



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

K-News

February 21, 2026

*Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974*

## Today's Program

**No Program - Replaced by Stars of Tomorrow auditions**

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

Zoomers were Marlene Bizub, Barrie Town, Rich Rima, Ron Mangiarelli, Jim Clemans, and Donald Johnson.

Larry Young was Sergeant at Arms.

Ted Bauman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

We were glad to have Heidi Baker rejoin us after her recent fall from a horse.

Warren Gerig's wife, Noria had a hemorrhagic stroke on Friday and is in the hospital at Penrose. Please keep Noria in your prayers.

Last week Jim Head talked about the recent passing of Dennis Daugherty. Here is a link to his obituary:

<https://www.winsteadsfuneralhome.com/obituaries/dennis-daugherty>

Rich led a morning prayer. Dear Lord, Thank you for the many blessings you have given us. Be near to those in need and grant them strength for the challenges they face. We are grateful for the servant hearts within this club and for the opportunity to give our time and energy—especially for the children in our community. Guide us as we use our gifts to serve where we can do the most good. Amen

### **Guests and Visiting Kiwanians**

Ed Hettler introduced Will Stahl and Cole Richards who are DECA students and will be making business presentations at the upcoming DECA competition. Both students have independent lawn companies and are merging them, so they are concentrating on a business growth plan. They are super excited about their presentations and look forward to any feedback. Welcome to you both!

### **Upcoming Programs**

- 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
- Mar 21 - Taxes Today and Yesteryear, Bob Johnson, CPA
- Mar 28 - Member Bios
- April 4 - Colorado Youth Outdoors, Marty Truillo, Exec Dir SE Region

## Membership Minute

Bill Stoner presented Saturday's Membership Minute.

Upcoming events are:

- Feb 23 - DECA at the Broadmoor Hotel
- Feb 25 - Kiwanis Day of Giving
- Feb 27 - SLP meeting following regular meeting
- Mar 10 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery, 4:00 p.m.
- Mar 12 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery, 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 14 - Stars of Tomorrow rehearsal
- Mar 15 - Stars of Tomorrow talent show at Palmer Ridge High School





## Member Recognition

Jim Johnston and Larry Vliet were recognized with the "One Can Make a Difference" award for outstanding contributions to the Club as for coordinating our Christmas party program. Ted Bauman said they have been very good to us by putting together the Christmas program, so he thinks the Club is going to hire them for the long term. Jim Head added that they both stepped in at the last minute in 2024 and then carried on for 2025. Volunteers are being sought for 2026. Thank you all for your hard work and congratulations to you both!

Ted Bauman presented our Distinguished Member Certificate to Scott Ross for all the work he has been doing for the Heart of Monument Play Park. This has taken time, but we are nearing our monetary goal. Congratulations and thank you very much!



## New Members

Bill Stoner welcomed new members, Lee Meier and Dana Franzen.

Lee's sponsor is Ted Bauman who said he and Lee have been good friends for over 20 years and have discussed a lot of important subjects over the years. Lee is a registered architect and he worked on the outside for different firms. He is retired now and worked for 37 years as an Air Force project manager for Milcon projects. He worked for Schriever AFB, Space Command, the Air Force Academy, MAC/AMC. He has had different projects in different parts of the country. Lee's two daughters graduated from Lewis Palmer High School and have successful careers. Lee thanked us for letting him join and he hopes he can help out! Lee received the customary hat, vest and membership letter from Bill Stoner. Welcome!

Dana's sponsor is Mark Anderson. Mark could not attend the meeting, but earlier told us that he has known Dana since he was a kid. Dana told us he and his wife Shelly moved to Monument about 27 years ago and have been very aware of all the events MHKC does. He thinks they have attended all of them at one time or another including Peaches, Empty Bowls, the parade and holiday shopping. He has known about our Club since he joined the Pikes Peak Sertoma Club back in 1982. He remembers sending representatives to our meeting to gather up the traveling trophy. He said it is a pleasure to be able to provide some volunteer hours

that we can take advantage of. Dana also received a hat, vest and membership letter from Bill Stoner. Thanks for joining us!



The poster features a red curtain background at the top. At the top center is the Kiwanis Monument Hill Club logo. Below it, the text reads: "The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club presents The 4th Annual". In the center, there are three gold stars of varying sizes. Below the stars, the title "Stars of Tomorrow Talent Show" is written in a large, bold, white font. Underneath the title, it says "Come Celebrate our D38 Performing Arts Students". The middle section contains five small circular images: a boy singing into a microphone, two girls singing, a person playing a piano, a man playing a guitar, and a girl singing. Below these images, the event details are listed: "Sunday March 15, 2026", "Palmer Ridge High School", and "2:00 - 5:00 pm". At the bottom, it states "Tickets only \$10 for adults and \$5.00 for students" and "For tickets, go to: <http://mhkc.booktix.com> or scan this QR". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

## Stars of Tomorrow

This last Saturday and Sunday were audition days for the 53 contestants. Rich Strom told us the audition judges will have a tough job because on show night there is only room for 20 performers. Ticket sales are now open - get them at <https://mhkc.booktix.com/>.

Briana Weaver



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**February 20<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 3:00 pm: Unload Gondola Shelving**

Unwrap and hand unload gondola shelving from Joann's into the back of the store

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>(9am-12pm): Gondola Shelving set up**

Assemble gondola shelving units (8 runs on the back wall; 9-10 runs on the east wall)

### **Bigger Projects for Volunteers with related skills: March 9th-20th**

**Women's Bathroom** - (Fix/assemble ceiling fan, Replace/add ceiling tile install grab rail

**Men's Bathroom** – Replace sink with stainless steal utility sink (will new sink fit with current plumbing

**Ceiling Speakers** - Locate wire ends & determine what we need to utilize them

**Build register counter** (Work with Briana and Bonnie for design/layout) Building open cabinets to connect two display units and one cabinet  
Need wood working skills

**Front Door** -Install new door handle/bar on front door (Remove bar -not until door handle has been sourced)

**Light Fixtures retro-fit** - Assess LED lights to see if wall plugs can be added to them - give alternate suggestions

**Swinging Doors** - Install new swinging doors between sales floor and processing Use 2x6 lumber to build frame for door supports  
(might try to bring the metal frame)

**Break Room Cabinets and Counter** - Install 9' run of upper and lower kitchen cabinets. Cut and attach 9' butcher block counter

## **Silver Key Support**

Jim Wolf let us know that Silver Key needs some help as they transition to their new Thrift Store location in the Safeway complex right next to the UPS store in Monument. Above are some areas where they need help and Briana Weaver is their point of contact.

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

The state DECA competition was at the Broadmoor on February 23. This is a competition where high school students are given business problem scenarios with 15 minutes to build a presentation on how to solve them. This is the state championships. Winners will represent Colorado at the national championships in Atlanta in April. We look forward to an update next week.

## Kiwanis Day of Giving and Legacy of Play Contest

Scott Ross reminded us that the Kiwanis Day of Giving is coming up in a week, February 25th. He said this is a chance to give to Kiwanis International Children's Fund and the money is used to help children around the world. This can impact children through book literacy, helping provide antiparasitic medicine, eye exams, and many, many other worthy endeavors. Please consider making a donation.



Scott also told us that our Club is a finalist for a grant from the International Children's Fund for the Heart of Monument Play Park. Legacy of Play contest is a coordinated effort between Kiwanis International and one of the major playground equipment companies, Landscape Structures. We have a chance to win \$25,000 for the Heart of Monument Play Park. More to come.

There have been several developments for gifts to the Heart of Monument Play Park. Scott and Sheila Ferguson told us we are recipients of a \$20,000 grant from the Children's Fund. Additionally, our MHKC Board approved a \$7,000 grant, we received a \$2,000 from the Rotary fundraiser, and there have been additional gifts from Club members. We are now just \$18,000 short of our goal of \$762,000. Scott will meet with the Town of Monument this week to discuss moving ahead with a request for proposal on the Play Park. It could be open in September!



## UCCS Scholarship Review

Joe Kneedler let us know that Christy Smith from the Rotary club has reached out to us to help spread the word that UCCS needs volunteers to review scholarship applications. The best part of all is that it is self-paced, and you can do it at home.

Below is info to sign up:

If you are interested, please sign up as a university volunteer here:

<https://www.uccsvolunteers.org/user/register/>



Then you can follow the prompts on these pages to help out (March 10- March 25; sign-up closes February 27th):

[https://www.uccsvolunteers.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=1178984](https://www.uccsvolunteers.org/need/detail/?need_id=1178984)

Review Period 3 (March 26th – April 9th; sign-up closes: March 6th):

[https://www.uccsvolunteers.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=1178981](https://www.uccsvolunteers.org/need/detail/?need_id=1178981)

Self-paced; complete at home

Questions? – 719-255-8227

## Golf League

Ed Tomlinson, Bill Kaelin and one other met with Pine Creek golf course on Friday, and the meeting went well. If there is enough interest in playing in a golf league this year, it'll be Tuesday mornings and \$85 this year. The criteria is basically what we had before - you don't have to play every week but just let us know by Sunday afternoon if you're going to play on Tuesday morning. Please let Ed know if you're interested. If we've got a sufficient number, which he thinks we will, then we'll get that arrange and probably start in April. Please let Ed know if you are interested in playing - 719-650-3522.



## News & Notes

### Birthdays

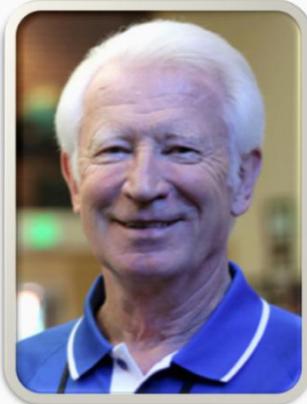
Courtesy of Frank Wynne

## Birthdays 21-27 FEB 2026



Lee "GOV" Vaughn FEB 24<sup>th</sup>

Joined 2000  
Sponsor Dick Spear ???



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

- **1582:** Pope Gregory XIII introduces the Gregorian calendar.
- **1854:** The First perforated postage stamp was issued.
- **2008:** Fidel Castro retires as President of Cuba.



## Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

An Irish painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist.

Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to the town of Doolin in County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses.

One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude. This being the first time anyone had made such a request he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; in fact she was willing to pay up to £10,000.

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife. They talked much about the rightness and wrongness of it. It was hard to make a decision, but finally the wife agreed on one condition.

In a few minutes he returned to the woman. "T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said. "The wife says it's okay. I'll paint you in the nude all right But I have one request you must agree to. I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me paint brushes.

## Happy Bucks



Sue Reinecke was happy to get her lost glasses back even though she just bought a new pair!



The Silver Key Thrift Store is in the process of moving and Jim Wolf has been in contact with them. They have several volunteer opportunities for those willing and able – see above in the newsletter. They are in the Monument Safeway complex right next to the UPS store. Jim thanked those who helped Silver Key last week moving shelves – Dave Bailey, Dick Salverson, Mike and Donna Luginbuhl, Rich Hicks and Scott Ross.



Larry Vliet had one unhappy buck since he forgot his name tag. Secondly, he and his wife, Kendall just returned from a six-week trip to New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia, and Singapore. Larry had never been in that part of the world before and it is absolutely beautiful.



Scott Ross was really happy with where we are with the Heart of Monument Play Park. They meet with the Town of Thursday and want to have it open in September so we can have a meeting there and play on the playground equipment.



Sheila Ferguson had a happy buck to say thank you to our Club for supporting the Monument Warriors Special Olympics team. They started just four years ago and now have over 100 athletes. It's awesome, and Sheila invited us to their All Abilities Classic basketball game on St Patrick's Day, March 17 in the gym at Palmer Ridge High School. You get to see how well they have progressed over the last four years in

basketball skills, and they always have a great turnout Monument Hill Kiwanis. You guys give a really nice amount of money to them, and I want to thank you so much.



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

\$141 was transferred to this week with another \$39 added for a total of \$180, and we were down to 2 chips. Bob Harrigan was the lucky guy who pulled out a blue chip. He promptly donated his winnings to the Heart of Monument Play Park. Congratulations!

### **Program**

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The video of today's meeting is at this link: <https://youtu.be/MtDbw-lud3k>

## Quick Links

[Monument Hill Kiwanis Website](#).....[Monument Hill Foundation Website](#)

[Facebook](#).....[Instagram](#).....[Twitter](#)

## 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

## 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](#)

K-News Crew

(click on a name to email us directly)

Members receive a link to each week's meeting via email.

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