



**Kiwanis**<sup>®</sup>  
Monument Hill Club

K-News

January 31, 2026

*Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974*

## Today's Program



**How We Make A Positive Difference**

***RF Smith***

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

Zoomers were Rich Rima, Barrie Town, Dr. Marlene Bizub, Cay Price, Gov Vaughn, Benny Nasser, and Don Johnson.

Scott Ross was Sergeant at Arms.

Rob Knoth led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

RF Smith was this week's Scribe.



### **Member Concerns**

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Rich spoke to Bob Evans' wife, Deborah last week. Bob is still in hospice, but is comfortable at home. Also, they have a brand new, bureau style Murphy bed that they need to clear out. If you are interested, contact Deborah Evans at 719-331-9941.

Ron Mangiarelli was recently in the hospital with pneumonia. He has been released and is recovering at home.

Scott Ross told us that Bert West, a member of the Ute Pass – Woodland Park Kiwanis Club and just a couple years ago was President of Kiwanis International, was recently diagnosed with neck and brain cancer. He visited our Club on several occasions. Bert plans to be in Houston several months undergoing treatment where a brain tumor was removed on Friday.

Please keep Bob, Ron, Bert and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Rich led a morning prayer. Heavenly Father, We are thankful for each member of this club. The friendship and inspiration we share here becomes our message to the community that we serve. Let our gratitude continue to unite us, for those here and away, bringing help to those in need. Amen



**Guests and Visiting Kiwanians**

We had Rick Couch of the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club joining us. Also joining us were James Martin, Kiwanis Rocky Mountain District Circle KI coordinator and Katana Billington, President of our UCCS Circle K club. Mark Anderson introduced Dana Franzen, who he has known since he was a kid. Sue Reinecke introduced her dear long-time friend, Cathy Gardner. Major Nancy Ball and Jeanette Bernstein of the Salvation Army were also our guests (see Salvation Army presentation below). A big welcome to all our guests.



### Upcoming Programs

- Feb 7 - What's New for 2025 Taxes, Geoff Bradshaw, CPA
- Feb 14 - TBD
- Feb 21 - No Meeting
- Feb 28 - Snow Creek Ranch, Joe and Michelle Kopriva
- Mar 7 - Member Bios
- Mar 14 - Gang Activity in El Paso County, Lt. Mike Pitt, El Paso County Sheriff's Office



### **Membership Minute**

Jim Wolf presented today's Membership Minute. We welcomed Dirk Stamp as a new member to our Club.

Upcoming events are:

- Feb 10 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery, 4:00 p.m.
- Feb 12 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery, 5:30 p.m.
- Feb 21 - Stars of Tomorrow Auditions





### **New Member, Dirk Stamp**

We were excited to welcome a long, long-time supporter of our Club as a new member, Dirk Stamp. Dirk is the owner of the local business, *The Wine Seller*. He has helped us with numerous very successful fundraising projects, even putting together wine and coffee baskets with Rich Strom during COVID. Dirk told us it has been a pleasure to be associated with our Kiwanis Club for several years. Especially during the close times during the pandemic – we had a great time. He said it is truly an honor to be provided and to accept membership in our organization. Dirk is originally from the Midwest, grew up in a small town in Iowa that had lots of service clubs and was doing that when he was a kid. He is a long-time business member of Monument community for the past quarter century. For him, it's always been a passion and a belief to give back to your community, and he thinks the way we do that is amazing and he is super impressed. Thanks for joining us!

**State DECA at the Broadmoor, February 23**

Ed Hettler briefed us on the upcoming state DECA competition, which will be held at the Broadmoor on February 23rd. There's a need for judges, and many of our members have always served. This is a competition where high school students are given business problem scenarios with 15 minutes to build a presentation on how to solve. This is the state championships. Winners will represent Colorado at the national championships in Atlanta in April.

### **DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) State Judges Needed**

**What:** DECA needs Volunteers to Judge Local High School Students at the State Competition  
State Winners go to Nationals in Atlanta April 25-28, 2026

**When:** Monday February 23, 7:00am - 5:00pm for Individual & Team Role Play Eve

**Where:** The Broadmoor. 1 Lake Ave, Colorado Springs

**Why:** Support Students Demonstrate Problem Solving Skills  
Leave with a Great Feeling About the Youth of Today and the Future

**How:** Register Online at One of the Following Links or Google "Colorado DECA Judging For  
<https://www.coloradodeca.org/state-conference/state-conference-judge-volunteer-form>  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebFR49jqRmpmb2MqqcNSBMBg8ikfHrmMnrIjEpiX\\_vbaAvDQ/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebFR49jqRmpmb2MqqcNSBMBg8ikfHrmMnrIjEpiX_vbaAvDQ/)

**Info:** No Experience Needed, Dress is Business Casual  
Judges Receive Free Breakfast and Lunch  
An Internet Capable Charged Device Required to Input Scores

**Contact Ed Hettler ([edhettler@gmail.com](mailto:edhettler@gmail.com), 719-641-3349) on Questions, Signup Info**








### Salvation Army Bellringing Recap



Jeff Baker introduced Major Nancy Ball and Jeanette Bernstein from the Salvation Army, then presented them with a check for \$29,869 representing the amount that MHKC raised in Bell Ringing for 2025. An additional donation raised that amount to an even \$30,000. Nancy Bell thanked everyone for their volunteer spirit, noting that in many areas of Colorado Springs, the

Salvation Army has to hire bell ringers. Our volunteers collect almost twice as much as the hired bell ringers. The Salvation Army makes great use of the funds raised. Thanks goes to Jeff and Mark Zeiger for their leadership managing all our volunteer bell ringers. Rob Knoth was recognized as our top bell ringer.



### **One Can Make A Difference Recognition**

Jim Head presented “One Can Make A Difference” awards to Jeff Baker and Mark Anderson. Jeff was recognized for outstanding contributions to the Club for Salvation Army Bell Ringing for 2025. Jim said it is a huge team activity, but you

need people at the top to do the organizational work, and Jeff has our deep appreciation for stepping forward. Thank you very much!

Mark was recognized for outstanding contributions to the Club as our Scribes manager. Mark has served as the manager of the Scribe's program for the last three years. Scribes help summarize our weekly program presentation that is included in each week's K News, and keeping that information flowing to our members and friends. Jim said Mark is the guy who arranges for this support. Thank you very much!



### **Colorado Springs Club Car Show**

Rick Couch of the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club told us about the Colorado Springs smaller satellite club's Car Show, to be held in Fountain's Metcalf Park. on May 16th. He invited members who wanted to place their cars in this show to register. Rick also invited us to participate in the Colorado Springs Club's golf tournament, which will be held on August 3rd this year.



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**“CHECKERED FLAG CHARITY CAR SHOW”**



**SATURDAY**

**May 16, 2026**

**10:00-2:00**

**Metcalfe Park-Fountain, CO**

**704 E. Ohio**



**CLASSES:**

Antique (1981 or older)/Classic  
Sport  
Other  
Awards given for each class

**CAR REGISTRATION**

\$20 for Pre-registration  
\$25 for Same Day Registration

For more information please  
email: [coskiwaniscarshow@gmail.com](mailto:coskiwaniscarshow@gmail.com)

**“People’s Choice Award” to be presented**

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## Bear Creek Reads and Science Fair Judging

Mike Luginbuhl told us about the Bear Creek Science Fair Judging, which will be held at the school on February 4th between 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bear Creek will also be holding their Bear Creek Reads Day on March 20th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. We need volunteers to participate in this program, too.



 **Bear Creek Elementary Science Fair Judging**

When: February 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

- You do not need to sign up for the entire
- Blocks of time will be assigned, based on
- Light refreshments and lunch will be provided

Judges will hear students' presentations, and evaluate student work using a provided

 **Bear Creek Elementary All Bear Creek Reads**

When: March 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

- Sign up for one hour time slots
- Sign up for grade levels (preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- You can sign up for a specific classroom, or

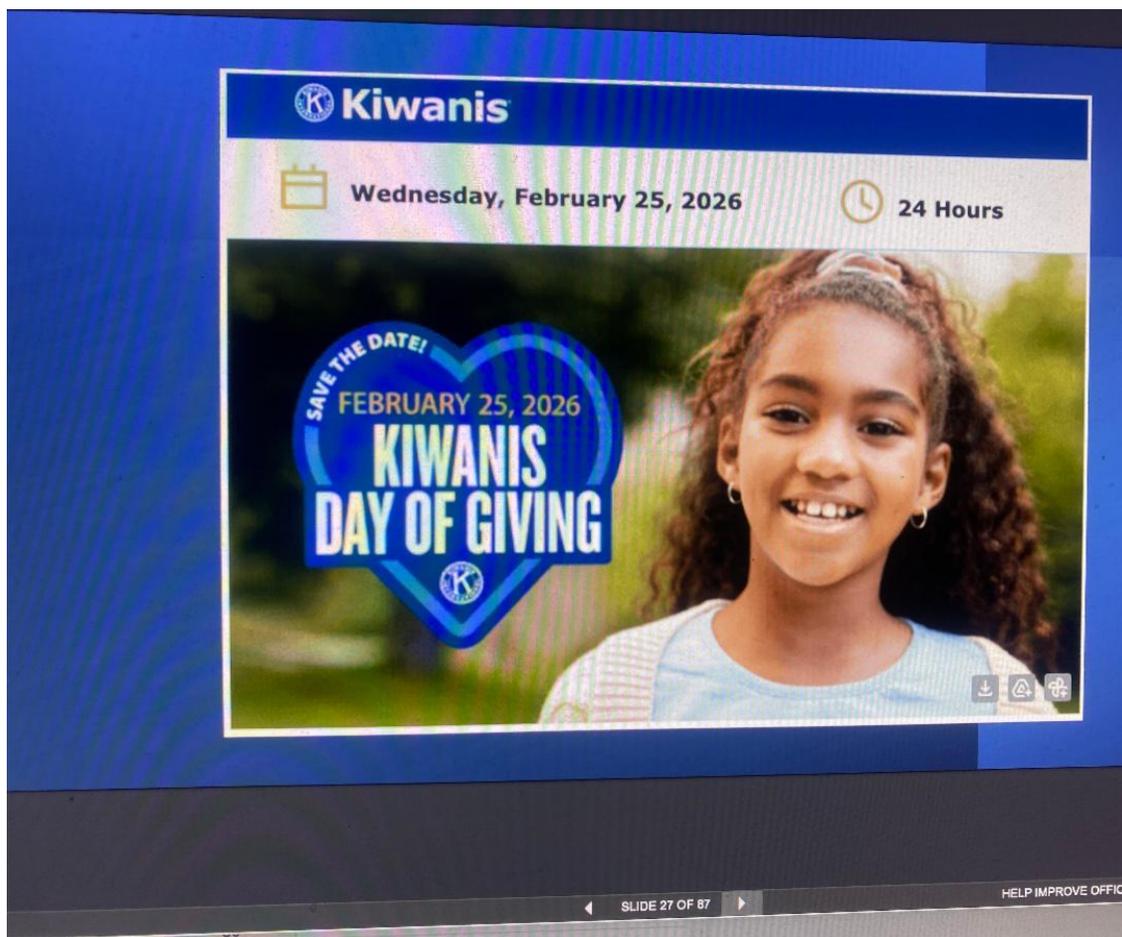
This year's theme is: Reading Expands Our

Looking to expand to include local authors and



## Kiwanis Day of Giving, February 26th

Scott Ross gave us information on the Kiwanis Day of Giving, to be held on February 25th. Scott also took time to thank the Dynamic Rotary of Monument for their gift to the Heart of Monument Playpark with their DayGlo Bingo last week. Gifts to the Children's fund on the Day of Giving can impact four children, through book literacy, helping provide antiparasitic medicine, eye exams, and many, many other worthy endeavors.



## NFL Pools

Next week is Super Bowl Sunday. We still have a good number of slots open on our Super Bowl boards. This week we have a 25% discount for signing up today. Dan also gave a review of this year's football pools. We had 34 players in Sally's Challenge and the Loser's Pool. At \$10 each, that's \$340 split between the club and the winners (\$170 each). For the Glenn Scott Memorial Pool, 253 cards were sold with \$638 raised, \$319 distributed as winnings and 15 Sacagawea coins. The weekly pools had 328 players, generating \$1488, with \$744 going to the foundation.

News & Notes

**Birthdays**

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

**Birthdays**    **JAN 31<sup>st</sup> – FEB 6<sup>th</sup> 2020**



**Bill Brown JAN 31<sup>st</sup>**

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**On JAN 31<sup>st</sup> in HISTORY**

- **1915:** The Germans first used poison gas as a weapon of war.
- **1930:** 3M unveils Scotch Tape.
- **1969:** The Beatles perform their show on the rooftop of the Apple Corporation in Central London.

**Thomas Csrnko FEB 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Joined 2010  
Sponsor Steve Steph**



**On FEB 5<sup>th</sup> in HISTORY**

- **1901:** The modern roller coaster was born. Coney Island.
- **1952:** The "Don't Walk" sign invented and first used in Manhattan.
- **1971:** Alan Shepard lands Apollo 14 on the moon.

**Skip Trahan**

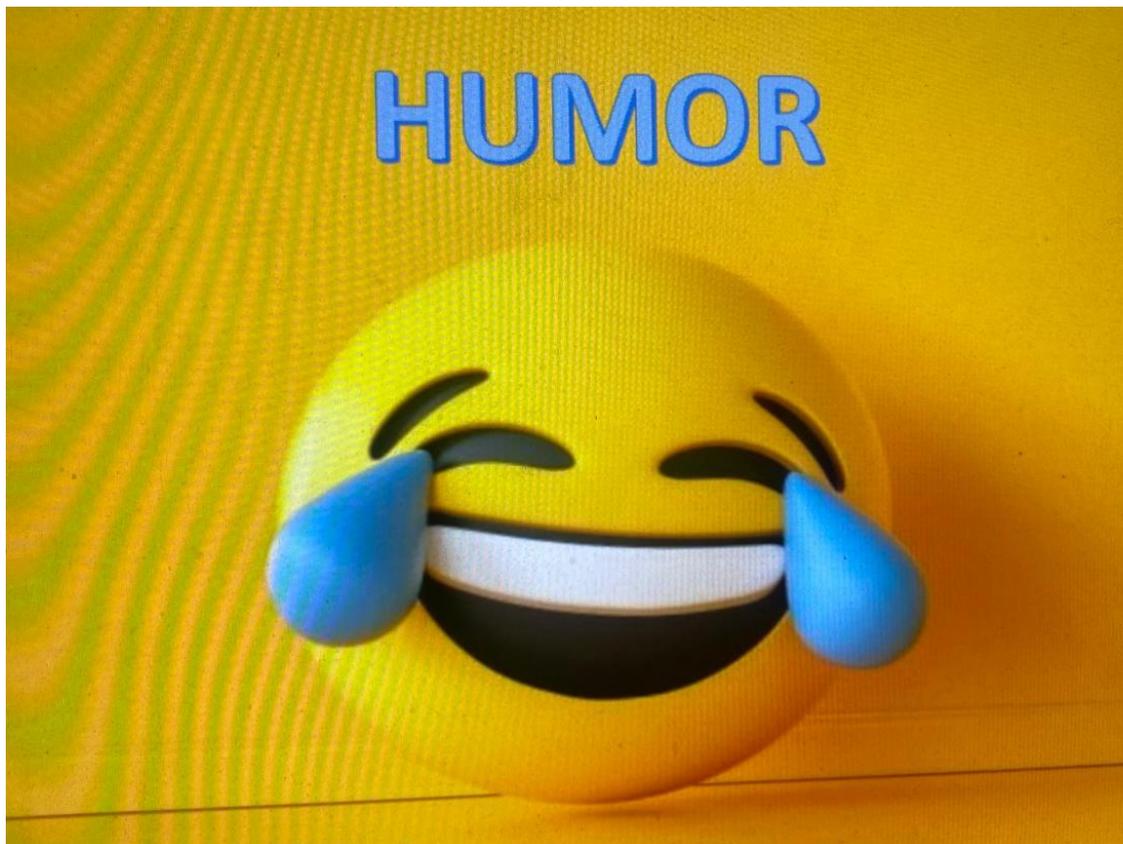
**FEB 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Joined 2014  
Sponsor Marian Taylor**



**On FEB 6<sup>th</sup> in HISTORY**

- **1911:** The hood ornament was born. Rolls–Royce silver winged spirit of Ecstasy.
- **1952:** Elizabeth II is crowned.
- **1984:** The First untethered spacewalk.



**Humor**

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

*A man in Ireland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says, "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough".*

*"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son screams.*

*"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer", the father says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her".*

*Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like hell, they're getting divorced", she shouts, "I'll take care of this".*

*She calls Ireland immediately and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.*

*The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife.*

*"Done! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way."*

Happy Bucks



Scott Ross had a happy buck for Rick Couch, who joined us today from the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club and his generous contributions to the Heart of Monument Play Park.



Rick Couch had a happy buck for the MHKC's contributions to the Salvation Army. Rick is a member of the Salvation Army board and he told us that the \$30,000 we helped raise can do a great deal of good.



Dennis Beasley had happy bucks and observations from his time as a bell-ringer



in 2025. He marveled that he had three men in three piece suits that stopped by to give \$20 each. He also had a nod to yoga pants, and was thankful he didn't see any men wearing them. In the parking lot he saw three near misses and three almost hit by cars, and enjoyed when little kids gave, most memorable of when twins traded placing a fist full of coins into the kettle.



RF Smith had a happy buck for something he saw at the AF hockey game Friday night. A young woman was set to sing the national anthem, but when she came out on to the ice, her microphone did not work. She carried on, and as she did, the fans joined her and completed the anthem with her, a capella, in a heart-lifting moment.

Rich Strom had a happy buck for the Air Force hockey team who had a solid victory over Sacred Heart Friday night at the Cadet Ice Arena.



Bob Harrigan had two happy bucks, one for not having his name tag (does his Monument United Methodist Church tag count?), and another for Stephanie Hayes, who has opened a barber shop in downtown Monument.



Kathy Strom had a happy buck for Stephanie Hayes, who Bob Harrington mentioned (started her new barber shop). Stephanie is one of the success stories of our Career Starter grants program



Greg Bielanski had a happy buck for the Off the Wall Art Event that will be held in downtown Monument at 47 3rd Street on February 21st.



Ben Bellis had 5 happy bucks. One was for Steve Sutherland, who is on his way



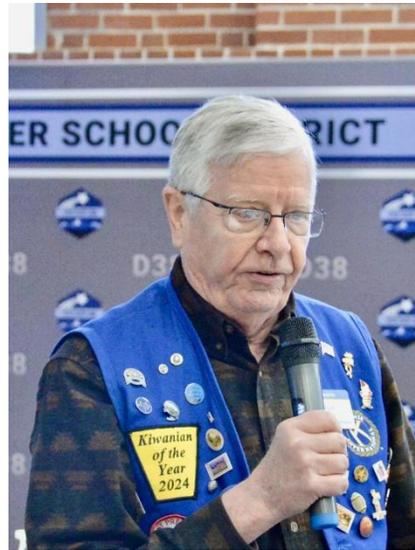
Ed Tomlinson recognized Bob Johnson, whose 19 year old nephew was killed in an auto accident last month, but was able to donate nine organs to those in

back from Fort Hood, where he'd been to visit his brother who'd just come back from Poland. Another was for his visit with Warren Moore, who's living at Liberty Heights and is 98 now. Another was for getting back to Keystone to ski, another for his daughter, who's doing well at the University of Guam, and finally for his wife, who was with us in November and won the drawing. She gave the \$110 she won to provide rice to seniors in the Philippines.

need of transplants. Bob also has been transporting a niece on six hour trips for cancer treatment.



Larry Young had three happy bucks for the Major Nancy Ball and Jeanette Bernstein of the Salvation Army, and for Jeff Baker and Mark Zeieger, who managed our bell-ringing volunteers so well.



Rich Hicks had 36 bucks and was very happy since he and Becky were able to spend several days in Glenwood Springs last week to celebrate their 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Congratulations!



### **Weekly 50-50 Drawing**

Greg Bielanski told us, "It Pays to buy 6 tickets." One of those tickets was the winner in today's drawing. Unfortunately, he didn't pick the right chip from the bag, so this week's \$82 pot will grow next week.



### **An Announcement From Our President**

Jim Head announced that he would not be able to complete his term of office as our president because he and his wife are moving to Florida the end of March. He explained he deeply regretted not finishing the job he had been elected to do, but that they had found an ideal property at the right price and just could not pass up the opportunity. By our Club policies, our president-elect, Jim Wolf, would normally assume the duties of the president when the president is unavailable. The Club's Board of Directors will review the situation at the Board Meeting on February 14 provide any additional guidance to the members.

## Program

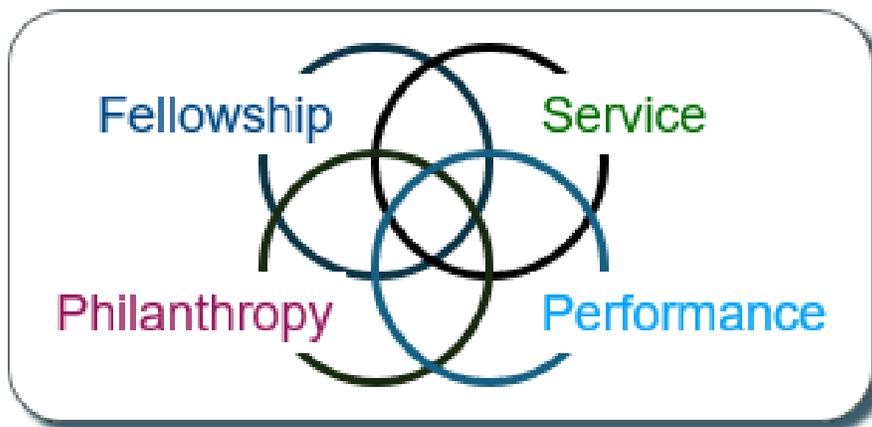
# How We Make a <sup>Positive</sup> Difference

**RF Smith**

Scribe: RF Smith

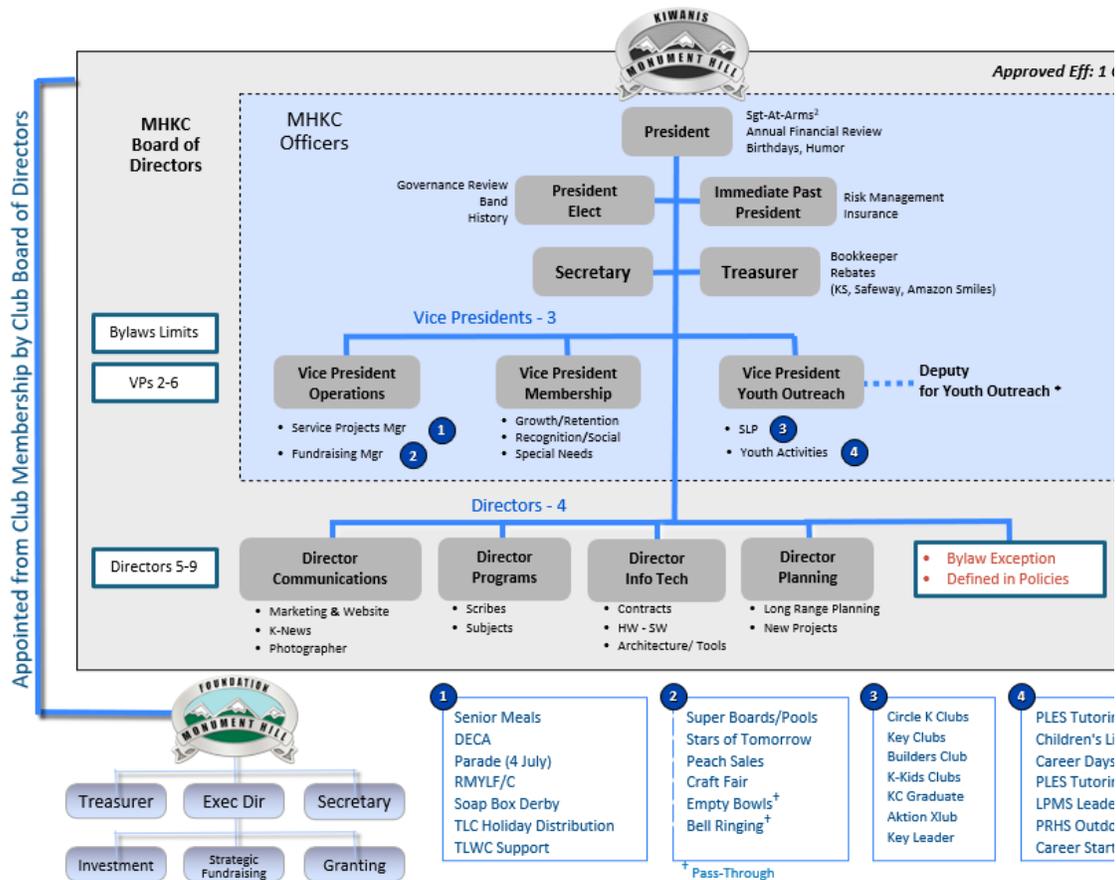
RF Smith talked us through the Member Orientation, reviewing all the aspects of our Club that make it possible for us to complete our mission: "Make a Positive Difference for Youth and Our Community."

First, we reviewed the history of our Club, starting as a SERTOMA (Service to Mankind) club 52 years ago in 1974. Then we got a picture of how our Monument Hill Kiwanis Club fits into the overall structure of Kiwanis International, an organization of over 8,000 clubs in 80 countries. Then we looked at the impact our Club has on our community: Fundraising >\$100,000/year; Granting >\$100,000 (~\$50,000 pass through) and Service >10,000 hours/year (\$385,000 value). That's half a million dollars impact on the Tri-Lakes region and northern El Paso County.



Then we looked at the mission, vision, and core values of our Club. We combine in equal parts: Committed Fellowship, Impactful Service, Powerful Philanthropy (that's "giving," Barrie), and Excellent Performance. Our Excellent Performance comes from disciplined execution according to well-documented and maintained governance: Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures. That governance and the decisions affecting our Club are the responsibility of our Board of Directors. Uniquely, that Board is headed by not one but three President(s), a sitting President, an Immediate Past President who is our risk manager, and a President-Elect who is preparing to become the sitting President. In addition, we have a Secretary and Treasurer as well as three Vice Presidents and four Directors. Each of these positions is filled with a highly qualified Club member—and even brand new members are qualified to serve on the Board by virtue of their life experience.

# Current Structure

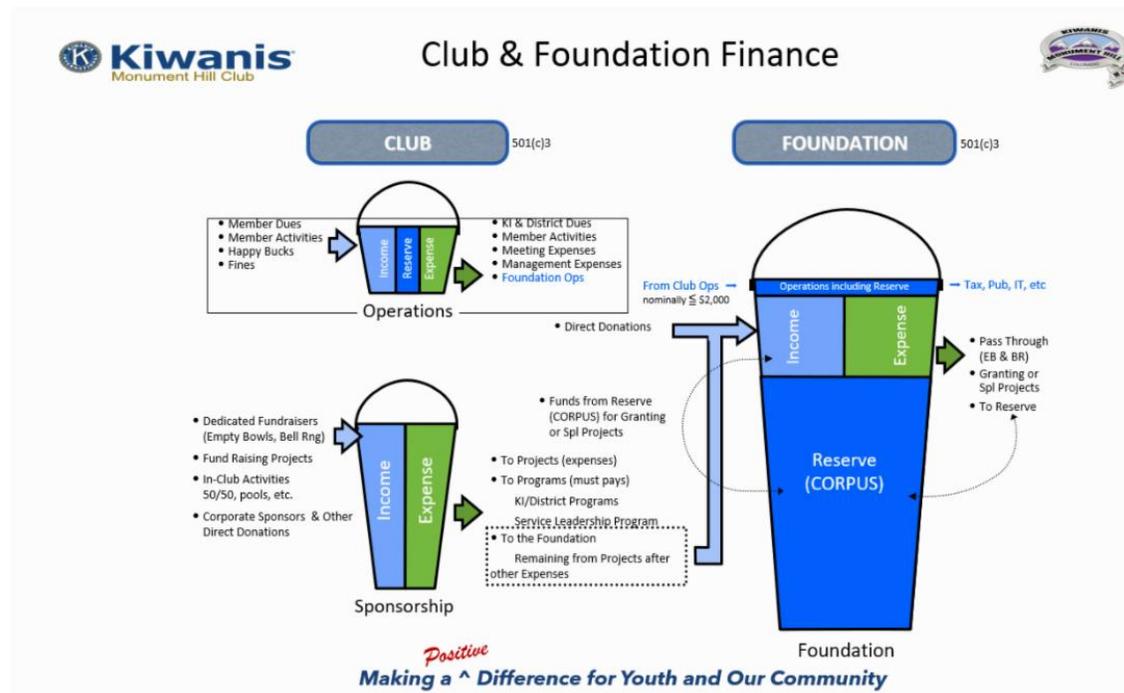


In addition to our Club, we have a Monument Hill Foundation, a separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit, that acts as the giving arm of our Club, responsible for our Powerful Philanthropy. The Club controls the Foundation by appointing its Board of Directors each year in December and by approving any changes to the Foundation Bylaws. Otherwise, the Foundation acts independently to manage our Granting Program and to grow our Reserve or CORPUS which today is above \$840,000. This reserve is there to make sure we can continue to provide a reliable and even growing Granting program to make a positive difference for our Community. We deliver that impact through partners: District 38 Schools, Tri-Lakes Cares, Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, and Tri-Lakes Women's Club as well as through grants to many other local service organizations.

RF also talked about another part of our Club, the KONNECTORS. Meeting once a month, this group is open to other Service Club members and other non-Kiwanians who have an interest in working together to better our community. This

Club also provides an opportunity for prospective members to find out what we do in an informal environment.

RF reviewed all the projects that our Club does, starting with the Youth Outreach, which Mike Luginbuhl covered in detail two weeks ago. Beyond our SIGNATURE PROGRAM, Youth Outreach, we conduct seven Service projects and nine Fundraising projects. We reviewed how all those things lay out on an annual schedule and RF reminded us that none of our Club members does everything...each of us should pick what we can do and do that.



RF reviewed how our financial system works, with two separate accounts, one that is used for Club operations and one that is strictly for donation purposes. Most of our Club fundraising is donated to our Foundation which distributes our Grants and maintains our reserve. RF reviewed our dues process and amounts as well as how those dues are used. We concluded by reviewing our established Membership Effectiveness Standards. These standards define specifically what we expect of our members. Questions were answered and RF is always available to answer any other questions our members have about how our club goes about "Making a Positive Difference for Youth and Our Community."



## Quick Links

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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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