



Kiwanis®
Monument Hill Club

K-News

July 25, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



KI ByThe Numbers

Scott Ross



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

Zoomers were Rich Rima, Dr. Marlen Bizub, Don Johnson, Barrie Town, Frank Bittinger, Benny Nasser, Ron Mangiarelli, Jack Fry, Jim Head and Heidi Yeley of the Ute Pass Kiwanis Club.

Dave Bailey was Sergeant at Arms.

Greg Bielanski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rich Strom was set to be this week's Scribe, but Scott Ross will perform those duties, since he made today's presentation.

Member Concerns

Larry Young led member concerns. Mike Luginbuhl's mother passed away last week, and Mark Zeiger's wife had surgery this week. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

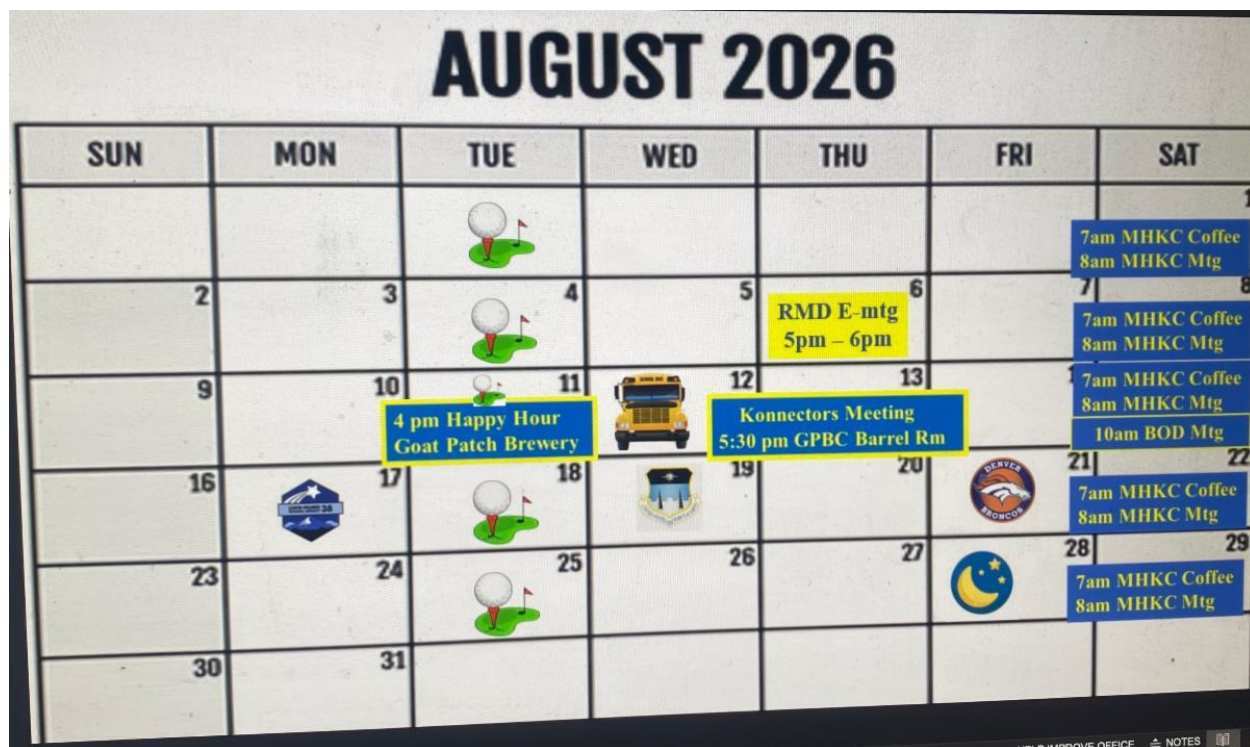
Larry Young led morning prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for your gifts of surplus that allow us to make a difference in our community. Thanks for those who desire to give back. In your name, we ask that you guide our actions and bless our fellowship. Amen.

Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

There were no visiting Kiwanians or guests, although Heidi Yeley, the president of the Ute Pass Kiwanis Club in Woodland Park joined us on Zoom. Happy to have you joining us, Heidi!

Upcoming Programs

- August 1 - Is the Judicial System Fair? Mark Pfoff
- August 8 - Confederate Brigade Journey to Gettysburg - Bruce Clark
- August 15 - Citizens in Our Schools = Amy Matissek and Amber Whetside
- August 22 - The Retirement Reformation



Membership Minute

Jim Wolf gave us an update on upcoming events:

- Aug 6 - RMD E-Meeting 5:00 pm
 - Aug 11 - Happy Hour, Goat Patch Brewery, 4 pm
 - Aug 13 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery, 5:30 pm
 - Aug 19 - D 38 School Board Meeting, Big Red, 6:00 pm
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Support for Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club First Tee Event

Rick Couch from the Colorado Springs Kiwanis Club joined us at our July 11 meeting to present information about their annual golf tournament benefiting First Tee, which pairs adult golfers with children. Rick requested sponsorship for four golfers. The tournament will be held at Valley Hi Golf Course on Monday, August 3rd. If you'd like to participate, please contact Tom Taylor at 719 425-6303 or <https://coskiwanis.org/event-6585403>.



Kiwanis
CLUB OF COLORADO SPRINGS

BENEFIT GOLF OUTING FOR



MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

SHOTGUN START AT 7:30 A.M. VALLEY HI GOLF COURSE

\$125 per person includes golf
and brunch for one adult and
one First Tee Player

- 9-Holes with cart
- Scramble Format
- Mulligans and Golf Cannon
available for purchase

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Golf Club Update

Ed Tomlinson gave an update on the Golf Club, which meets Tuesday mornings at Pine Creek Country Club. The club is now playing for dollars. There have consistently been two foursomes playing, but there is room for another foursome. The club is having a very good time.



4th of July Parade Recap

Frank DeLalla presented a wrap-up of the parade, reporting that we had 111 entries, over 1,700 individuals, 200 vehicles, 52 floats, and we generated approximately \$8,900 in revenue. He thanked various team leads and volunteers for their contributions, including Mark Zeiger, Ted, Liam, and others who helped with infrastructure, announcements, and logistics. Scott mentioned that while the town is struggling financially, they plan to work with local groups to solicit additional donations to support next year's parade.



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

Jim Wolf thanked all those who helped host the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce After Hours event at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry. The food our members brought was very well received, and we were able to help tell the story of our club to the local business community. Jim made remarks that highlighted what we do as a club, and Scott Ross was able to announce that the Monument Town Council approved the Heart of Monument Play Park building plan. We will be in contact with the Chamber to help with the ground breaking ceremonies that should be occurring very soon.

2026

Peaches Fundraising Campaign

MHKC ordered 1,010 18# boxes to be delivered on July 18 “Drop Day”

- 995 Boxes Sold Online (majority on STRIPE)
- 5 Boxes to be Donated by MHKC
 - Bear Creek Elementary
 - Monument PD
 - Monument Fire
 - D 38 School District Admin
- 5 Boxes To “Late Buyers”

Gross income \$42,395.20

Expenses (C&R Farms) \$32,428.61

Total profit = **\$9,996.59**

Status Update

As of: July 8, 2026



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Peaches Recap

Terry McMullen summed up last Saturday’s annual peaches distribution. We had orders for 1,010 boxes. 995 boxes were sold online. We donated 5 boxes to Bear Creek Elementary, the Monument Police Department, the Monument Fire Department, and to D 38 School District Administration. We also held back 5 boxes for Late Buyers.

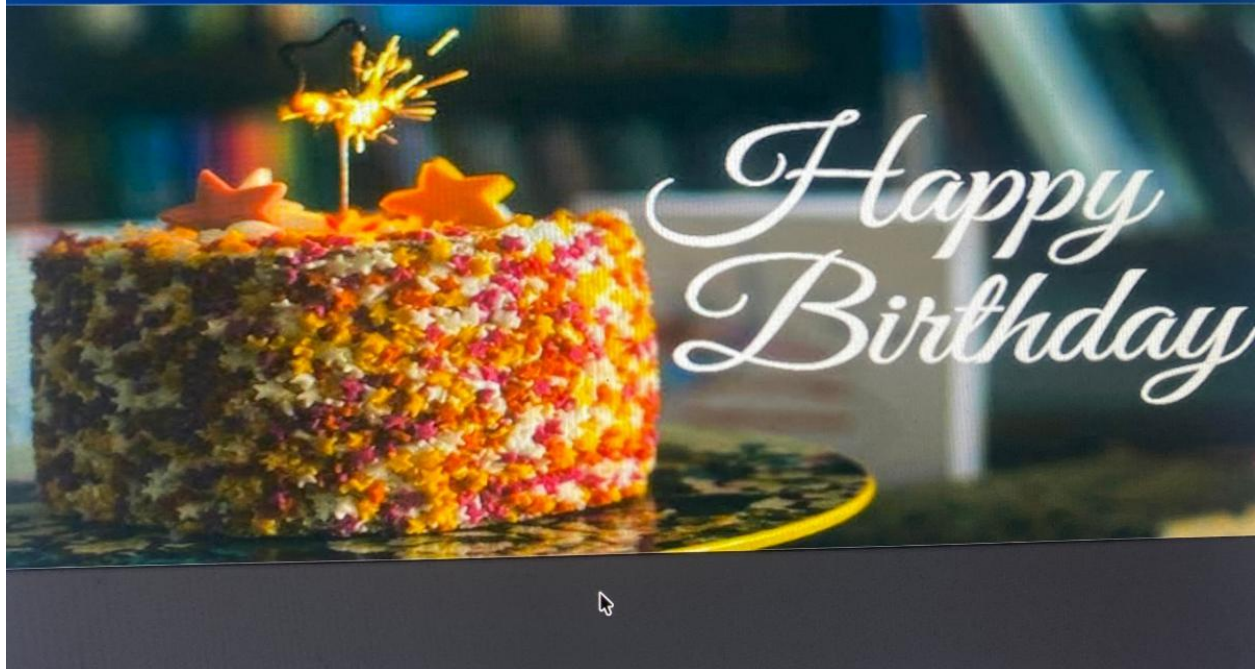
Gross income was \$42,395.20. Expenses came to \$32,428.61. Total profit came to \$9,996.59. Dana Franzen added a \$5 donation to bring the total to \$10,001.59.

Terry thanked all club members for the team effort. The small flyers that were mass-produced (with thanks to RF Smith) helped spread the word, as did Bob Harrington's efforts to get the word out in local media like Our Community News. We appreciated the work of Liam Wynne, who helped organize the volunteers, and Kathy Strom, who helped with the finances.

Although Dan Lopez wasn't able to prepare the delicious meals we've become used to at Peaches events, we were thrilled to have him and Ofie back with us. We appreciated the Wynnes' food contributions. We are also grateful for the help of Sharon Williams, who helped distribute flyers in 51 Monument businesses.



Birthdays 18 – 24 JULY 2026 PEACHES
25 – 31 JULY 2026



Ben Bellis Jr. 21st JUL

Joined 2016
Sponsor Steve Stephenson



On JUL 21st in HISTORY

- ❖ 1798: Napoleon Bonaparte wins Battle of Pyramids in Egypt (Battle of Embabeh)
- ❖ 1853: Central Park in New York created when New York State Legislature puts aside more than 750 acres of land on Manhattan Island
- ❖ 1973: Braves Hank Aaron hits Philadelphia Phillies Ken Brett's fastball for his 700th HR, in Atlanta

Famous figures born on July 21st :

writer Ernest Hemingway, comedian and actor Robin Williams, and singer Cat Stevens (Yusuf Islam)

Mark Pfoff 23rd JUL

**Joined 2008
Sponsor Bill Walsch**

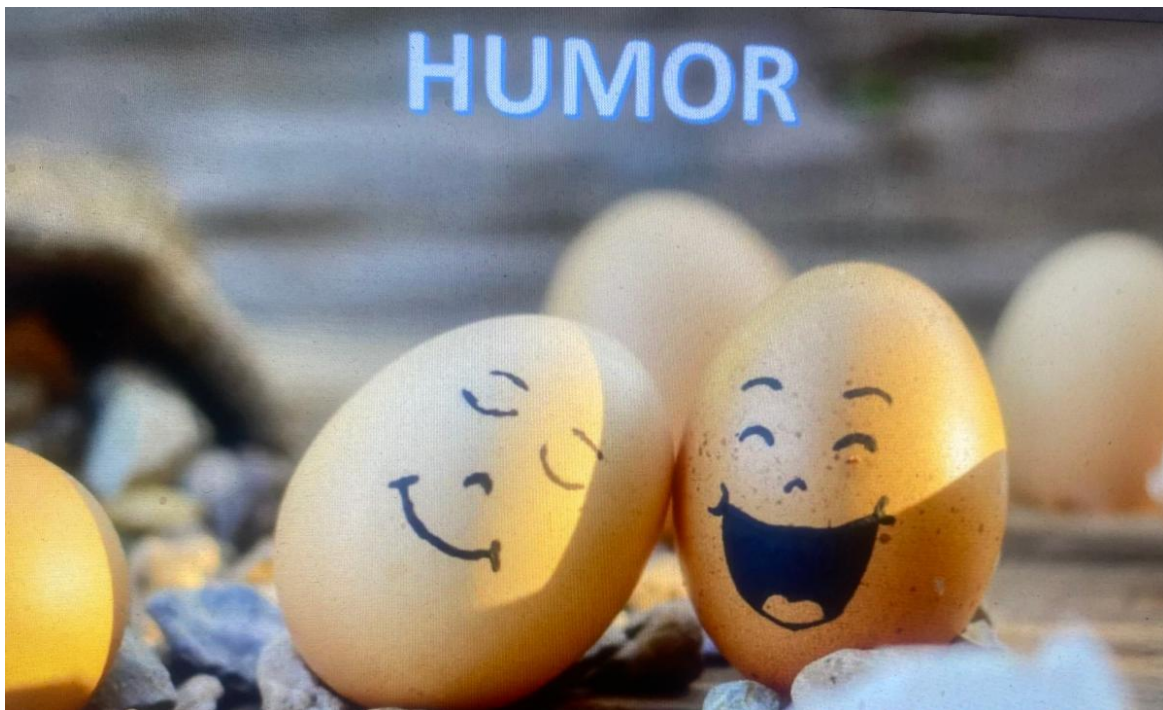


On JUL 23rd in HISTORY

- ❖ **1904:** Ice cream cone is created during the St. Louis World's Fair, reputedly first by Charles E. Menches
- ❖ **1966:** Frank Sinatra's album "Strangers In The Night" hits #1 on the US chart
- ❖ **1994:** Space Shuttle STS-65 Columbia 17 lands after a record 14 days and 55 minutes

Famous figures born on July 23rd :

Harry Potter actor **Daniel Radcliffe** (born 1989),
Cheers and *True Detective* actor **Woody Harrelson**



Humor,

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

I know a lot of you guys get up early. Anyone read the paper this morning for... Okay, good. Okay, then you haven't seen the headline.

So anyway, there's 2 dear friends. You've got Wilma and Roberta. They've been friends for years. They live here in monument. Several weeks back, they're in Safeway, and Roberta observes in the line, Wilma being basically verbally abused by her husband, Richard. Real Richard. Um, and she's really, and this has been bad for years. One day, she grabs Wilma to side. She goes, You know, my nephew, Arthur, is coming in from Philadelphia. He lives, he's in Philadelphia. He's coming to visit for a while. He can make this problem go away, if you'd like.

She looks, thinks about it, and it's gotten really bad. She goes, I'd like to talk to him. They set up a meeting. Arthur comes in, meets Wilma, says, I go by Artie. He talks, he goes, I can take care of this for you. Um, but it'll be \$5,000.

Um, she goes, okay, I'm, and take care of it. He goes, But I need a form of payment now, you know, for credit. She says, Well, I can't do anything.

Then I'm gonna need the insurance money, you know, to be able to take care of that for you. He goes, Okay, but I do need something. And she fumbles through her purse, she pulls out a dollar bill.

She goes, all I have is a dollar. I'm on a tight budget, obviously tight purse strings, and don't get an allowance. So I just have a dollar.

Artie goes, Fine, I'll take it, takes the buck. Couple weeks, he's watching the behavior of Richard, and he knows every Friday night that Richard goes to Safeway. He's going to go buy himself a really nice steak for the weekend.

Artie goes in, he follows Richard into the Safeway store, and goes to the back. It's late. There's not a lot of people back there. As Richards leaning over the counter, Artie pops out quietly, chokes him. Right there, he falls dead into the meat counter.

All of a sudden, butcher comes out, startled, Arthur was not prepared for that. He panics, and he chokes the butcher. Now he immediately works his way out the aisle, and gets, this is all caught on close camera. and gets caught outside the door by the Monument police.

You guys should have seen the headline this morning. That's why I was asking who read the paper, because right there on the front page, it says, Artie Chokes, two for a dollar in Safeway

Happy Bucks



Scott Ross had happy bucks for the fact that the Monument town council approved the plans for the Heart of Monument Play Park. Equipment can now be ordered, and the groundbreaking should be done within the next week or two.



Terry McMullen had a happy buck for getting a good follow up report on his shoulder. The X ra on his shoulder. The X rays look good.



Bob Harrigan had a happy buck for the Leonardo DiVinci Museum in Pueblo. Bob says it's a great look at this renaissance man and inventor and well worth the \$13 admission for seniors.



.Mark Anderson had two happy bucks for the leadership on two of our biggest events. One for Frank DeLalla, who led our 4th of July parade efforts, and another for Terry McMullen and the outstanding work he did on last week's Peaches project.



Rich Strom had happy bucks for the Peaches article Bob Harrigan helped get published in the Tri Lakes Tribune, and for Tom Weyer and

Tom Weyer had a happy buck because his cabin in Rye survived the recent flooding that occurred in that area..

Chuck Leggerio, who helped manage the trash boxes and cleanups for the parade,



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

This week the drawing was up to \$61, and there were 8 chips. Dirk Stamp had the winning ticket, but did not draw the winning chip.

Program



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Scribe: Scott Ross

Scott presented data on Kiwanis International membership trends, highlighting concerns about aging membership and declining numbers, with the worldwide average age at 69 and a 20% reduction in members over five years.

The Rocky Mountain District, which includes 73 clubs and nearly 1,800 members across Wyoming, Colorado, and parts of Nebraska, showed mixed results with 26 clubs gaining members but 22 below

charter strength. The Monument Hill Kiwanis Club specifically has dropped from around 140 members to 104, with concerns raised about potentially ending service projects including the Empty Bowl with our partnership with Tri Lakes Cares, and the Stars of Tomorrow event due to lack of volunteers, particularly needing someone to take over from Rick Strom.



The meeting focused on addressing challenges in membership diversity and growth within the Kiwanis club. Scott highlighted the decline in female members, from 23 to 9 over three years, and emphasized the need to make the club more appealing to younger generations and diverse populations.

He proposed strategies to attract new members, including targeting specific demographics like empty nesters and educators, promoting service relevance, and leveraging community connections. The group discussed the importance of promoting Kiwanis activities to increase visibility and attract potential members, with Sherry sharing her experience as the first female member and encouraging more women to join.

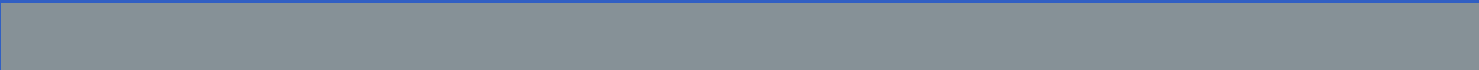
The video link will soon be accessible here. <https://youtu.be/6qqnZ83KZSI>



Quick Links

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Special Thanks

Senior Meals Drivers & Scheduler - Jim Murphy

Deliveries: Tues, Wed, Thurs; Senior Center; Grace Best Education Center

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