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Monument Hill Club

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Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program

Member Biographies

Dirk Stamp and Tom Weyer



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

Zoomers were Barrie Town, Donald Johnson, Marlene Bizub, Paul Gourley, RF Smith and Rich Rima.

Larry Young was Sergeant at Arms.

Tom Weyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Weyer was this week's Scribe.



Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns and a morning invocation.

On Thursday, Jim Wolf helped move Max Williams into Jackson Creek Memory Care. We're working to get him picked up every Saturday to come to our meeting. Please keep Sharon and Max in your thoughts and prayers this week.

Gracious Father, Thank You for every person gathered here today and for all those who have touched this club through their service, dedication, and generosity over the years. Tomorrow, on Father's Day, we offer special thanks and prayers for fathers, grandfathers, husbands, sons, uncles, teachers, coaches, mentors, and the many special men who have enriched our lives personally and through this club. Bless them with health, joy, and the knowledge that their love and example have made a lasting difference.





Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

Steve Sullivan introduced his son, Brian, who is up from Fort Hood for a little R&R in Colorado. Thanks for joining us!

Upcoming Programs

- June 27 - Market Outlook - Frank Wynne
- July 4 - Independence Day Parade - No Meeting
- July 11 - Youth Issues - Hyungyu Kim
- July 18 - Peach Distribution - No Meeting

Membership Minute

Jim Wolf gave us an update on upcoming events:

- July 4 - Parade, no meeting
- July 9 - Happy Hour, Goat Patch Brewery, 4-6 pm

- July 14 - Konnectors, Goat Patch Brewery 5:30 pm
- July 18 - Peaches, no meeting
- July 21 - Business After Hours - 5 - 7 pm at Western Museum of Mining & Industry



New Member

Bill's Stoner pointed out that last week we inducted our new member, Greg Yamaguchi. He came back! If you haven't already, please take time to introduce yourself to him and welcome him to the club.



Soap Box Derby

Greg Bielanski updated us on the soap box derby held 2 weeks ago in Pueblo. Greg said that track down there was fantastic. Our Brad's house contestant did really well and ran in four heats.



Scribes Needed

Mark Anderson told us that we are running short of scribes and passed around a signup list. Scribes have an easy job of summarizing just the program portion of our meetings that is in each week's newsletter. This summary is important for those unable to attend or zoom our meetings. So please, look at your calendar and sign up. We don't have any scribes for the next three or four weeks, so we

definitely need some help. Thanks!

Golf Club Update

Ed Tomlinson gave an update on the Golf Club, which meets Tuesday mornings at Pine Creek Golf Club. There were only five players last week, so come on out! Ed emphasized that ALL abilities are welcome, and the club is having a good time. They would like to have a few more golfers to fill out three foursomes. If you would like to play, contact any of the following no later than any Sunday morning NLT 10:00 am:

Frank Keating frk54@yahoo.com

Ed Tomlinson etomlinson24@comcast.net

Bill Kaelin williamkealin@gmail.com



July 4th

250 Years of Freedom
150 Years of Colorado Statehood

4th of July Parade Update

Our Independence Day Parade is just 2 weeks away, Saturday, July 4th. 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. Frank DeLalla told us we have in the neighborhood of 93 entries in the parade this year, with about a week to go before entry closeout. The parade committee, based on a recommendation by Bennie Nasser, has



decided that Max and Sharon Williams will be the grand marshals of the parade this year.

- At the top of the need list, RF Smith needs about 45 Marshalls and only has 28 so far. Being a marshal is a great place to watch the parade and keep the kids out of harm's way. There is a parade marshal signup genius at the following link:
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BAEAF2CABF94-63568678-2026#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BAEAF2CABF94-63568678-2026#/)
- Greg Bielanski needs two more judges. It is a good position because you start at 8:30 and get done early, and you can still work another position such as a marshal. We will not have any electric golf carts this year, so if you have an electric bike that a judge could use, it would be greatly appreciated.
- Ted Bauman says the lineup group is all set and ready to go. They will put the lineup signs out on Friday afternoon. Ted will send an email to the crew about where and what time to meet on Saturday morning.
- Ed Tomlinson believes things are looking fine for the setup of the reviewer stand that starts at 7:00 a.m. However, they might need some help so if you are available, you could check with them at the corner of Front Street and 3rd Street. Sign up now!

Listed below are the parade team leads - contact them to volunteer:

- Parade Marshals (45) – RF Smith
- Lineup Team (10 to 12) – Ted Bauman
- Judges (4) – Greg Bielanski
- Announcers (3) – Scott Ross, Ed Tomlinson
- Publicity & Photography (2) – Bob Harrigan
- Infrastructure (2 to 3) – Rich Strom
- Downtown Greeters (3) – Alan Thompson
- LPHS Greeters – (2-3)
- Starters (3) – Jim Murphy
- Children's Parade (3) – Ofie Lopez
- South-side Parking (4 to 6) – Mark Pfoff
- Van Driver – Dirk Stamp

Questions, contact Frank DeLalla at 719-339-3567 or fdelalla@aol.com.





After-Hours Hosting with the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce, July 21st

We are hosting the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry on July 21st, between 5-7 p.m. Our setup begins at 4 p.m. Jim Wolf said we are still looking for someone to run that event, but he passed around a signup sheet for us since we will be providing heavy orders for 125 people.

We will need to bring appetizers, small plates, napkins, and utensils for approximately 125 people. This is a great opportunity for us to connect with the community and share our story about what Kiwanis is doing in the Tri-Lakes area.



Peaches Coming Early - July 18th

Terry McMullen said it is time for everyone to start pitching peaches and to get the word out. We had an ad in the Gazette last week on our peaches effort.

At this point we have 261 orders and 384 boxes sold. Scott Ross is going to put together some flyers for distribution that will be handed out next week and during the parade.

Our peach distribution date is on Saturday, July 18th at Bear Creek Elementary School. That's two weeks early, so plans for this big operation are moving up. Here is the [link for ordering peaches](#).

On Saturday, Liam Wynne passed around a signup sheet. We're pretty good in the morning right now, but need a couple more in the afternoon for all spots, but that's pretty normal. Liam has also put together a [Sign Up Genius](#) so our members can see where volunteers are needed and designate a slot where they can help. We will need 59 volunteers in shifts, to get the job done. Once again, Dan Lopez will be making great eats for the crew!



Birthdays

20 - 26 JUN 2026



Sheila Ferguson JUN 24th

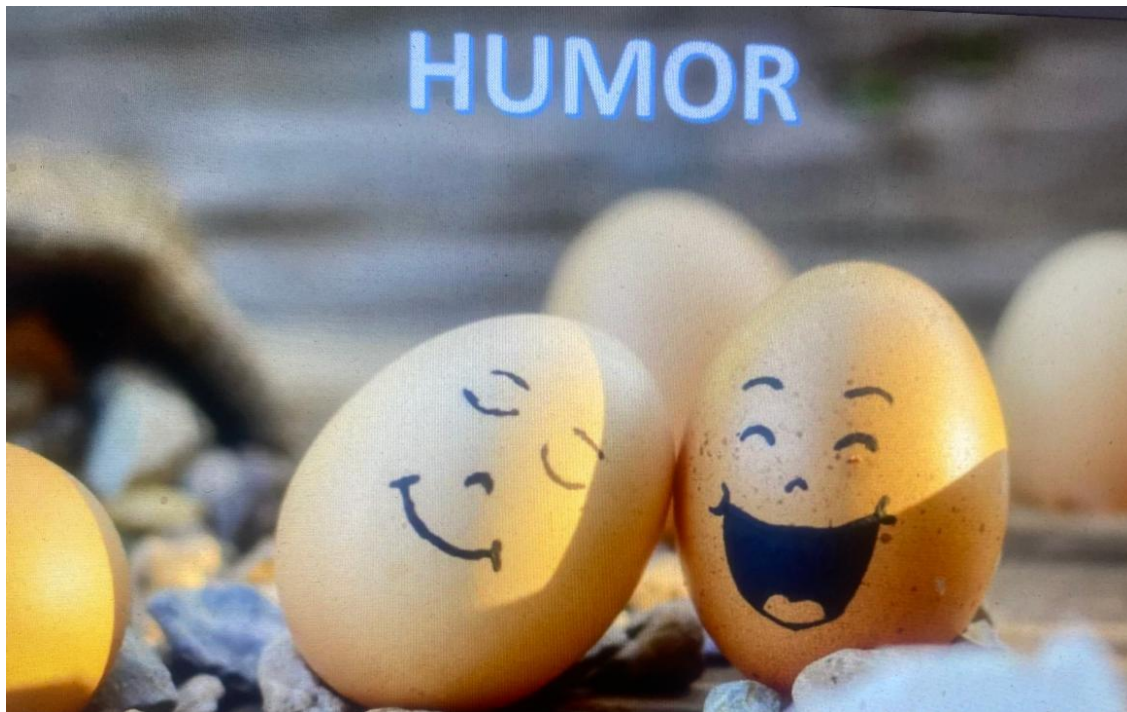
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On JUN 24th in HISTORY

- ❖ 1812: Napoleon invades Russia.
- ❖ 1939: Siam is renamed Thailand.
- ❖ 1995: South Africa won the Rugby World Cup, first major sports event after apartheid.
"You should watch the movie **INVICTUS**"

Famous figures born on June 24 span the worlds sports, entertainment, and history, most notably legendary Argentine soccer player **Lionel Messi** and Fleetwood Mac drummer **Mick Fleetwood**.



Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

Patty had been drinking at his local pub all day and most of the night, celebrating St Patrick's Day. The bartender says, "You'll not be drinking anymore tonight, Patty." Patty replies, "Okay Mick, I'll be on my way then."

Patty spends around on his stool and steps off. He falls flat on his face. "Damn" he says and pulls himself up by the stool and dusts himself off. He takes a step towards the door and falls flat on his face, "Oh bloody damn!" He looks to the doorway and thinks to himself that if he can just get to the door and get some fresh air he'll be fine. He belly crawls to the door and shimmies up to the door frame. He sticks his head outside and takes a deep breath of fresh air, feels much better and takes a step outside onto the sidewalk and falls flat on his face. "Be-Jesus... I'm in bloody trouble" he says.

He can see his house just a few doors down, and crawls to the door, hauls himself up the door frame, opens the door and shimmies inside. He takes a look up the stairs and says "No bloody way..." He crawls up the stairs to his bedroom door and says "I can make it to the bed." He takes a step into the room and falls flat on his face. He says "Damn it" and falls into bed.

The next morning his wife, Jess, comes into the room carrying a cup of coffee and says, "Get up Patty. Did you have a bit to drink last night?" Patty says, "I did, Jess. I was bloody pissed. But how did you know?" "Mick phoned - you left your wheelchair at the pub."

Happy Bucks



On Zoom, RF Smith said he was happy that they graduated in 92 Colorado high school students on Thursday from the 33rd Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership conference. There were 43 Colorado



Bill Stoner had two happy bucks: 1) He forgot his name tag, 2) He announced that their grandson is now the reigning State High School Champion in bull riding. He has qualified for the

high schools represented with the best showing since 2015. He says he'll pay his happy buck next week, so somebody should cover.

Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska next month.



Dean Snow had two happy bucks: 1) He covered RF Smith's happy buck and talked a little about the Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership Conference held last week. They had a great week with 93 kids. Mike McGrath gave an inspired presentation about his time as a POW in Vietnam. Thank you for being such a supporter of RMYLC! 2) Dean's second buck was because Saturday would have been the 45th anniversary of Dean and his late wife, Robin.



Steve Sutherland had two happy bucks: One was that he had his son here and the two of them are watching a little World Cup together and also Father's Day. And the second happy buck was that his daughter is coming down, so he's got the whole clan together on Father's Day, and he's happy about that.



Rich Strom told us that he and Kathy went to a theater performance on Friday by a global group, Encore Academy. Locally, this is a theater group run by Scott Andrews wife, Annie. For their graduation exercise they put on commercials and one of those was about Kiwanis. It was really cool. We got this nice little commercial to about 50 people out there. It was really cute.



Lee Meyer had five happy bucks for Ted Bauman, who officiated at his daughter's wedding last weekend in Manhattan, Kansas. They had a great time and everybody enjoyed it.



Dan Lopez had two happy bucks, one for himself and one for Ofie because they survived their recent trip from San Francisco to State College, Pennsylvania. They got to see some real beautiful parts of the country on Interstate 80, and it was fun.



Ed Tomlinson was amazed that no one had mentioned the summer solstice. He took a quick poll of the exact time of the solstice, and no one got close. He informed us that it was at 8:22 p.m. Saturday evening. So there.



Dick Salverson told us that his daughter took him out for the cheese curds and wings on Friday night for Father's Day, along with a couple of beers. It was a great night!



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

This week there were 7 chips in the black bag and \$75 at stake. Charlie Brown was determined to get the blue chip. He actually took 2 chances and got the blue chip on each try. Congratulations!

Program



Member Biographies

Dirk Stamp and Tom Weyer

Scribe: Tom Weyer

Dirk Stamp and his wife, Laura, are the owners of The Wine Sellar in Palmer Lake and are well known for supporting local nonprofits and community fundraising efforts.

Raised in western Iowa, Dirk credits his parents for teaching him the values of hard work, balance, and community service. He grew up enjoying pheasant and deer hunting, cycling, and the outdoors. Dirk completed Iowa's famous RAGBRAI (across Iowa) bicycle ride seven times as a youth.


Dirk described himself as fortunate enough to “sponge” the talents, values, and personalities of both parents during his formative years. Those lessons would later influence his approach to business, leadership, and community involvement. Watching his father build a successful seed corn business sparked his interest in entrepreneurship. Those observations would serve his own entrepreneurial spirit later in his bio.

A family visit to the beaches and cemeteries of Normandy left a lasting impression on Dirk and sparked an interest in military service. Although he initially considered several ROTC scholarship opportunities, he ultimately accepted an Army ROTC scholarship. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1990 and was assigned to Germany. There, as a US Army Tank Commander and later US Army Scout he supported the Gulf War in several capacities. While stationed in Germany, he met his soon-to-be wife Laura, who was teaching for the DoDD overseas.

After military service, they settled first in Wisconsin and later in Colorado, where Dirk built a career in the wine sales industry. A prior sales connection with a small wine shop along Highway 105 led Dirk and Laura to purchase The Wine Sellar...financially they moved their chips “all-in”.

Through hard work, strong customer relationships, and community involvement, they transformed it into a beloved Tri-Lakes business. More than 26 years later, they remain deeply involved in both the business and the community they proudly call home.

Dirk concluded his biography with a simple observation: “There’s more to write.” Given the life he and Laura have built together, their commitment to community service, and their continuing adventures as business owners, it seems certain that future chapters remain to be written.



Tom Weyer first presented his biography to the club more than 20 years ago during its SERTOMA days, delivering a memorable and humorous spoof of his sponsor, Major General Stan Beck. It's obvious today that Tom misses Stan as a neighbor, sponsor and friend.

Born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Tom grew up on a dairy farm near St. Joseph. He attended a one-room country school in first grade, with one teacher and six grade levels. He graduated from Apollo High School in 1978. After attending St. Cloud State University, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1981. Later in life he earned a BS degree in Computer Studies from the University of Maryland.

During a distinguished 26 year Air Force career, Tom served initially as a communications and cryptographic technician. Later he “voluntarily” retrained into the medical careerfield. As a Flight Surgeon Medic Tom provided medical support to rescue helicopter missions throughout the Dakotas, supported treaty-reduction flights with Soviet senior officers, and high angle rescues in the Black Hills. At a later assignment, among other things, he worked as an inside attendant in a hyperbaric chamber in Okinawa. Many nights he would monitor patients requiring decompression during the six hours of treatment.



Later assignments included serving as Superintendent of the Cadet Clinic at the U.S. Air Force Academy supporting cadet physical examinations and programs. His final military assignment he led operations for a Department of Defense agency responsible for medical evaluations of Military Academy and ROTC applicants. After retiring from the Air Force, Tom continued serving in a civilian leadership role with that Department of Defense, retiring again from Civil Service 8 years later.

Tom married his high school sweetheart, Pam, in 1982. They have been together for 45 years. Pam is a retired elementary school principal. Tom concluded his biography by noting that he is already planning his next biography presentation for June 13, 2050. He hopes to see everyone for that presentation!

Today's meeting is at this link: <https://youtu.be/RGdPcNpw4ug>

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