual Meeting Reminder

**We need YOU to help with the K-News weekly.  
It's FUN and a great way to support the club's communications efforts. Contact one of  
us to learn more!**

[Rich Hicks](#) \* [Mark Anderson](#) \* [RF Smith](#)

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(click on a name to email us directly)

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In-person attendance is encouraged. Zoom is available.

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