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Monument Hill Club

K-News

April 18, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



D38 in DECA National Competition

Will Stahl and Brady Hanson



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

Zoomers were Rich Rima, Dr. Marlen Bizub, Don Johnson, Jim Clemans and Bennie Nasser.

Larry Young was Sergeant at Arms.

Will Stahl led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Terry McMullen was this week's Scribe.

Rich Hicks led member concerns.



Member Concerns


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Steve Keefer has had a stroke and is recovering at Memorial Main. The stroke affected his right side and he will have to relearn to walk and use his right hand.

Mike Luginbuhl had a phone call last week with Loyd Mowery. Loyd has been in isolation with a very bad case of RSV for a couple of weeks, but is on the mend.

Please keep Steve and Loyd in your prayers.

Rich led a morning prayer. Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the opportunity to serve our community. Grant us the ability to recognize the needs around us and the courage to address them. We offer thanks to those who give of their time, talents, and resources in these efforts. Please guide us as we work together to make a positive impact on the lives of others. Amen





Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

There were no visiting Kiwanians or guests of members for today's meeting. Jim Wolf introduced our guest speakers, Will Stahl, a senior at Palmer Ridge High School, and Brady Hanson, a teacher at PRHS. Mr. Hanson is also the faculty sponsor for the DECA chapter. Both Brady and Will will be traveling to Atlanta next week to take part in the DECA National competition.

Upcoming Programs

- April 25 - Member Bios

Membership Minute

Bill Stoner gave us an update on what our upcoming events are:



- April 25 - SLP meeting following regular meeting
- May 2 - Rocky Mountain District Foundation Service Day, Ronald McDonald House (Cleanup)
- May 6 - RMD E-Club zoom meeting 5-6 pm.
- May 12 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery, 4-6 p.m.
- May 14 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery
- May 15 - D38 Last Day of School
- May 16 - Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club Car Show in Falcon
- May 19 - Graduation for Lewis Palmer and Palmer Ridge High Schools.



SLP Notes

Mike Luginbuhl spoke about SLP initiatives. Lewis Plamer Middle School will be having two more activities for their Builder's Club. A sign-up sheet was passed around for learning alongside students, from 7:45-10:30 am and 11:30-1:30 on Wednesday, April 22, and the same times on May 6th for finals assistance. Call Mike if you missed the sign up.

Independence Day Parade 2026

Frank DeLalla filled us in on the latest for our 4th of July parade. This year's theme is "250 years of Freedom; 150 years of Colorado Statehood." This is our club's largest manpower project and is a joint effort between MHKC, the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Monument. There are a lot of events going on that day including the Monument Street Fair, Palmer Lakes Fun Run, Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast, Monument beer garden, and Palmer Lake fireworks.

The following charts show which are the major parade teams and where team leads are needed. Frank would also like to have someone as a deputy parade

director to shadow him this year. If you can fill any of these needs, please contact Frank (719 339-3567, fdelalla@aol.com). Pete Peterson added that he led the parade for a few years, and it is probably the most rewarding job in the club. You go over the morning of the Fourth of July and see 20,000+ people lined up to see for parade. It is awesome.

Major Teams/Functions (in no particular importance)

- Parade Marshals – 45
- Lineup Team – 10 to 12
- Judges - 5
- Announcers – 2 or 3
- Infrastructure - 2
- Greeters – 2 to 3
- Starters - 3
- Public Relations - 2
- Children's Parade – 2
- South-side Parking - 4 to 6
- VIPs – 2 or 3
- Directors

Team Leads

- Parade Marshals – RF Smith
- Lineup Team – Ted Bauman
- Judges – Greg Bielanski
- Announcers – Scott Ross, Ed Tomlinson
- Photography – ???
- Infrastructure – Rich Strom
- Downtown Greeters – Alan Thompson and ??
- LPHS Greeters – Brian Bush, John Spidell
- Starters – Jim Murphy
- Childrens' Parade – Ofie Lopez, Becky Hicks
- South-side Parking – ???
- Van Driver – ???

Upcoming Parade Schedule

May

- Parade participant registration starts May 1 – Publicity and eBlast to previous participants

June

- Registration ends June 28
- Prepare Line-up and Documentation for announcers
- Publicity

July 1 - 2

- Send line-up information to: Participants, Line-up team, Lead Judge Announcers

July 3

- Port-a-Potties and Trash Containers Delivered and Deployed

July 4

- Parade!!!



Soap Box Derby

Greg Bielanski gave us an update on the upcoming soap box derby. We'll have one entry this year, and the warm ups are set for Saturday, June 6th with the finals scheduled for Sunday, June 7th. Greg told us we could use a truck that could be hitched to a trailer to transport the car.



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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 above to register your car in the show.

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FOUNDATION**

SERVICE DAY

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Rocky Mountain District Foundation Service Day

May 2nd at Ronald McDonald House

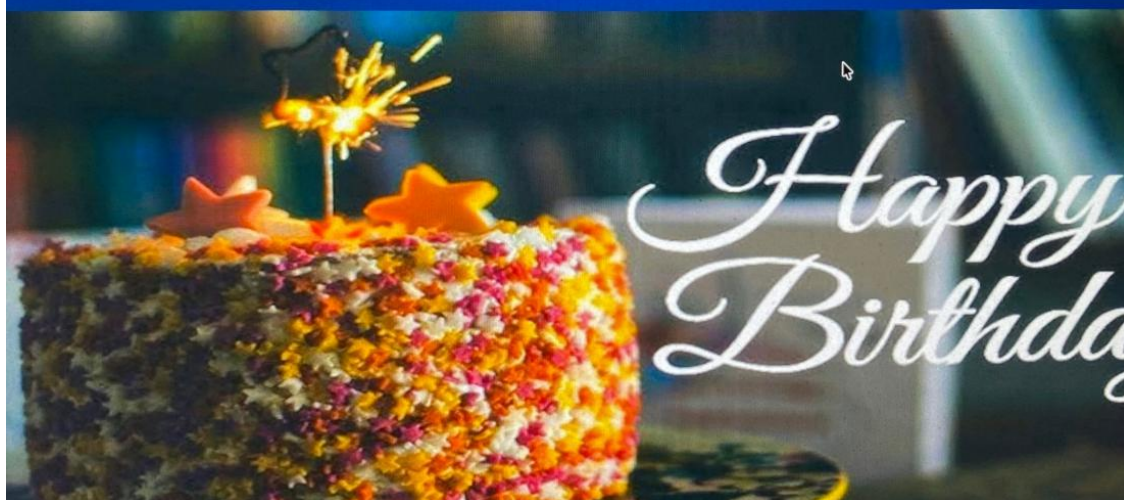
Saturday, May 2nd, the whole collection of Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis clubs is working at the Ronald McDonald House in Colorado Springs to help clean up their playground, install a barbecue pit, and do a number of other projects. Scott Ross encouraged us to come and help. Lunch will be served. If you haven't been to

the Ronald McDonald House, it is a very cool place and well worth your time and attention.

News & Notes

Birthdays

18 – 24 APR 202



Dave Foley

APR 18th

**Joined 2015
Sponsor Tom Weyer**



On Apr 18th in HISTORY

- **1942: The Doolittle Raid** – During WW II, Lieutenant Colonel James H. Doolittle led a [surprise air attack](#) on Tokyo and other cities.
- **1923: Yankee Stadium Opens** – Known as "The House That Ruth Built,"

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- **1963: Conan O'Brien** – Longtime late night talk show host and comedian.

Mark Zeiger

APR 21st

**Joined 2010
Sponsor Rich Rima**



On Apr 21st in HISTORY

- **1918: The Red Baron** is shot down over the Somme River.
- **1934: A photo of the Loch Ness Monster** is published.

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- **1926: Queen Elizabeth** was born, the longest-reigning British monarch in history.



Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne



Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning, but after a short time I ran out of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth with a frog in its mouth.



Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ... with two more frogs.



Life is good.

Happy Bucks



RF Smith had 20 Happy Bucks for the incredible work that Mike Luginbuhl is doing for our Student Leadership Programs. RF stated he was proud to know Mike and also urged that we have a volunteer who will help take some of the SLP program responsibilities from Mike.



Scott Ross had a happy buck because, earlier this week, he received a call from a Kiwanian who provided the \$16,000 remaining to meet our Heart of Monument Playpark funding goal. We can now go forward with the project and begin to focus on Phase II operations. Scott also had two bags of memorabilia from his late father in law's World War II Navy days and welcomes anyone who would offer these items a good home to take them.



Rich Strom had a happy buck for the terrific crew of Artemus II and for our return to space and commitment to the future.



Pete Peterson had a happy buck because he was on his way for another four-week cruise through the Balkans and Scandinavia featuring sex, drugs, and rock and roll. He'll be seeing us again in June.



Frank Wynne had a happy buck, telling club members that when he grows up, he wants to be Pete Peterson



Ed Tomlinson had an update on our golf program. We had 7 members for our first outing. Ed also encouraged members to make suggestions for upcoming programs.



Terry McMullen was back from Nebraska and had a happy buck for the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Car Show, coming up on May 16th. Terry told us he helped start this annual event when he was part of the COS Kiwanis, and told a story about a Camaro from Denver that was in an unfortunate accident on the way to the show.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Greg Bielanski had the lucky ticket number from our weekly drawing, and the total winning would have been \$104, but Greg did not make the winning draw. Next week the chances will be one in four.



Program



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Scribe: Terry McMullen

The meeting began with a presentation by Will Stahl, a senior at Palmer Ridge High School, who will be representing the local DECA Chapter made up of students from both Palmer Ridge and Lewis-Palmer High school students.

· State Competition Success & Upcoming Nationals

o This year, the chapter sent 54 students to the state DECA competition, with 14 advancing to Atlanta for the National-level competition. The trip blends

competition, enrichment, and teambuilding for the competition. While the students will be gone, they'll get to do Atlanta activities such as a Braves game, the Georgia Aquarium, and other local attractions.

· **Several standout projects were highlighted.**

o Entrepreneurship & Innovation: One student developed a wearable device designed to support neurodivergent individuals, complete with outreach to the SBA and early investment exploration.

o Corporate Social Responsibility Research: Another team completed a full research project on CSR strategies for hotel partners, exploring how hotels can better support their communities.

o Financial Literacy Initiative: A student from the Illusion Academy created a project teaching high schoolers about financial risks and responsible money management.



o Student Projects Making RealWorld Impact. We were introduced to Will Stahl a DECA member from Palmer Ridge High School who is presenting his project in Atlanta. He presented the project he will present in Atlanta with his partner Cole.

o Business Growth Plan – Lawn Care Partnership: Students Will and Cole combined their individual lawncare businesses into a single, growing venture. Their presentation covered:

§ A \$4,000 initial investment

§ Plans to hire local teens

§ Expanding services (landscaping, gutter cleaning, mulch, debris removal)

§ Launching a website and brand identity

§ A revenue goal of **\$25,000 for the year**

§ A mission focused on serving veterans and older residents who need reliable yard care Their project has already moved beyond the classroom and is operating as a real business in the community.



Brady Hanson, a teacher at Palmer Ridge High School and the DECA Faculty sponsor, also spoke. He recognized Palmer Ridge student Eli Mariano earned the title of State Champion, representing the chapter with distinction. He also noted that the chapter honored the memory of a DECA member who passed away last year by launching a fundraising campaign for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. With an initial goal of \$1,000, students exceeded expectations and raised over \$10,000, earning onstage recognition at Nationals.

Brady also told members about what DECA competitions are all about. Students compete against each other in roleplay events, where they receive a scenario, prepare for 20 minutes, and present the solutions to judges. These experiences help build confidence, professionalism, and communication skills.

· A Chapter on the Rise

o The schools' DECA chapter was recognized as a **Top Chapter** at the high school level, reflecting strong participation, leadership, and community engagement.

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The video of today's meeting is at this link: <https://youtu.be/5TxZm2fj4Ag>

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