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Monument Hill Club

K-News

April 11, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



WOODMOOR
Water & Sanitation District No. 1

Water in Northern El Paso County

Roy Martinez and Jessie Shaffer





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

Zoomers were Rich Rima, Cay Price, Marlene Bizub, and Gov Vaughn.

Dean Snow was Sergeant at Arms.

Jessie Shaffer led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Scott Ross was this week's Scribe.



Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Steve Sutherland let us know that Ben Bellis has had surgery for a tear in his shoulder and is a week into his recovery.

Rich led a morning prayer: Gracious Father, We gather today with thankful hearts, grateful for success of Artemus II and the safe return of their crew. We are also grateful for the gift of this new spring season. While every season is a blessing, spring reminds us in a special way of renewal and fresh beginnings. In this time,

inspire us to renew our goals and deepen our commitment to serving our community. We give thanks for the joy and fulfillment that come from serving others and working together in unity. Amen.



Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

Mike Aspenson introduced Dave Betzler who is on the NEPCO board and is interested in the water presentation. Welcome!

Pete Peterson reintroduced his wife, Vicki. Great to see you again!

Dana Franzen introduced his wife of 42 years, Shelley Pruitt. Thanks for joining us!

Jim Hatley introduced his friend, MJ. MJ is a retired army nurse and excited to attend our meeting. Great to meet you!



Upcoming Programs

- April 25 - Member Bios



Membership Minute

Upcoming events are:

- April 14 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery 4 p.m.
- April 16 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery 5:30 p.m.
- April 18 - BOD meeting immediately following regular meeting

- April 25 - SLP meeting immediately following regular meeting
- May 6 - RMD E-Club zoom meeting 5-6 pm.



March Madness Finale

Larry Young declared that March Madness is over and provided a wrap-up of winners from our MHKC basketball pool. In position four, Benny Nasser won \$28.50; in position 3, Paul Gourley won \$42.75; in position 2, Scott Ross won \$75.25; and the champion of champions was Vicki Peterson who won \$142! Congratulations to you all!



SLP Notes

Filling in for Mike Luginbuhl, RF Smith told us about the upcoming middle school leadership class taught by Raquel Velazquez. She does a tremendous job, and a couple of times per semester she asks volunteers to come in and help mentor her class. Two dates are coming up, April 22nd and May 6. RF passed around a sign-up sheet and encouraged us to come and help out. You'll be impressed with these kids.

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!!!



Senior Meals

Jim Murphy talked to us about the meal driver's program we conduct in conjunction with Silver Key. Jim emphasized that we are not Meals on Wheels. We pick up prepared food from Colorado Springs and bring it back to Monument at Monument Community Presbyterian Church where it's served in a cafe atmosphere for people who need nutrition and fellowship. If you volunteer as a driver, it'll take you two hours on any day you drive, and you'll only drive one day a month. Right now, he really needs a couple more drivers for various reasons. If you can help, please contact Jim at 719-487-9327 or email at patt.and.jim@gmail.com.

Golf!

The first week for the golf league is scheduled for Tuesday morning with a tee time at 9 am at Pine Creek Golf Club. Please show up no later than 8:45. Ed will be in the parking lot and you can check in with him. Enjoy your round!



2026 Granting

Dave Bailey let us know that our 2026 Foundation granting process is active and grant applications will be accepted from April 15th through May 31st. To request grants, the application forms and instructions are available at our Foundation website: [Grant Applications](#).

So, if you know of a Non-Profit or school teachers that might need some help to support their kids, encourage them to consider submitting a grant request, describing their organization and the purpose for which funds will be used. Emails will also go out to previous grant recipients.





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



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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.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
FOUNDATION**

SERVICE DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 2
10 AM-2 PM
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Ronald McDonald House

Saturday, May 2nd the whole collection of Rocky Mountain District Kiwanis clubs are 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

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

**Frank needs a substitute to lead birthdays and humor the last week of April and the first 3 weeks of May. Please contact Frank if you can help: 719-375-0566.

Birthdays 11 - 17 APR 2026

Happy
Birthday

Frank DeLalla APR 13th

**Joined 2022
Sponsor Bill Kaelin**



On Apr 13th in HISTORY

- **1902:** J.C Penny opens his first store. Kemmerer, Wyoming.
- **1964:** Sidney Poiter wins his first Oscar for Best Actor. Liles of the Fields
- **1997:** Tiger Woods wins his first Master Tournament at the age of 21.

Terry McMullen APR 16th

**Joined 1993 Colo Sprgs / 2023 M
Sponsor R.F. Smith**



On Apr 16th in HISTORY

- **1862:** Slavery is abolished in the District of Columbia.
- **1961:** Fidel Castro declares that he is a Marxist.
- **1963:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. writes "Letter from Birmingham Jail."

Terri Hayes

APR 17th

Honorary MEMBER
Director – Tri-Lakes Chamber of Comm



On Apr 17th in HISTORY

- **1397:** Chaucer performs The Canterbury Tales.
- **1961:** The Bay of Pigs invasion begins.
- **2014:** Kepler-186f is discovered. HAPPY buck for anyone who knows what that is???



Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

#1 One morning a gentlemen steps out to get his newspaper just as two city workers pull up in a maintenance truck and the first one digs a hole and then the second one fills it in. They continue down the street and do this every 20 or so feet. The now curious man follows them for a bit until having seen enough asks, "What The HECK?"

One of the city workers answers: "Frank, who plants the saplings, is off today."

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#2 There used to be an amazing Indian restaurant that cooked everything in clarified butter. It was called "The Ghee Spot".

Went out of business because no one could find it...



Happy Bucks



Dirk Stamp was happy for his youngest son, who was driving to Knoxville, Tennessee to accept a position at Tennessee's only Michelin recommended restaurant. Secondly, he was happy for his alma mater, the Michigan Wolverines, for winning the 2026 Men's NCAA national championship!



Pete Peterson had two happy bucks. First, for his wife, Vicki, for her winning check in the March Madness competition. The rule in their house is probably unlike anybody else's house - what is hers is hers and what is mine is ours. Secondly, his daughter Erin was just informed that she will receive special recognition from the Monument Warriors for her work with the special needs kids in the swimming program.



Scott Ross had two happy bucks. First, he was happy to have Benny Nasser back at the meeting for the first time in a while. The second buck was for his wife, Roberta, who just had her second knee replacement surgery and is on the long road to recovery. She is at home and improving.



Ted Bauman also had two happy bucks. First, that RF Smith has not figured out that lineup comes before Marshals (RF then commented that volunteers can work in both lineup and as marshals). His second happy buck was for Paul Gourley, Sue Reinecke, Mike Luginbuhl and Dave Bailey for their help with the career start interviews on Friday. They had some really, really outstanding kids and Ted will try to get them here into the club, maybe sometime this summer.



Warren Gerig said how happy he is to be a member of this club, and for the love that you showed his wife in her passing. They had planned a live stream for her service, especially for those in Taiwan, the Philippines and Bangkok but it did not work, so the service is available for streaming from YouTube. The link to view is: [Noria Gerig Funeral Service April 9, 2026](#). Thank you again for everything.



Benny Nasser let us know the reason he hasn't been to our meetings recently is because of Bonnie's situation. Last week was not bad. She enjoys seeing people who come by to visit her. If you want to come by, afternoons work better. Give them a call at 719-310-1667. Thank you.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Alan Feldcamp had a chance at \$87, but alas, he drew a red chip. 4 chips next week.

Program



Water in Northern El Paso County

Roy Martinez and Jessie Shaffer

Scribe: Scott Ross

Our program this week focused on water resources in the Tri-Lakes region and featured presentations from Roy Martinez, Director and Jessie Shaffer, District Manager with the Woodmoor Water and Sanitation District about water systems and the Loop Water Authority project.

For those that wish to watch the recording of our program it begins at the 29:00 mark in our YouTube recording starting [HERE](#).

Roy explained the challenges with Denver Basin groundwater, which is non-renewable and unsustainable, while highlighting renewable water initiatives like the Northern Delivery System and Loop Water Authority's plans to transition away from groundwater dependency.



Why This Matters

Water is something we rely on every day—yet most of us rarely think about where it comes from or how long it will last. Our current water supply is limited, and we must plan now for the future.

Where Our Water Comes From

Residents receive water from private wells, town systems, and water districts. Most of this water comes from underground layers called the Denver Basin aquifers.

The Key Challenge: Non-Renewable Water

The Denver Basin aquifers were filled thousands of years ago and do not significantly refill today. They are being steadily depleted. This water will not last forever. As levels drop, wells must go deeper, and costs increase.

Other Water Sources

Surface water depends on rainfall and snow and can be unreliable. Renewable water can be reused and represents the future of our region.

Roy expressed his concerns about Buc-ee's proposed development and its potential impact on local water resources.

Roy ended with two quotes of note for us –

“Only one good thing about Buc-ee’s – it has brought an awareness to the water topic”

“Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting” - Mark Twain

Jesse detailed the Loop Water Authority's progress on constructing a new water delivery system, including plans for a 32-mile pipeline, advanced water treatment facility, and reservoir expansion, with engineering designs currently at 30% completion and construction targeted to begin in 2028.



The Future: Renewable Water Systems

The Loop Water Authority project aims to capture water near Fountain Creek, treat it, and deliver it north. The system includes pipelines, pump stations, and a treatment plant, with a goal of operation in the early 2030s.

Local Issue: Buc-ee's Proposal

A proposed development could use over 13 million gallons of water per year, raising concerns about supply and growth in the region.

A Positive Outcome

More residents are becoming aware of where their water comes from and why long-term planning is important.

Key Takeaways

Our groundwater is finite. Long-term solutions require investment and cooperation. Renewable water is the future, and growth must consider water availability.

Final Thought

Water may be the most important issue facing our community's future.

The video of today's meeting is at this link: https://youtu.be/8bMe_kbZdMk

Quick Links

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Senior Meals Drivers & Scheduler - Jim Murphy

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