



Kiwanis
Monument Hill Club

K-News

August 29, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Member Biographies

Gov Vaughn and Jim Hatley

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

Zoomers were Rich Rima, Don Johnson, Barrie Town, Jim Head, and Larry Vliet.

Dean Snow was Sergeant at Arms.

McKenna Willis, Leo Ludebbert, and Ellie Benton of the Lewis Palmer Middle School's Builder's Club led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scott Ross was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns. Ed Tomlinson talked to Tony Trifiletti who had a fall last week. Tony was a little banged up but is recovering and said he used his head to stop his fall.

Rich talked to John Spidell on Tuesday last week. John has moved to Glenwood Springs and is doing well. He is still a Club member and said to say hi to everyone. His new address is 4210 Sky Ridge Dr., Glenwood Springs, 81601.

Rich offered a morning prayer: Heavenly Father, guide us and strengthen one another and the bonds of our community. May all that we accomplish bring joy and provide hope to those in need. Amen.





Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

There were no visiting Kiwanians. McKenna Willis, Leo Ludebbert, and Ellie Benton of the Lewis Palmer Middle School's Builder's Club, their faculty leader, Raquel Vasquez, and her father, Amarante Vasquez, who was visiting Raquel from Utah, joined us today. Jim Hatley, who was part of our program presenters today, brought his wife, Jill, and Scott Anderews was here with his wife Annie. Annie is Executive Director of Encore Community Arts. It was great to have all of you join us.!



Builders Club/Patriot Leader, National Junior Honor Society Update

A highlight of the meeting was a visit from Raquel Vasquez, leadership teacher at Lewis-Palmer Middle School, and several of her student leaders.

Raquel described the school's leadership programs, including Builders Club/Patriot Leader, National Junior Honor Society, and the Welcome Ambassador program. Students develop practical leadership skills such as teamwork, communication, perseverance, kindness and, especially, courage.

Several student Welcome Ambassadors spoke about why they chose leadership roles. Their goals included making LPMS a more positive and welcoming school, improving school spirit, serving as role models, helping younger students, and growing personally as leaders.

The students also discussed some of their current leadership challenges. Among their observations:

- Leaders need to set a positive example even on difficult days.
- Good leaders listen to the needs and opinions of their teammates before focusing on themselves.
- Leadership requires remembering that other people may be dealing with challenges that aren't visible.
- Leaders must continually work to bring their best selves to the people who depend upon them.
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Raquel invited Kiwanians to participate in several classroom leadership activities during the year. These will include teamwork challenges, dance and communication exercises, and a new program teaching formal dining etiquette, dinner conversation, handling difficult conversations, changing topics gracefully, and appropriately exiting conversations.

Club members who have participated in the leadership classroom strongly encouraged others to volunteer, describing the program and students as exceptional.





Club Updates, D38 Support Sertoma Gift to HOMPP, Leadership Positions

Jim Wolf gave us club updates.

Supporting District 38

There were pictures of club representatives recently attended a Lewis-Palmer School District 38 Board of Education meeting, where Monument Hill Kiwanis presented this year's grant funding of approximately \$23,000.

Members noted that Monument Hill Kiwanis has contributed more than \$300,000 to District 38 over the past ten years. The District presented the club with a plaque recognizing that support.

Heart of Monument Play Park

The club received another major contribution for the Heart of Monument Play Park.

The Gleneagle Sertoma Club presented Monument Hill Kiwanis with a \$25,000 check for the project. Members were told that this was the largest single check the Sertoma club had ever presented to one organization.

The club expressed its appreciation for this significant support of the park.

Leadership Opportunities for the Coming Kiwanis Year

Planning continues for the transition to the next club year. The Change of Command ceremony is now expected to be held October 10.

Several leadership and volunteer opportunities remain open.

Of particular importance is finding a new Vice President for Youth Leadership. The position oversees one of Monument Hill Kiwanis' most important areas of service. Several members have agreed to assist as part of a team, but someone is still needed to lead the effort.

Additional help is needed with the club's communications activities, including media relations, Facebook and other club communications.

The future of the Stars of Tomorrow program also remains under discussion. Members would like to continue the program, but it will require both a program leader and someone willing to take responsibility for fundraising.

The incoming leadership is also looking for someone to coordinate club social activities.

Upcoming NFL Football Pools

Dan Lopez talked about the upcoming NFL football season, the club's football pools begin with the start of the season next weekend. Members who have not yet signed up were encouraged to participate.

Materials will be distributed, and arrangements are available for members who are traveling or participating remotely.



Upcoming Programs

- September 5 - Leadership with Genera; Ste[phen Lorenz
- September 12 - Kiwanis Website - Mark Zeiger and Scott Ross
- September 19 - Community Resource Officer for Monument PD, Kelly Reifel
- October 10 - Changing of the Guard (Moved from September 30th)

SEPTEMBER 2026						
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Membership Minute

Bill Stoner welcomed Jim Titus this morning as our newest club member. Jim's sponsor is Jack Fry. Jim and Jack met in the Air Force, and Jim served on the History faculty at USAFA both as an active duty officer and then as a civilian faculty member. Welcome Jim!

Bill Stoner gave us an update on upcoming events. The most important big event coming up will be the Empty Bowls on October 14th.

- Sept 8 - Happy Hour at the Goat Patch, 4 pm
- Sept 15 - Konnectors Meeting at Goat Patch, 5:30 pm
- Oct 10 - Change of Command, date changed from Sept 26th
- Oct 14 - Empty Bowls





Golf, Empty Bowls Updates

Golf

Bill Kaelin told us that the Kiwanis golf group continues to meet and plans to play regularly through September, with additional informal play possible in October as weather permits..

Members interested in joining were encouraged to participate.

Empty Bowls

Dave Bailey strongly encouraged to sign up to volunteer for Empty Bowls, scheduled for Wednesday, October 14.

This is expected to be the club's final year participating in the event in its current role, and members were encouraged to help make the final effort especially successful. Volunteer signup sheets were circulated during the meeting.

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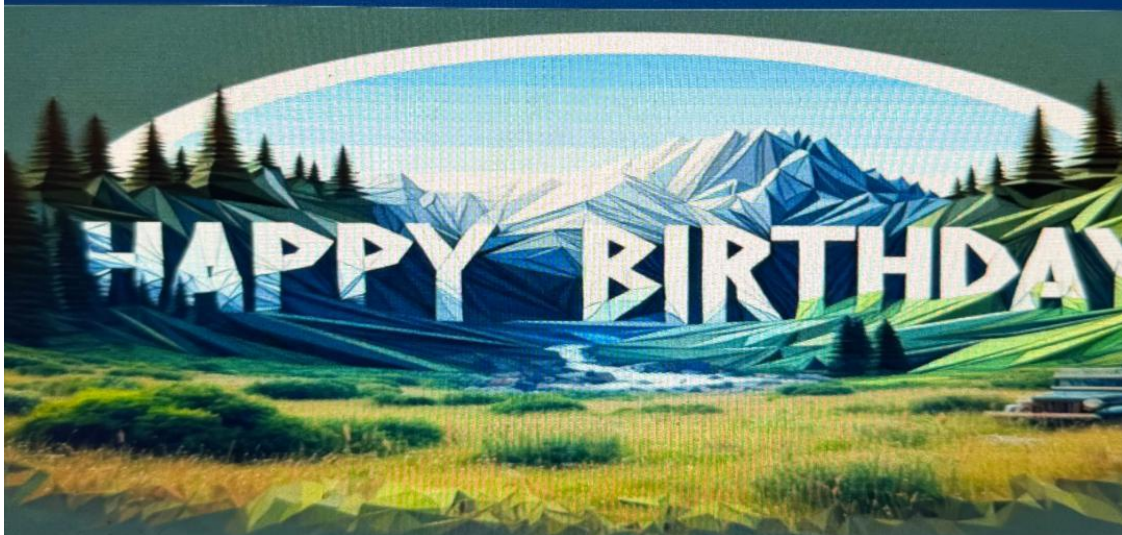
Memorial Service/Celebration of Life For Bonnie Nasser

A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of Bonnie Nasser on Saturday, September 12th at the Monument Community Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. Bonnie was a member of our club for 15 years. All club members are welcome to attend.



Birthdays

8 AUG – 4 SEPT 2026



Jack Fry

SEPT 3rd

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On SEPT 3ed in HISTORY

- **1783:** Treaty of Paris signed in Paris ends the American Revolutionary War between Great Britain and the United States of America..
- **1928:** Baseball Hall of Fame outfielder Ty Cobb got his 4,189th and final career hit, as a pinch hitter for the Philadelphia A's
- **1978:** Pope John Paul I was officially installed as the supreme pontiff

HUMOR

*Life is so
much easier
with a sense
of humour*



Humor

Frank Wynne

She's single... She lives right across the street and I can see her place from my kitchen window!

I watched as she got home from work this evening. I was surprised when she walked across the street, up my driveway and knocked on the door!

I opened the door, she looked at me and said: "I just got home, and I have this strong urge to go dancing and drinking, and maybe fool around a little....you know, have some fun.

Are you doing anything tonight?"

I quickly replied: "Nope, I'm free!"

"Great!" she said. "Can you look after my dog?"

Being a senior citizen, really sucks!!



Happy Bucks



Mike Luginbuhl had a happy buck for our guests this morning, Raquel Vasquez and Lewis Palmer Middle School's Builder's Club/Jr. National Honor Society/Patriots which has become a premiere leadership program in D38. Please help us by joining in their activities this coming year.



Sue Reineke had a happy buck to remindus that Nominations for Kiwanian of the Year are now open. We need to have our nominations entered by September 30th.



Dana Franzen had happy bucks after returning from a three week vacation to Kenya, and Tanzania. He and his wife saw the top five biggest, meanest, ugliest animals on earth and also got to visit a youngster they have sponsored for five years at his academy. They also went on a safari.



Dick Salverson had 5 happy bucks because he took his grandson Nathan to enter Purdue University. Nathan has made the Purdue marching band and will be part of the Purduebas, as a tuba player. He and his wife also got to travel to the Great Lakes on this trip.



Steve Hall had happy bucks for taking his grandson to start college at CU Boulder this past week. He becomes a 5th generation Buff. He also had happy bucks for attending his 60th High School reunion this past week. He was a graduate of St. Francis DeSales HS in Denver.



Bryan Hardesty had happy bucks because his daughter Kimmie survived the Hawk Fire in Reno after being on the very edge of evacuation.



Dan Lopez had a happy buck recalling the LP Middle School's line dance program last year. It was exhausting, but also very fun, and he challenges more of us to participate this coming year.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

Jim Taylor got the winning ticket today, but faced long odds, because we had a winner last week. He did not get the right coin. We'll try again next week

Program



Member Biographies

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Scribe: Scott Ross

Gov Vaughn: From Technology to Wine

Gov Vaughn's story spans technology, entrepreneurship, and the wine and spirits industry.

Growing up in north-central Iowa, Gov learned entrepreneurship early, selling pumpkins door-to-door at about age five. After studying finance in college and briefly trying banking, he joined Texas Instruments in 1965 and began a 37-year career in the rapidly evolving semiconductor industry.

Working with Texas Instruments, Honeywell, Fujitsu, and others, Gov witnessed technology advance from individual transistors to integrated circuits containing millions of transistors.

After moving to Colorado, his longtime interest in wine became a second career. He worked in wine and spirits distribution before starting his own business representing and importing products from smaller producers.

His growing expertise in wine, Scotch, whiskey, and other spirits eventually led to teaching wine, Scotch, and dining etiquette programs.

Gov's journey reflects the value of lifelong learning, adaptability, relationships, and enjoying the people you meet along the way.





Member Biography – Jim Hatley

Jim Hatley grew up in Southern California before moving to Colorado during high school. After graduation, he served in the United States Navy, including an assignment in Guam. Following his military service, Jim entered the garage door industry, gaining 14 years of experience before founding Tri-Lakes Garage Doors.

Jim and his wife, Jill, have seven children—three biological and four adopted—and have lived in the Monument area for about 15 years. Their successful business serves customers throughout the region and has earned Best of the Springs recognition.

Jim joined Monument Hill Kiwanis about 10 years ago after encountering Kiwanis programs throughout the community and through his children's involvement.

The Hatleys also support foster and adoptive families through their church. On their historic County Line Road property, they provide a cabin where ministry leaders can find rest and renewal. Jim credits family, community, and service as important priorities in their lives.

Several club members shared personal examples of Jim going above and beyond to help customers and community members.

The meeting video will be up shortly at https://youtu.be/8yMnz_K2EYY



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