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Monument Hill Club

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Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974



Today's Program

District 38 Career and Innovation Center

Amy Sienkowi

Jim Wolf led today's meeting, which was held at the District 38 Career and Innovation Center. Zoomers participating were Rich Rima, Alan Feldcamp, Marlene Bizub, and Don Johnson.

Larry Young was Sergeant at Arms.

Alan Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mark Anderson was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Larry Young talked to John Spidell and John wanted us to know that he misses the Club very much. It might be a few weeks before he is ready to return good but wants to say hi to everyone, that he is doing well and expects a full recovery from his tumble on the ice. He appreciates all the good wishes and telephone calls he has received.

Warren Gerig recently met with Warren Moore at Liberty Heights and he wishes everyone well. He hopes that he can go home, but the nurses say that is not going to happen. He has memory problems and is losing his hearing.

Please keep John Spidell and Warren Moore in your thoughts and prayers.

Rich led a morning prayer. Gracious Father, As we gather during this holy season, we give thanks for the gift of fellowship and the shared purpose that brings us together. We are grateful for our Kiwanis family and for the opportunity to serve our youth and community with open hearts and willing hands. Amen



Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

There were no visiting Kiwanians Ed Hettler's wife Patti joined us as guest today, We also welcomed Amy Sienkowski, our speaker today, as well as Amber Whetstine, District 38's Superintendent, and members of the Palmer Ridge High School.Bearbotics team. Welcome, Amy, Amber and the Bearbotics team !

Upcoming Programs

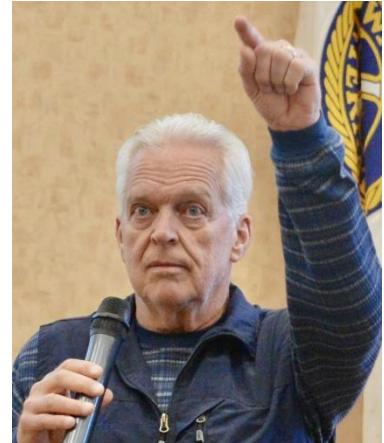
- Dec 27 - No Meeting

- Jan 3 - No Meeting
- Jan 10 - Native American Presentation - John Anderson
- Jan 17 -Youth Outreach Activities - Mike Luginbuhl

Membership Minute

Bill Stoner led the Membership Minute. Here are upcoming events for the membership.

- Dec 27 and January 3 - No meetings. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Jan 11 - nnectors at Pikes Peak Brewery
- Jan 13 - Happy Hour, Pike's Peak Brewery



North Pole Arts and Crafts Fair

Jim Ward thanked everyone for their help at last week's North Pole Arts and Crafts Fair at Bear Creek Elementary School. Considering this was the first year at Bear Creek, with a first-time in the facility and a relatively short time to set things up for the 53 vendors. The craft fair was a success. We raised around \$4,000 for the foundation and collected food and toys for Tri-Lakes Cares. Jim thanked everyone, but especially Dick Salverson, for all the work that helped make this work out well.



Heart of Monument Play Park Update

Scott Ross gave us a HOMP update. Our Heart of Monument Play Park segment aired last Thursday evening on FOX21 News. You can read the text article at the link below. Click on the video link in the upper right corner of the page, to the right of the "Donations needed..." title to watch what was broadcast in our 2:55 segment. You will have to wait through the advertisements.

During the Thursday evening broadcast, Austin made special note of our need to raise the last tranche of funds to move the project forward. The printed article also makes particular note of our fundraising needs.

Calling out for special praise is Sheila's "two hats" interview early in the segment.

FOX21 News has a page on their website with 10-15 "We Are Tri-Lakes" segments highlighting different features of our area that are worth viewing. Scroll down to the "Show More" area to see video segments that are beyond the first group in the right-hand column.

<https://www.fox21news.com/fox21-news-we-are-tri-lakes/donations-needed-for-heart-of-monument-inclusive-play-park/>

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army .

Jim Wolf reported that every Bell Ringing slot has been filled for the remainder of the Christmas season. Thanks to everyone who's helped raise funds for the Salvation Army a success.

A special thanks, also, to Jeff Baker and Mark Zeiger, who helped manage this large and complex effort every step of the way.



Results of In Vino Veritas Fundraiser

Rich Strom reported that our November fundraiser, In Vino Veritas at the Margarita in Pine Creek, raised \$2,824. We thank Dirk Stamp, who was with us today, of the Wine Seller, for helping us raise money in such an enjoyable way.



NFL Pools

Larry Young updated us on the football pools, and, because of the strange end of year holiday scheduling which has two games scheduled for later today, there were no completed results for this week. And since we won't be meeting until January 10th, it will be considerable break before this week's results will be delivered. Merry Christmas, Happy New Years, and be back ready for the playoffs and to make your picks on the Super Bowl Squares boards.

News & Notes

Birthdays

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

Birthdays

20 – 26 DEC 2025

Happy Birthday

Dan Lopez Dec 20th

Joined 2015
Sponsor Michael Wangeman



On Dec 20thth in HISTORY

- **1699:** Peter the Great, Tsar of Russia, orders the date of New Year changed from Sept 1 to Jan 1
- **1803:** At a ceremony in New Orleans, the Louisiana Purchase is complete.
- **1989:** The United States invades Panama.

Tony Trifiletti

Dec 22th

Joined 2001
Sponsor Don Smart



On Dec 22nd in HISTORY

- **1900:** The Daimler Automobile Company in Germany completes a new 35-horsepower car.
- **1944:** Nuts! During the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, France. BG Anthony McAuliffe
- **1990:** The Brandenburg Gate reopens in Berlin,

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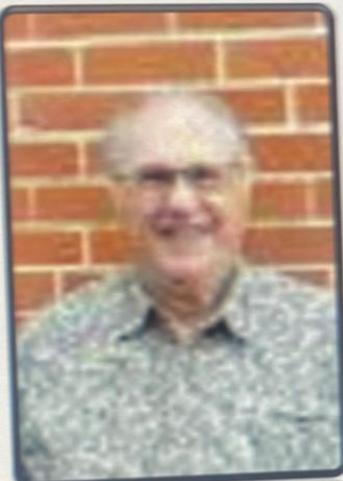
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Richard Salverson

Jan 5th

*Joined 2023
Sponsor Jim Ward*



On Jan 5th in HISTORY

- 1781: Benedict Arnold leads British naval forces in an attack on Richmond VA.
- 1930: Bonnie Parker meets Clyde Barrow for the first time in West Dallas.
- 1933: Construction on the Golden Gate Bridge begins in San Francisco.

John (Pete) Peterson Jan 7th

*Joined 2011
Sponsor Jerry Losey*



On JAN 7th in HISTORY

- 1610: Galileo discovers the moons of Jupiter.
- 1929: "Buck Rogers in the 25th Century A.D." debuts as the first science fiction comic strip in a newspaper.
- 1999: The Senate begins the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton.



Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

So, I was at Walmart eaalier and notice a lady was looking at frozen turkeys, but couldn't finds one big enough.

So she asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

The Stock boy replied with a straight face, "No, ma'am. They're dead."

Happy Bucks



Ted Bauman had a happy buck and a sack of Twizzlers for our guest speaker, Amy Sienkowsi. Ted explained that he first met Amy when she was a youngster and her mother was a D38 educator. The family has deep roots here with D38 in many capacities, and Ted was delighted to be here for Amy's presentation today.



Benny Nasser had a happy buck for a recent visit with Barb Brandon, who was a great part of our club with her husband Harry. Benny was happy to pass along the Brandon's seasonal greetings to our club.



Ed Tomlinson, noting that we're at the shortest day of the year today and that winter starts tomorrow and the days will get longer from then until summer starts in June, had a happy buck in honor of Barrie Town, who was famous for complaining each fall about how short the days were getting. No such complaints will be needed starting tomorrow.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Rich Strom had the winning ticket from today's drawing, and it was worth \$41. but did not select the winning chip. Better luck to everyone in 2026.

Program



District 38's Career and Innovation Center

Amy Sienkowi

Scribe: Mark Anderson

Club members were given a fact filled tour of District 38's newly opened Career and Innovation Center (CIC). The CIC Director of Innovative Programs, led club members on a tour of the building, which opened at the beginning of the 2025-6 school year in August. Amber Whetstone, D38 Superintendent, was also with us for the tour and helped answer the many questions club members asked as we went through this amazing new facility.

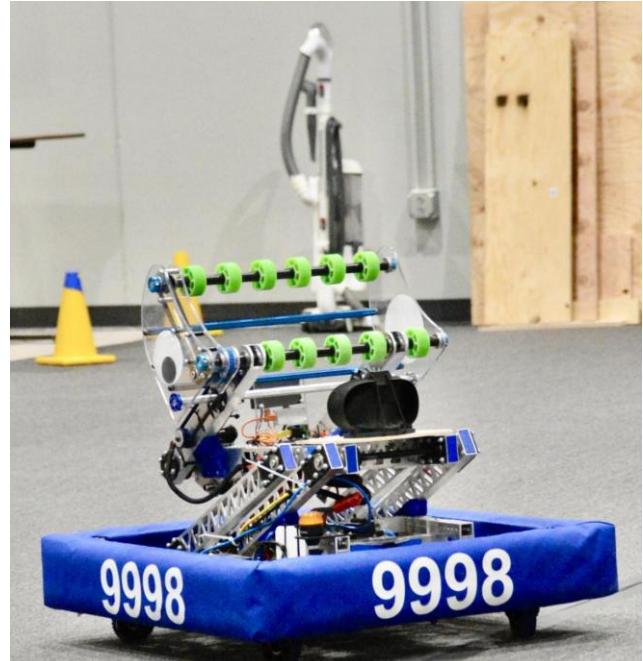


The CIC was developed at the new facility, which will provide relevant, work-based learning opportunities for secondary students and hands-on experiences that will connect learning to high-demand careers. In particular, there will be classes in advanced manufacturing, engineering, healthcare, information technology, and skilled trades.

Community input has played an integral part in the project since the concept was first introduced. Students, alumni, parents, staff, and community members have all shared feedback regarding this new learning facility for D38.

This opportunity (for juniors and seniors only) has been designed so that students will remain fully enrolled at their primary high school, either Lewis-Palmer High School or Palmer Ridge High School, while attending the D38 Career & Innovation Center. The center's [courses](#) are designed to fit into two consecutive class

periods of a student's block schedule, allowing them to participate without disrupting their other classes. Transportation will be provided for those who need it, ensuring a smooth transition between the center and their high school. This elective opportunity enhances students' education while maintaining their identity and enrollment at their home school, where they will complete the remainder of their courses and meet all graduation requirements.



In this most recently completed semester, there were courses in aeronautical engineering, electrical engineering, and welding. Students learn from hands on experience, Courses in civil engineering will be offered in the spring semester, and the CIC will begin offering health care training in the near future. CIC students are also building a house that will be delivered for use for Habitat For Humanity.

The Palmer Ridge High School championship robotics team, which is called Bearbotics, has a new home at the CIC. In January, the team will have their competition scenario delivered. The team will than have six weeks before their first tournament. They will have to build the robots to meet competition requirements and plan for how to compete. All their efforts are done in after school hours, with most students putting in 20-40 hours during the week and on Saturdays. They are part of an international competition, with championships being held in Houston, Texas.



For developmentally challenged students, the CIC provides an opportunity to develop service skills as they have a coffee and snack bar, called Training Grounds, in the building.

District 38 works with industry leaders to develop programs for skills that will be in demand in the future. The CIC is also working with donors to help ensure expanding opportunities. Below are ways to turn your teax bills into careercer opporunities.

Today's program can be viewed on <https://youtu.be/3Li4t1uKTgs>



Turn your tax bill into a career opportunity.

Your contribution to District 38's Career and Innovation Center comes with a built-in Enterprise Zone tax credit.

Donate to the D38 Career & Innovation Center and help us reach our 2026 goal of \$226,000.

Lewis-Palmer School District's Career & Innovation Center (CIC) is a place where students learn the career-based skills they need to move into the workforce or prepare for college. Our programs include:

- ▶ Welding
- ▶ Civil engineering
- ▶ Advanced manufacturing
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Healthcare: CNA/CMA/Phlebotomy (coming soon)
- ▶ Computer science: Cybersecurity/IT (coming soon)

Because our CIC is located in a designated Enterprise Zone, your donation delivers a significant impact to the health of our local economy and the career prospects for district students. More than a feel-good, this is an opportunity to make a significant impact.

Claim one last tax credit.

Scan the code to get started or visit:
oedit.colorado.gov/enterprise-zone-program



Questions?

Contact Amy Sienkowski
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How the Enterprise Zone credit impacts your tax bill.*

\$10,000 donation

- 25% CO EZ tax credit: \$2,500
- Estimated Federal tax savings: \$3,500
- Estimated Colorado tax savings: \$463

Net cost of contribution: \$3,537

\$25,000 donation

- 25% CO EZ tax credit: \$6,250
- Estimated Federal tax savings: \$8,750
- Estimated Colorado tax savings: \$1,157

Net cost of contribution: \$8,843

\$50,000 donation

- 25% CO EZ tax credit: \$12,500
- Estimated Federal tax savings: \$17,500
- Estimated Colorado tax savings: \$2,315

Net cost of contribution: \$17,685

* Numbers based on a 35% tax bracket. Always consult your tax professional before donating.

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(click on a name to email us directly)

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