



Kiwanis®
Monument Hill Club

K-News

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Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Native American Tribes of Colorado

John Wesley Anderson



President Elect Jim Wolf brought the meeting to order at 0806. Zoomers participating were Rich Rima, Jim Clemans, Barrie Town, Marlene Bizub, Gov Vaughn, Pete Peterson and Donald Johnson.

Dean Snow was Sergeant at Arms.

John Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Wolf was this week's Scribe.



Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Greg Bielanski spoke with John Spidell last week. He is on the mend, but is still wearing his neck brace. He is going to physical therapy and hopes to soon be rid of his horse collar. He said to say hi to everyone.

Rich led a morning prayer. Heavenly Father, Bless our efforts and our direction in the year ahead. Empower us to be positive role models for our youth, inspiring them to pursue their dreams and fulfill their potential. Amen





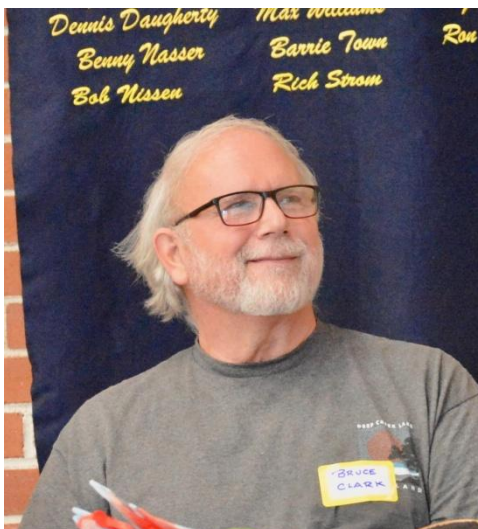
Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

Rich Strom welcomed Dirk Stamp of the Wine Seller fame. Great to see you!

Greg Bielanski introduced his brother Gordan from Evergreen, Colorado. Welcome!

Dean Snow introduced Christy Smith from the Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary Club. Welcome back!

Benny Nasser introduced guests Bruce Clark, who knows a lot about the Civil War, and our speaker, John Anderson. Thanks for joining us!



Upcoming Programs

- Jan 17 -Youth Outreach Activities - Mike Luginbuhl
- Jan 24 - Taxes Today and Yesteryear - Bob Johnson CPA
- Jan 31 - Member Bios

Membership Minute

Jim Wolf led the Membership Minute. Here are upcoming events for the membership.

- Jan 13 - Happy Hour, Goat Patch Brewery, formerly Pike's Peak Brewery
- Jan 14 (Wednesday) - Spirit Night fundraising dinner at Arlene's Beans from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Granting Committee

Dave Bailey said he was proud to be a member of our Foundation Granting Committee and wanted to acknowledge all the time and effort the team members put into the granting effort. Our Foundation is the charitable arm of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club which provides grants annually to charities including various qualifying youth organizations, to schools for various educational activities and scholarships, and to various charitable community organizations. Dave passed around a clipboard with many "thank you" notes for our grants - they are impressive. We do things that have an impact on our community. Dave also included information on how the process works. Thank you!



Wine Seller Fundraiser

Dirk Stamp, owner of the Wine Seller, presented us a check of \$2,829 for the Heart of Monument Play Park. As previously noted, these are proceeds from the November fundraiser, *In Vino Veritas* at the Margarita in Pine Creek. We again thanked Dirk for helping us raise money in such an enjoyable way. Over the past three years, Dirk's fundraising efforts have provided our Foundation over \$10,000! Thank you for your generous contributions!! Dirk added that he is a prospective member of our Club - welcome!



Rotary Fundraiser for the Play Park

Dean Snow welcomed Christy Smith from the Dynamic Rotary Club who filled us in on plans for a Bingo fundraiser at 6:30 pm on January 23rd at the Monument Community Presbyterian Church. Christy said they love partnering with us and that together we can do more. She referenced an email sent to us [describing the event](#). They need volunteers, food, players and sponsors. Here is a link to [volunteer for the event](#). There is a suggested donation of \$25, but people do not need to pay to play. They are also looking for event sponsors who can contact Rotary at trilakesdynamicrotary@gmail.com. Dean thanked Frank Wynne for his generous donation as a co-sponsor for the event.

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army .

Jeff Baker gave us a preliminary rundown of our Bell ringing efforts for 2025. He said we did pretty well, and he and Mark want to thank everyone who helped out. We collected \$29,839, which is a little less than last year, but we lost one day due to snow. Including the Key Club and elementary school, we donated 3,075 man hours. And the top bell ringer again this year by far was Rob Knoth. Jeff had special thanks for Mark Zeiger and for a successful season. Well done!



Foundation Donations

Sue Reinecke recently sent out 2025 Foundation donation receipts. Let her know if you did not receive yours!!



NFL Pools

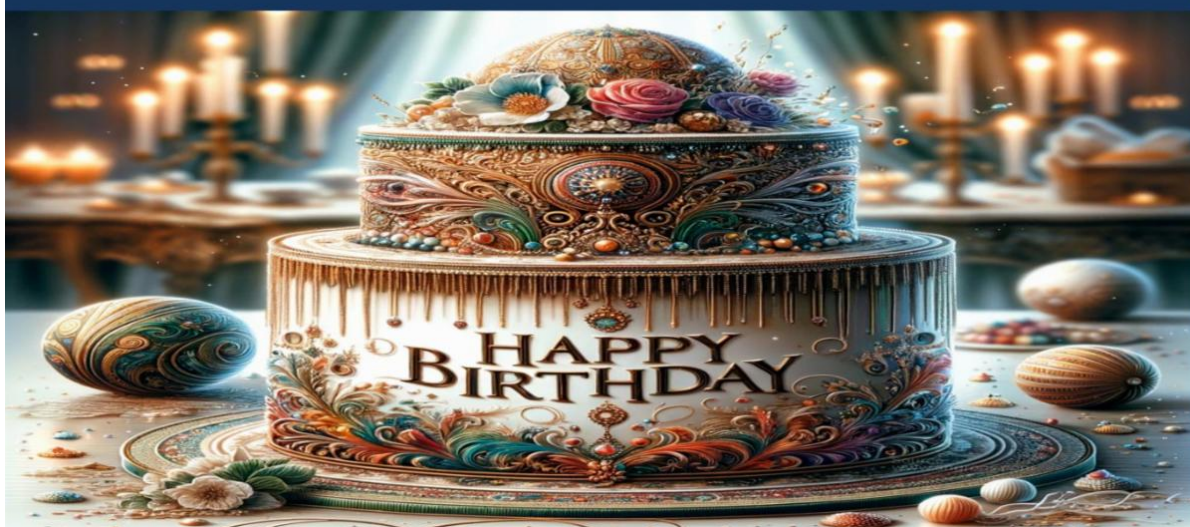
Sadly, regular season NFL football has come to an end. Dan Lopez still has to balance the books for the Glenn Scott Winters pool. Next week he will provide a total reporting on all pools except the Super Bowl contest. Dan wanted to thank all of us who played because these funds go to the winners and to our Foundation. Thank you all very much and it was a lot of fun running it.

News & Notes

Birthdays

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

Birthdays 10 – 16 JAN 2026



Charlie Brown JAN 11

Joined 1993
Sponsor Chuck Buchanan



On JAN 11th in HISTORY

- **1838:** First public demonstration of telegraph messages sent using dots and dashes at Speedwell Ironworks in Morristown, New Jersey, by Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail
- **1890:** The British Ultimatum is delivered to the Kingdom of Portugal, later forcing Carlos I of Portugal to relinquish Portugal's territorial ambitions in central Africa known as the "Pink Map"
- **1922:** Insulin is first used on humans when Frederick Banting injects 14-year-old Canadian Leonard Thompson to treat his diabetes

Jim Wolf JAN 12th

Joined 2021
Sponsor Rich Strom



On JAN 12th in HISTORY

- **1866:** The Royal Aeronautical society is founded. It still exists today.
- **1962:** The first American combat operation in Vietnam begins. 82 U.S Army Helicopters transported over 1000 S Vietnamese paratroopers
- **1966:** The T.V. show Batman debuts. It only lasted three seasons.

HUMOR



Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

Number 1

An airplane was having difficulty and there were 4 people on the plane with 3 parachutes. The four people decided that the well known heart surgeon was very important, so he got the first one.

The next person was a very educated man, arguably the smartest man in the world. He got the next one.

The 2 that were left was the Pope and a 10 year old boy. The Pope said that he has lived a long life and that the young boy should have the last parachute. The boy said the pope didn't have to do that. The Pope said, "Why not?" The boy says, "We have 2 parachutes left so we are good to go!" The Pope says, "How's that?" The boy said, "Well the smartest man in the world just jumped out with my backpack!"

Number 2

A man is in bed with his wife. He slides his hands slowly across her shoulder, across her waist, under her neck and below her neck, under her back and suddenly he stops. The wife in it a romantic voice says, "why did you stop?" He replies, "You go back to sleep, I got the remote."

Happy Bucks



The Army - Navy game in December was close, but the Navy prevailed in a 17 to 16 win. Mike McGrath has been collecting his winnings from the game that amounts to \$35, and an anonymous donor has matched that to make a total of \$70 and will soon make a donation to the Foundation with proceeds.



After finishing a bell ringing session, Greg Bielanski went into the store while still wearing his blue vest. A lady approached him and said, "Excuse me, Sir..."

excuse me, Sir, can you tell me where the frozen pomegranate seeds are."



Scott Ross said it was great to be back and wished a happy New Year to everyone. He thanked Dirk Stamp for his generous and continuing support for Kiwanis and the Play Park. Great to see you here on Saturday morning!



Larry Young had a happy buck for Dan Lopez. Despite what Dan says, Larry knows from personal experience that the football pools are a lot of work, and Dan has stepped up and taken care of all of them, including the Super Bowl boards. He can always be counted on to help us out. And thank you Dan for all that you have done to keep the football pools going. We appreciate you very much.



Dan Lopez replied offering thanks to Larry for being his backup. He is always there when you need him. Dan had two bucks since they had a great time in California over the holidays. A niece of theirs signed them up for a private wine tasting in Napa Valley. They drove up in a rainstorm and had a great time. He ended up signing up for their wine club and are just waiting for the first shipment. Dan highly recommends Napa Valley wines - they are fantastic!



Over the holidays, Sue Reinecke did a slew of member donation receipts for our Foundation and the Play Park. She might have missed someone, so please let her know if you need a receipt for your 2025 donations.

Mark Anderson was happy for the leadership of Jeff Baker and Mark Zeiger in our Salvation Army bell ringing campaign this year. They did a great job of keeping us on track. Thank you very much! Mark had a second buck for Rich Hicks who substituted for him on Christmas Eve bell ringing. Greatly appreciated!



Last February, the Tomlinsons were having Comcast do some repair work. Unfortunately, the repairman lost his ring in the yard, which the Tomlinson's later found. They tried to return it through Comcast but got no response. So, they contacted Channel 13 who found the owner within a couple of hours, then returned the ring. Months later it showed up as one of their feel-good stories for 2025!



As Sergeant at arms, Dean Snow opened Big Red at 6:35 on Saturday morning. At 6:40, Jim Wolf and Max Williams showed up and set up all the tables and most of the chairs for our meeting. Dean said they were very helpful and thanked them both!

Weekly 50-50 Drawing

With 8 chips in the black bag worth \$49, Joe Kneedler had a chance, but only drew red. Better luck next week.

Program

Native American Tribes of Colorado

John Wesley Anderson

Scribe: Jim Wolf



The opening photo, taken at the last Ute Shan Kive in Garden of the Gods around 1913, features 56 people whose names are listed at the bottom of the image. This historic photograph is also reproduced in John's book,, *Ute Indian Prayer Trees of The Pikes Peak Region*.

John talked about two notable arrowheads: one he discovered on his family's ranch south of Callahan, and a clear quartz crystal ceremonial arrowhead found by a friend near Parker, thought to originate from the Cheyenne.



As he travels around the state he often wonders who was here before us. There is document evidence of projectile points from thousands of years ago. The Clovis point from 11,200-10,900 BCE and the Folsom point from 9,500-8,000 BCE. One of the earliest kill sites is the Snowmastodon site (45,000 BCE) near Aspen. Although it has been question of the years as to its authenticity. But the Dent site (11,000 BCE) and the Lindenmeier site (10,350 BCE) in northern Colorado have been confirmed through multiple projectiles in many species of animals plus carbon dating.



Culturally Modified Trees (CMT), also known as Prayer Trees or Spirit Trees, provide evidence of tribal presence over long periods, as these trees were intentionally shaped. For instance, in Fox Run, there is a tree—actually two trees believed to be Ute Spirit Trees. One tree points directly at Tava (Pikes Peak, considered sacred by the Ute), while the other resembles a goal post. Looking through these trees during the equinox reveals the rising sun. The Ute used such trees as natural clocks, calendars, and compasses. All the modifications were made in a sensitive manner respecting the spirit of the tree.

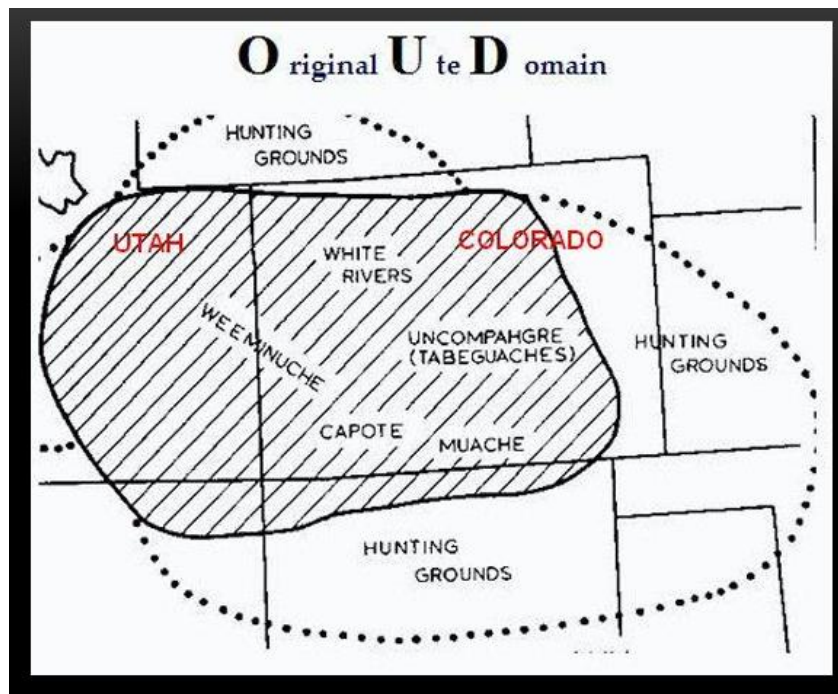


John was fascinated by the idea of a spirit inhabiting a tree. Dr. James Jefferson, a Southern Ute Tribal Elder, shared that Ute tradition holds everything created by the creator has a spirit—whether eagle, buffalo, or tree—and their culture does not have a word for "goodbye," believing instead they will meet again. John recalled sitting with Dr. Jefferson around a campfire, hearing stories later published in his book *A to Z Colorado's Nearly Forgotten History 1776-1876*, including how Yellow Nose, a Ute boy taken by the Cheyenne, is said to have killed General Custer—a story found in chapter Y.



THE SHINING MOUNTAINS UTE CREATION STORY

He showed a photo of Dr. Jefferson's great-grandfather, Chief Severa, with his family. One son wore a single feather to signify killing a warrior. He noted that women's attire, including cradle boards, was decorated with beads, while men's clothing was plain. Another tradition involved briefly dropping infants, especially boys, into snow before mothers retrieved and comforted them, teaching that pain is temporary.



The Ute creation story holds that their creator placed them in Colorado's Shining Mountains at the dawn of time, rather than migrating from elsewhere. As Colorado's earliest Indigenous people (around 14,000 years ago by DNA evidence), the Ute mainly lived in Colorado and Utah but also hunted in Wyoming, Kansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. The Ute language was traditionally transmitted orally and through pictographs, known as Rock Art, rather than written form. Dr Jefferson described these pictographs not as art, but as a form of storytelling. The first recorded contact with the Ute people occurred during the Spanish Expedition of the 1500s, led by Spanish Conquistador Francisco Vazquez de Coronado y Lujan (1510–1554). Throughout the late 1800s, Colorado was home to many Native American tribes, including the primary groups: UTE (SHOSHONE), CHEYENNE, ARAPAHO, APACHE (JICARILLA), COMANCHE, KIOWA, and NAVAJO (DINÉ). According to the Ute, the word Comanche means, “he who wants to fight me all the time.”

There are 574 federally recognized Native American Tribes, with many tracing their roots to present-day Colorado. John’s research centers on the Ute, Pueblo, Apache, Comanche, Cheyenne, Arapahoe, Navajo, and Wyandotte Tribal Nations. The Ute are currently the only Indian Tribe in Colorado.

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