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Monument Hill Club

K-News

January 17, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Service Leadership Programs

Mike Luginbuhl



President Jim Head called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Larry Young was Sergeant at Arms.

Rob Knoff led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Jim Wolf was this week's Scribe.

Zoomers participating were Rich Rima, Barrie Town, Barrie Town, Marlene Bizub, Gov Vaughn, Paul Gorley, and Don Johnson.



Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led Member Concerns.

Rich visited with Bob Hayes at his house on Friday. He is limited in mobility but is doing well and said to say hi to everyone. He welcomes visitors.

Bonnie Nasser has had increasing health problems over recent months – pulmonary fibrosis and auto-immune disease. Last week she was in the hospital and returns home on Saturday. She will be in hospice.

Please keep Bob and Bonnie in your thoughts and prayers.

Rich led a morning prayer. Gracious Father, Bless the children and young people we serve, that they may grow in confidence, hope, and compassion. Strengthen our commitment to leadership and service, and inspire us to be a light to those in need. Amen



Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

There were no visiting Kiwanians. Jim Wolf had guests, Joe and Michelle Kopriva, visiting from Snow Creek Ranch. Jim Head also had guests, Brian and Evelyn Patterson, who joined us. Welcome, Joe, Michelle, Brian, and Evelyn. It was great to have you with us this morning!



Upcoming Programs

- Jan 24 - Taxes Today and Yesteryear - Bob Johnson CPA
 - Jan 31 - Member Bios
 - Feb 7 - Review of Ongoing Club Projects -- RF Smith
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Membership Minute

Bill told us that we will be welcoming a new member, Dirk Stamp, at next week's meeting. Welcome Dirk!

Upcoming events are:

- Jan 23 - Bingo Fundraiser at Monument Presbyterian Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb 10 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb 12 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery, 5:30 p.m.

A Custodial Request

Dave Bailey told us that the custodial staff of Big Red had asked that we be a bit more mindful as we put away chairs from our meetings. In particular, there is some concern about the outlets.



Leadership Opportunities (Needs) -- Service Projects and Fundraising

Dean Snow, our Vice President of Operations, shared two important needs for the club. We're looking for a new Director of Service Projects and a new Manager of Fundraising Projects. RF Smith and Rich Strom have been running these two important components of our club, but they need to step down from these responsibilities. They'll be happy to help those who will be taking on these positions transition. Contact RF, Rich, or Dean if you'd like to help.



Rotary Fundraiser for the Play Park

Dean also gave us an update on the Glow Bingo Night to be held this Friday night, January 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. at Monument Hill Community Presbyterian Church. Last week, Christy Smith of Tri-Lakes Dynamic Rotary came to our meeting to talk about this event. She 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.



One Can Make A Difference Recognition

Ted Bauman presented “One Can Make A Difference” awards to Jim Ward and Dick Salverson for their leadership on the North Pole Christmas Crafts Fair held the first Saturday in December.

This year’s event was moved to Bear Creek Elementary School from it’s previous home at the Grace Best school building. Jim and Dick ensured this successful event ran smoothly at the new venue. They were presented with certificates of appreciation and “One Can Make A Difference” buttons. A big thanks to Jim and Dick.

Foundation Donations

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



NFL Pools

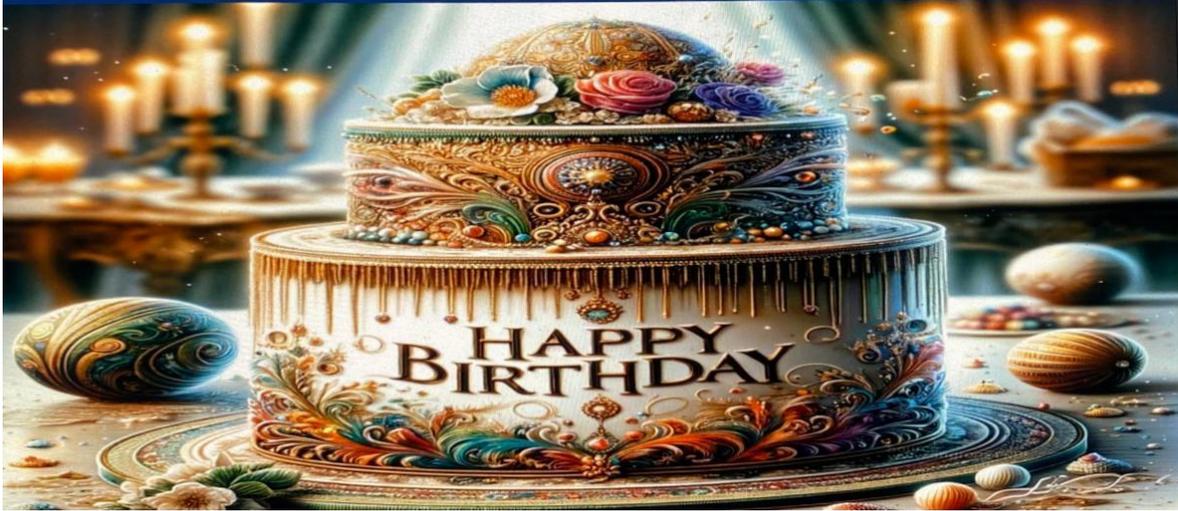
Larry Young gave us information on the final two football pools from weeks 15 and 16. In week 15 we had 21 players and 7 players only got 7 games right. That week's winner was Dan Lopez who edged out Jim Wolf with the closer score projection of the New England Miami game. Both Jim and Dan had great weeks picking 16 correct games. In week 16, Bennie Nasser got 14 correct to be our winner. Bennie made up for being the Sacagawea winner the week before. Thanks so much to Dan Lopez and Larry for untangling these complicated competition each week.

News & Notes

Birthdays

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

Birthdays 17 – 23 JAN 2026



Jim Johnston 1/19

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On JAN 19th in HISTORY

- **1915:** The Neon Advertising sign is invented.
- **1953:** Lucy goes to the Hospital. 44 million Americans tuned in to watch Lucy give birth.
- **1986:** The first computer virus targeting MS-DOS is released.

Anita Hall 1/22

**Joined 2008
Sponsor Steve Hall**



On JAN 22nd in HISTORY

- **1505:** The Swiss Guard arrives at the Vatican.
- **1887:** Columbia Records is formed.
- **1905:** The day known as Bloody Sunday in St. Peterburg, Russia occurred.

Kathy Brown 1/22

**Joined 2004
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On JAN 22nd in HISTORY

- **1927:** The first radio broadcast of a soccer game. (Arsenal and Sheffield)
- **1968:** Apollo 5 lifts off.
- **1984:** The Apple Macintosh is unveiled in a Superbowl commercial.

HUMOR



BEST EVER SENIOR CITIZEN JOKE

A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?"

The little silver-haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table.

He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says,

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster."

He takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh...

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes
back in the box."



Words to heal the soul

Courtesy of Liam Wynne

Happy Bucks



Dick Salverson had two happy bucks for two grandkids who were members of the All-City Honor band. His granddaughter Emily is first chair trombone for this elite ensemble.



Bill Stone had two happy bucks, one for Ed Hettler and the other for John Stone. His number 2 rated, undefeated Iowa State Cyclones were convincingly defeated by the Kansas Jayhawks Tuesday night.



Ed Hettler had a happy buck for the upcoming DECA competition that will be coming in February at the Broadmoor. DECA will feature some of the very brightest youngsters matching their skills in solving business problems.



Rich Strom had a happy buck for Dirk Stamp, Wine Seller owner, who's application for membership is being processed.



Ed Tomlinson had a happy buck because today is the anniversary of Chevrolet's introduction of the Corvette in 1953. One of



Steve Keefer had \$20 in happy bucks. Steve told us he's five months sober. Congratulations, Steve.

our members bought a Corvette 24 years later. Can anyone identify that Kiwanis member? Jack Fry seemed to be glad to identify himself.



Scott Ross had \$35, for Jim Head for introducing him to Fisherman's Cough Drops, which have become a go-to, and for the \$35 Mike McGrath contributed from his challenge to Tony Trifelletti for the Army-Navy game challenge. Scott promised to match Mike's pledge.





Weekly 50-50 Drawing

With 8 chips in the black bag worth \$63, Dan Bailey had a chance, but only drew red. Better luck next week.

Program

Service Leadership Programs

Mike Luginbuhl

Scribe: Mike Luginbuhl



The heart of MHKC's Youth Outreach, and our signature program is the Service Leadership

Program. Our Service Leadership Program serves over 300 Lewis Palmer District 38 students.

The Program consists of: Key Club –Lewis Palmer and Palmer Ridge High Schools

Builder's Club – Lewis Palmer Middle School

K-Kids - Lewis Palmer, Bear Creek, Ray Kilmer, Prairie Winds, and Palmer Lake Elementary Schools.

Our Circle K Club at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs is on hold currently while we are trying to decide the best way to structure the club and attract college students.

We are pursuing a new Aktion Club (for adults with disabilities) that would be focused on the D38 Transition students ages 18- 21 that have completed high school but are still under the eyeof District 38.

MHKC Youth Outreach



- Service Leadership Program
- Key Leader
- Middle School Leadership Class
- Palmer Lake Elementary School Tutoring
- Career Development Support at the High Schools
- STEM/Science Fair Judging Bear Creek Elementary
- Children's Literacy Center

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We are also very involved in the Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District (RMD) Key Leader efforts.

RMD currently holds two Key Leader sessions per year serving up to 70 students per session.

One session is held at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, CO and the other session are held at the Allen Stewart Lion's Camp in Casper, WY. The Allen Stewart weekend is planned for 12-14 June, 2026.

The next session at the YMCA of the Rockies will be October 2026. One of our more recent undertakings is support to Raquel Vasquez's Leadership Classes at Lewis Palmer Middle School. At the end of the first semester this year MHKC provided support for teaching and mentoring middle schoolers in how to be an interviewer or an interviewee for leadership roles.

As always with Raquel and her class, it was a tremendous learning experience for the students and our MHKC members. We will be supporting again this semester.

Additional opportunities coming up in the near term for MHKC to provide support within D38 include Science Fair judging at Bear Creek Elementary February 4

, Career Development Day at both high schools, date/time TBD, All Bear Creek reads at Bear Creek Elementary March 20, and DECA judging, dates/times TBD.

MHKC Involvement

Dave Bailey	Candy Mowery	Scott Ross	
Loyd Mowery	Ofie Lopez	Larry Young	
RF Smith	Sue Reinecke	Greg Bielanski	Joe Kneedler
Dan Lopez	Bob Eskridge	Bryan Hardesty	Mike Aspenson
Bill Kaelin	Ed Hettler	Jack Fry	John Spidell
Dean Snow	Chris Kupko	Gov Vaughn	Heidi Baker
Mark Anderson	Chuck Leggiero	Grace Ferguson	Jeff Baker
Jim Wolf	Steve Sutherland	Ed Tomlinson	Jo Carroll
	Benny Nasser	Doni Gourley	Bob Harrigan



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MHKC support to Palmer Lake Elementary tutoring and Children's Literacy Center tutoring is ongoing and always in need of additional help.

For more information or to volunteer for any of these activities contact Mike Luginbuhl;
mike.luginbuhl@comcast.net

We then transitioned to Youth Protection.

Youth protection is incumbent on all of us. 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused

before the age of 18. 90% is by someone the youth knows and trusts. Experiencing abuse as a child has lifelong consequences; post traumatic and high or stress, substance abuse, increased risk for suicide, increased risk of revictimization, and twice the risk of intimate partner violence later in life. Additionally, the rate of abuse by individuals with a history of abuse is 6 times higher than the general population.

While we are not in positions as 'mandatory reporters' in the state of Colorado, we have an obligation to help prevent adult to youth abuse and peer to peer abuse. To do that we need to be able to identify concerning behaviors, effectively monitor and supervise youth, report emergencies or red flag incidents, and model safe, appropriate behaviors. Kiwanis International provides online youth protection training through the Praesidium

Academy. All our Service Leadership Program advisors and our board members have required courses. See the attached slides for which courses are required based on specific roles and positions.

These can be accessed through the Kiwanis International website.

When you are ready to get involved, please see Mike Luginbuhl. MHKC is all about 'Making a Positive difference for Youth

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Thank you

Service Leadership Program



- 300 + students currently
- Two Key Clubs
- One Builder's Club
- Five K-Kids Clubs
- Circle K at UCCS currently paused
- Aktion Club still being worked with D38 Transitions

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Kiwanis Youth Protection Goals



Protect, educate, and engage all Kiwanis members - youth and adult

- Protect youth from predators
- Provide youth with skills and tools designed to inspire and engage future leaders to be their best
- Empower and educate adult members with best practices when working with youth

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Virtual Meeting Reminder

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[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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