



Kiwanis[®]
Monument Hill Club

K-News

March 28, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Member Bios

Ralph Baggerly and Larry Vliet



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

Zoomers were Rich Rima, Bennie Nasser and Donald Johnson.

Dave Bailey was Sergeant at Arms.

The visiting Brown family led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Mark Anderson was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Rich led a morning prayer: Gracious Father, We thank you for bringing our community together in service and fellowship, and to see one another as neighbors and friends despite the walls that might divide us. May our collective efforts to serve create bonds of understanding, compassion, and lasting change in our neighborhoods. Amen




Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

Ralph Baggerly introduced his son-in-law and daughter, Rob and Marla Brown (back row) and children, Isaac, Levi, Alyana and Sadie. Welcome to you all!

Steve Sutherland's wife, Heidi, was also a guest (not pictured). Thanks for joining us!


Upcoming Programs

- April 4 - Colorado Youth Outdoors, Marty Truillo, Exec Dir SE Region
 - April 11 - Water for Northern EP County, Dana Franzen and Ron Martinez
 - April 25 - Member Bios
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Membership Minute

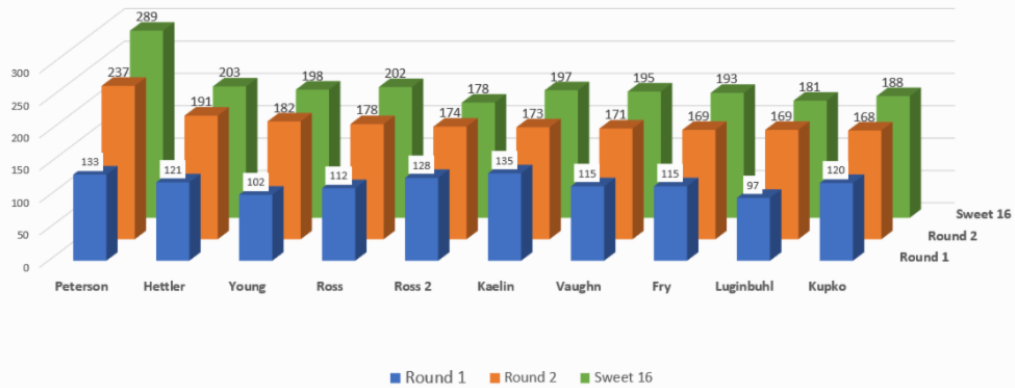
Jim Wolf presented Saturday's Membership Minute.

Upcoming events are:

- April 2 - RMD E-Meeting, 5-6 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81851023352>
 - April 4 - SLP meeting (after our regular meeting)
 - April 14 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery 4 p.m.
 - April 16 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery 5:30 p.m.
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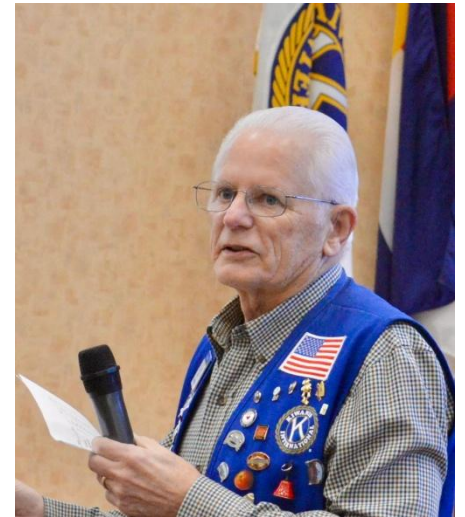
MHKC BB Pool

TOP SCORES BY ROUND



March Madness


Larry Young let us know that March Madness basketball is now down to the Sweet 16. In the Club lead right now is Vicki Peterson, followed by Ed Hettler and Larry Young. The top 10-point leaders are pictured in the chart above.





Club Membership Dues

On Friday, Kathy Strom and Kay Price sent out invoices to all the members for their dues. They have new software to generate these invoices, so if you need clarification let Kathy know. Statements are now sent in batch mode via email, with payment amounts shown at the bottom of page 2, and physical copies available if needed. The new system currently lacks features like payment links and QR codes, which the team is working to implement. Things like Super Bowl boards and March Madness will still be added in quarterly statements.



The Stars of Tomorrow

Twenty acts made the final cut for Stars of Tomorrow, held on March 15, a performing arts competition sponsored by Monument Hill Kiwanis Club and Lewis-Palmer School District 38 for students attending schools in the district or living within the district's boundaries. The winners shown here from left to right were: grade school division Esther Hunt (first place \$500); middle school division, Jack Wittenborn (first place \$750) and Katherine Rose Johnson second place \$500; high school division Xavier Gonzalez (first place \$2,000), Bonnyclaire Patterson (second place \$1,000) and Jonathan Lilley (third place \$500).

Send photos of area residents and activities to doug.fitzgerald@pike-speaknewspapers.com

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Stars of Tomorrow

Jim Wolf showed a picture of winners from our Stars of Tomorrow show that will be in the Tribune newspaper this week. He thanked Bob Harrigan for making this available to the Tribune.



Salvation Army Certificate of Recognition

On Friday, Major Stephan Ball presented the Community Partnership Award to the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club, Accepting the award on behalf of the Club was Jeff Baker, Project Manager for 2025. The Salvation Army recognized the club's contributions including more than \$32,000 which our community contributed to the Kettles and \$6272 in expenses that our volunteers saved the Salvation Army.

Peaches

Terry McMullin has officially started the Peaches campaign for 2026. Fuel might be a problem to overcome. If you have ideas and/or want to volunteer, contact Terry (719-339-2633 or slammer37@gmail.com.)





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Support our kids!

“CHECKERED FLAG CHARITY CAR SHOW”



SATURDAY
May 16, 2026
10:00-2:00



Metcalfe Park-Fountain, CO
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CLASSES:

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



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COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!

****** Food Trucks Will Be On Site ******



Scan the QR code to register!
Coskiwanis.org/event-6151275

Colorado Springs Club Car Show

Jim Wolf reminded us that the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club will hold their annual Car Show on May 16th at Fountain’s Metcalf Park. Scan the QR code to register your car in the show.

News & Notes

Birthdays

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

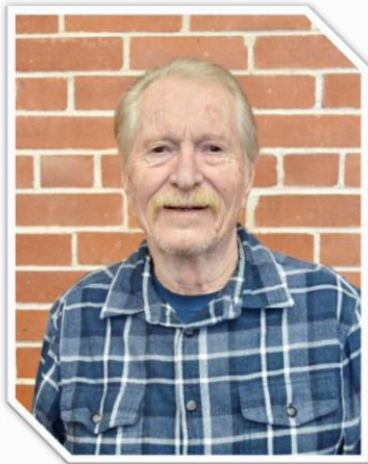
Birthdays 28 MAR – 3 APR 2026

Happy
Birthday

Mike Hale

MAR 29th

Joined 2024
Sponsor Jim Wolf



On Mar 29th in HISTORY

The First National Highway (1806): The U.S. Congress authorized the construction of the Great National Pike, commonly known as the Cumberland Road, which became the first federal highway in the United States.

Withdrawal from Vietnam (1973): The last United States combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

First National Smoking Ban (2004): The Republic of Ireland became the first country in the world to implement a nationwide ban on smoking in all workplaces, including bars and restaurants.

Terry Carver

MAR 3rd or 30th ???

Joined 2025
Sponsor R.F. Smith



On Mar 3rd in HISTORY

First Issue of Time Magazine (1923): The first issue of [Time magazine](#) was published, featuring Speaker of the House Joseph G. Cannon on the cover.

U.S. National Anthem Adopted (1931): President Herbert Hoover signed the act making "[The Star-Spangled Banner](#)" the official national anthem of the United States.

On Mar 30th in HISTORY

Assassination Attempt on Ronald Reagan (1981): President [Ronald Reagan](#) was [shot and wounded](#) by John Hinckley Jr. outside the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Jeopardy! Debuts (1964): The iconic game show [Jeopardy!](#) aired for the first time on NBC.



Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

Two old friends, Bill and George loved golf more than anything. One day they made it pact - whoever goes first has to come back and tell the other if there is golf in heaven. A few years later Bill passes away. One night George drifts off to sleep and suddenly he hears, "George, it's me Bill." George sits up. "Bill, you made it. Now tell me, is there golf in heaven?" Bill says, "Well I've got good news and I've got bad news." George says, "Well give me the good news." Bill replies, "Well there is golf in heaven, beautiful fairways, perfect greens, no slow groups and the weather is always perfect." George says, "That's wonderful. So, what's the bad news?" Bill says, "You're on the tee sheet for next week."

Happy Bucks



Larry Velite was happy because his son, and Jim Johnston's grandson, Garrett, got his dollar ride in the T-6 at Columbus Air Force Base - his first ride.



It's the time of year for the Colorado Springs Soapbox Derby. They loan us two cars which we help the kids refurbish and for kids at Brad's House. Greg

This is the second phase of Undergraduate Pilot Training. He loved it, he didn't get sick, and he paid the squadron Commander, who was his Instructor Pilot, a dollar (an Air Force tradition on your first flight).

Bielanski is looking for some volunteer help to refurbish two Derby cars. He is able to take care of one and is looking for someone to help with a second car. No great mechanical skill is needed and he will help advise. The work is done over 5 days in April and May with the actual Derby in early June. Please contact Greg if you would like to help with this project (719-761-1875 or gbielanski@msn.com).



Mark Anderson was four quarters happy for Jeff Holzman, the head of O'Malley's pub in Palmer Lake. He has been there 30 years and it is always a very welcoming place. He offered Jeff his congratulations on his retirement, and he will be sorely missed. O'Malley's is a real treasure.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

\$65 was up for grabs in the 50-50 drawing this week, with 7 chips in the bag. Mark Galle had "high, apple pie in the sky hopes," but no luck.

Program

Member Bios

Ralph Baggerly and Larry Vliet

Scribe: Mark Anderson

Today we had biographies from two of our members.

The first was the biography of Ralph Baggerly. Ralph and Steve Sutherland teamed to tell us about Ralph's life. Ralph has been an engineer, an entrepreneur, and a servant leader. He's led a life of purpose, service, and has left a lasting legacy.

Ralph was born in Kansas City, Missouri 90 years ago. He was the oldest of three boys in his family. His father, Ernest, was an electrician. When World War II began, his father, who'd been a Marine, wanted to rejoin the USMC to help the war effort. His Dad was told he could best help the war effort by using his working skills, so the family, including his mother Roxanna and his brothers Roy and Keith, moved to the Seattle area, where his Dad began work at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Growing up, in the Seattle area, Ralph became an Eagle Scout. Then he went on to Graceland College and then on to Washington State University, where he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then went on to work for Boeing in Aircraft Systems Development.



On February 7, 1961, he eloped with Donna Louise Ewing. They had a church wedding ten days later and had a 59 year marriage. They had two children, Mark and Marla.

After working for a decade with Boeing, he co-founded Stead & Baggerly, which provided Industrial Control Systems. He helped municipal plants in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.

After a successful business career, Ralph sold his interest in Stead & Baggerly (although the business, Stead & Baggerly, still exists). From there, he owned and managed four apartment buildings with about 120 units.

Ralph is an outdoorsman and has loved elk and deer hunting, backcountry horseback trips, and has gone on Canadian moose hunts. He also loved boating in the Pacific Northwest and snowmobiling in Yellowstone.

Retirement also gave Ralph the time he needed for community service, and he has done so for more than 35 years. He was thoroughly committed to Lynwood Kiwanis Club. He was a Santa for Kiwanis Events, led Toys for Tots collections, and Make-A-Wish North Pole events. He also built detailed wooden airplanes that were auctioned at Kiwanis Fundraisers.

Kiwanis House
21225 66th West, Lynnwood, WA 98036



Front of Kiwanis House, west side facing 66th West



North side of Kiwanis House and parking lot



Back yard to the east of Kiwanis House with swing set and covered area

Perhaps the most impactful project he was involved with as a Lynnwood Kiwanian was the house the club purchased for young, unwed mothers. He helped organize volunteer renovations for the five-bedroom home. He also helped oversee its operations to help young mothers during who wanted to continue their education during a very stressful time in their lives.

When his wife of 59-years, Donna, passed away in 2020, his daughter Marla urged him to move to Monument to be close to her and her family. Because Steve was close friends with Marla's husband, Rob, Steve knew of his Kiwanis involvement, and Ralph has been a steady member of our club since 2023. Ralph's daughter, Marla, his son-in-law, Rob and several grandchildren joined us for today's meeting.



Our next Kiwanian to tell us about his life today was Larry Vliet.

Larry was born in North Plainfield, New Jersey on May 10, 1952. Like Ralph and a number of other of our Kiwanis members, Larry was an Eagle Scout. After graduating high school in New Jersey in 1970, Larry was selected for admission to the Air Force Academy, and was first a member of Cadet Squadron 18, and then of CS-8. One of the most memorable of his cadet life was when his squadron's spirit project was decorating the Planetarium's dome to make it look like an 8-ball. An amazing engineering feat.

Larry graduated in the class of 1974. After he graduated, he was sent to the University of Pittsburgh to get a Master's Degree in Economics.

When he first graduated, he had an eyesight waiver that would have allowed him to attend pilot training and he was sent to Moody AFB in Georgia. But the war in Vietnam ended in 1975, and with it, there was a lower need for pilots, so they said his waiver for pilot training was no good and then sent him to Navigator training at Mather AFB in Sacramento. When drop night came, where assignments were revealed after his training, he learned he would be going to Blytheville AFB in Arkansas with KC-135s. He was there in a variety of roles from 1976-1981.

From Blytheville he returned to the Academy's Economics Department and worked on the faculty from 1981-84. He went back to an operational KC-135 unit for three years at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, New York, where he served as Chief of Flight Training, experienced more lake effect snow than he cared to remember, and had a memorable near-miss experience where ice helped lead his aircraft off the runway prior to takeoff.

From Rome, Larry went back to Academics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government from 1987-1990, and then on to his last Air Force assignment, on the Economics faculty at USAFA from 1990 until his retirement in March of 1997. He was the Economics Department acting head for two years when the department head was on sabbatical. Another very important thing happened to Larry during March of

1997. He was set up on a blind date with Kendell. On their first date, they took a stroll after dinner. As they walked, the Hale-Bopp comet was making its pass. Magic. They've been together ever since.

However, Larry and Kendell didn't get married until 2000. First, Larry took some time to travel America on a motorcycle road trip from soon after he retired in 1997 through 1999. Indulging a life long love of travel, he road 33,000 miles on four long distance trips, from the Florida coast all the way down to Key West, to the Atlantic coast, from South Padre Island to North Dakota and the San Francisco area and Wine Country in California. Sometimes he would take Kendell with him on these trips.

Larry went on to work as the business manager for a Laser company, dealing with finance and compliance for the company, and then for several years for Jim Johnston's investment firm as an analyst. He also managed one of the largest computer machinery conventions, hosting hundreds of vendors and thousands of attendees. Larry finally retired in 2020.

Larry and Kendell were married in May 2000. They had two children, Brianne, who now has two children and is the CEO of a research company, and Garret, who has entertained us a member of the CU Buffoons and is now in pilot training as a lieutenant at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi.

Since his retirement, Larry has focused on his family and on service. The whole family enjoys traveling together and goes each year for a stay in Cabo San Lucas. Larry and Kendell have traveled all over the world on cruises, recently to New Zealand, the British Isles, and South America.

He has also been devoted to vocal music for most of his life. He's been involved in choirs and vocal groups since he was in Junior High. He was in the Cadet Choir and Cadet Protestant Choir while he was at the Academy. The Cadet vocal group performed at the 1972 Super Bowl in New Orleans. He's also been involved with the Colorado Springs Symphony Chorale and with the Mosaic signers.

Larry has been involved in organizing our Christmas Party for the last few years. It was good to hear his fascinating story, along with Ralph's.

The video of today's meeting is at this link: <https://youtu.be/Nd3XRS34iFs>

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