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Monument Hill Club

K-News

September 12, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program



Lorenz on Leadership

General Steve Lorenz



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

Zoomers included Rich Rima, Barrie Town, Bob O'Connor, Cay Price, Donald Johnson, Marlene Bizub and Jim Head.

Dick Salverson was Sergeant at Arms.

Steve Lorenz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeff Baker was this week's Scribe.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Rich led a morning prayer:

Almighty Father, during this season of harvest and abundance, let us show gratitude for the blessings we have received. In a season of richness, let us remember others. Continue to guide us to be helpers to those in need, givers to those who have less, and generous with our time, talents and resources. Amen

Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

Jim Wolf introduced our guest speaker, General (Ret) Steve Lorenz. Welcome!

Upcoming Programs

- September 19 - Community Resource Officer for Monument PD, Kelly Reifel
- September 26 - District 38 Safety, Dennis Coates, Chief of Safety
- October 3 - LPHS Musical Hadestown Teen Edition, Kris Lilley, Director
- October 10 - Encore - Annie Andrews, and Changing of the Guard (Moved from September 26)
- October 17 - El Paso Sheriff update - El Paso Sheriff

SEPTEMBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 	2	3	4	5 7am Coffee 8am Club Mtg
6	7 LABEE DAY	8 4pm Happy Hour Goat Patch	9 	10 Konnectors Mtg 5:30 GPBC Barrel Rm	11	12 7am Coffee 8am Club Mtg
13	14	15 	16	17	18	19 7am Coffee 8am Club Mtg BOD Mtg
20 	21	22 6:05pm Autumn Equinox	23	24	25	26 8:49 am MT 7am Coffee 8am Club Mtg
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OCTOBER 2026						
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Membership Minute

Jim Wolf gave us an update on upcoming events. The next big event will be the Empty Bowls on October 14th.

- Oct 10 - Changing of the Guard (band members prepare your instruments - Ted Bauman will be in touch)
- Oct 14 - Empty Bowls
- Oct 17 - MHKC Board meeting

FY 2027 MONUMENT HILL KIWANIS CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT	JIM WOLF
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	JIM HEAD
PAST PRESIDENT	BILL KAELEN
PRESIDENT ELECT	DAVE BAILEY
VP MEMBERSHIP	BRYAN HARDESTY
VP YOUTH OUTREACH (SLP)	MT
DEPUTY*	MT (CHUCK, MARK & SUE)
COMMUNICATIONS	MARK ANDERSON
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INFO TECH	MARK ZEIGER
PLANNING	DICK SALVERSON
PROGRAMS	JIM HATLEY
SECRETARY	SCOTT ROSS
SERVICE PROJECTS	GREG BIELANSKI
TREASURER	DAN LOPEZ
MONUMENT HILL FOUNDATION*	RICH STROM

*2024-2025 BOARD MEMBERS

Club Updates, Leadership Positions

Jim Wolf updated us on leadership opportunities for the coming Kiwanis year.

Planning continues for the transition to the next club year with the Change of Command ceremony to be held October 10.

Several leadership and volunteer opportunities remain open. Jim Wolf reviewed the members of the board of directors, those with club responsibilities outside the board, and leaders of club projects.

For our upcoming Board of Directors to be installed on October 10th, Jim Wolf again pointed out that we still need Vice President of Youth Outreach (SLP). The position oversees one of Monument Hill Kiwanis' most important areas of service. There are three strong supporters in Chuck, Mark, and Sue, but we still need someone to be the ringmaster of that group.

Our new Director of Communications, Mark Anderson, could use some help in his new position. 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. Fall is the prime planning phase for this effort so it will need to be filled soon.

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

FY 2027 MONUMENT HILL KIWANIS CLUB

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

AUDIO VISUAL	FRANK DELALLA
BIRTHDAYS	FRANK & LIAM WYNNE
BOOKKEEPER	KATHY STROM
CLUB RECOGNITION	TED BAUMAN
FACEBOOK	MARK ANDERSON
HUMOR	FRANK WYNNE
K-NEWS	RICH HICKS
MEMBER CONCERNS	RICH HICKS
MR COFFEE	STEVE SUTHERLAND
SCRIBES	MARK ANDERSON
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	DAVE BAILY
SENIOR MEALS DRIVER SCHEDULER	JIM MURPHY

FY 2027 MONUMENT HILL KIWANIS CLUB

CLUB PROJECTS

CHRISTMAS PARTY	ED HETLER/DEAN SNOW
DECA	ED HETLER
EMPTY BOWLS	DAVE BAILY / SUE REINECKE / MARK ZEIGER
HARVEST OF LOVE	CHUCK LEGGIERO
JULY 4 TH PARADE	FRANK DELALLA
NORTH POLE CRAFT FAIR	DICK SALVERSON/JIM WARD
ORDER OF THE FROG	BENNY NASSER
PEACHES	TERRY MCCULLEN/LIAM WYNNE
HEART OF MONUMENT PLAY PARK	SCOTT ROSS/KAY PRICE, JOE KNEEDLER/SHEILA FERGUSON
STARS OF TOMORROW	MT



Distinguished Members

Ted Bauman and Jim Wolf recognized two club members for their distinguished service to our club.

First was Jim Murphy. They recognized Jim for all the work he has done for the Club for many years with the Distinguished Member Award. The citation announces that Jim Murphy has been recognized by the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club for outstanding support and service, leading the Meals on Wheels for over 14

years, starting the Monument Fourth of July parade, and helping collect dues when either Kathy or Dan are not here, plus numerous other things. Congratulations!

Second was Ed Hettler who also received the Distinguished Member Award for his many contributions to the Club and community. Ed's citation reads: This acknowledges that Ed Hettler has been recognized by the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club for outstanding support and service organizing School District 38 DECA competitions, Fourth of July parade lineup, the Kiwanis Christmas and also K-Kids at Palmer Lake Elementary.



Heart of Monument Play Park

Scott Ross told us that we have an opportunity to work with the Tri-Lakes Women's Club on a project to clean up the Monument Xeriscape garden on Friday, September 25th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. The Tri-Lakes Women's Club has a gardening group, and they would like our help to clean up the garden. This work will be in preparation for the Heart of Monument Play Park ribbon cutting which Scott expects will happen at the end of October or the first week of November. No sign up, just show up on September 25th.

Rocky Mountain Key Leader

Coming up shortly, October 16 - 18, is the KI Rocky Mountain District Key Leader program at Estes Park. Kiwanis Key Leader is a weekend leadership program for high school students. The mission is to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership. Consider taking a role in that project and contact Jim Wolf. See the flyer below.

HOME REGISTER DONATE CONTACT

KEY LEADER®

WELCOME TO THE RMD KEY LEADER REGISTRATION SITE

YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park Oct 16 - 18

Start **October 16, 2026**
3:00 PM

End **October 18, 2026**
11:00 AM

Location YMCA of The
Rockies, Estes Park,
Colorado

Registration

Chaperone
Use this registration
type only if you are
above 21 years of
age and intend to be
a chaperone during
the Key Leader
weekend. Please be
aware, all
chaperones are
required to
complete a Kiwanis
International
background check

Five Core Values

- ✓ Leadership
- ✓ Growth Mindset
- ✓ Effective communication
- ✓ Meaningful Connection
- ✓ Global Citizenship



+ COMING SOON! +

NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

D38 is growing relationships in our community, and we're inviting residents and community groups in D38 boundaries to take the opportunity to come experience our schools!

Citizens in Our Schools:

- Offering a variety of **volunteer opportunities** on our campuses
- Giving residents in our community, especially our senior citizens, **firsthand experience** in our schools
- Offering participants a chance to show support of D38 schools with a **free Citizens in Our Schools t-shirt**
- Providing **special perks** for our senior citizen participants including a senior citizen Star Card that will provide free admission to athletic and performing arts events
- Hosting participants at a special **launch event** this fall and for **special lunch events** with staff and students throughout the year



READY TO SIGN UP?

Complete our short participant interest form.



Scan me



Questions?

Email Communications@lewispalmer.org or call 719-785-4223

Lewis-Palmer School District 38, 146 N. Jefferson St., Monument, Colo. 80132



D38 Update

Mike Luginbuhl talked about the D38 initiative to get citizens in our community more involved and aware of what is going on in our schools, not just those parents with kids in school. Basically, they want to create a database of people that are willing to help in the schools, so they are asking people to sign up and there are a lot of different opportunities. Here is a link to the basic information and signup forms:

<https://www.lewispalmer.org/page/citizens-in-our-schools>.

Secondly, Lewis Palmer Middle School teacher, Raquel Vasquez is asking for help with her leadership classes sooner than anticipated. Mike passed around a signup sheet for September 25th, 28th and 29th. She is asking for 6-8 people to help at five classroom computers on those dates. Mike asked us to sign up where we can - he will try to put together a schedule and coordinate with Raquel. Please contact Mike for more information and to volunteer.

Also, Kim Bryden is the principal at Palmer Lake Elementary School (PLES). They've been very, very happy the classroom support we have provided over the last several years. She is asking if we might have some volunteers that would be willing to step up and do that again this year. So, Mike had another signup sheet - there is no schedule yet, he is just asking if you would be interested. Mostly this has been reading and math.

Kim Bryden particularly needs homework help at PLES for kids enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. These kids need extra help with their reading and everything.





Kiwanian of the Year

Nominations for Kiwanian of the Year are due to Sue Reinecke on September 30th. This is the top recognition of a club member that the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club can give. The honoree is a member who participates in service projects, fund raising events, attends the club meeting on a regular basis, and who supports the mission of the Monument Hill Kiwanis Club as it supports the community and its youth. This is a onetime only award. Sue said to remember there are a lot of deserving people in our Club that do a lot for our community. Here is a link to the MHKC [KoY nomination form](#).

Upcoming NFL Football Pools

In the football pools, Dan Lopez let us know that week 1 ends on Thursday, so next Saturday Larry Young will hand out the voting materials for week 2. Below are the rules.





2026 NFL SEASON Sally's Challenge, Loser Pool & Glenn Scott Memorial Pool



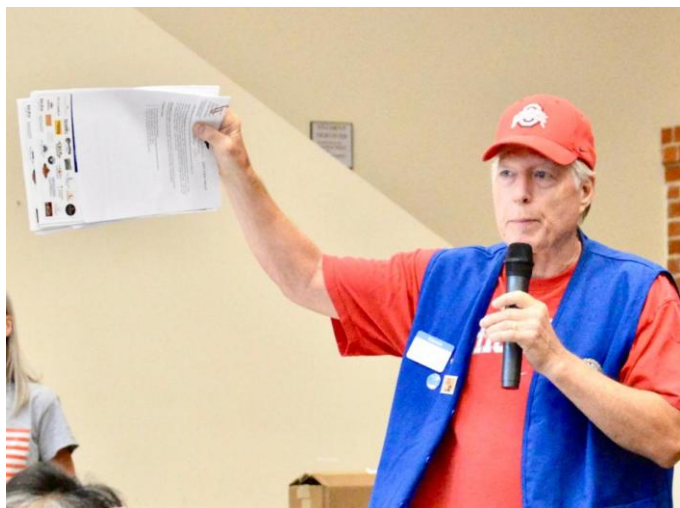
- Kickoff Week – Starts on 09/05/2026
- Playing Cards & Sheets out on 09/05/26; Selections due no later than 11:59 pm MST on 09/08/26
- Emails to identified remote players have been already sent
- If no selections provided for Sally's Challenge and/or Loser Pool – default team (Denver) will be utilized

Please if unable to utilize playing sheets/cards, please contact Dan Lopez via email at danglopez@msn.com

Please note – we are unable to acquire Sacagawea Dollar. You will receive a "gold \$1 dollar coin" in its place



Good Luck and may your selections be winners!!!



Empty Bowls Updates

Dave Bailey had information packets for those soliciting for and picking up soup from donating restaurants. Dave strongly encouraged us to volunteer for Empty Bowls, scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 from 5:00 - 7:30 pm at Lewis-Palmer High School. A lot of help is still needed.

**** Don't Miss This—LAST EVER MHKC Empty Bowls Dinner ****

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.

Golf

Ed Tomlinson told us that there are three weeks left to the regular golf league season and then the group will play as they can in October. Ed recognized Tony Trifletti as the most senior general officer to ever get the closest to the pin last week. Tony said, "One good shot all day." Congratulations!



20th Annual North Pole Craft Fair

Dick Salverson knows that the craft fair is a long way off (December), but he wanted to let us know that they are looking for vendors and would welcome any help from club members to find them. The craft fair will be on Saturday, December 5th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bear Creek Elementary School in Monument. Dick had paper copies of venter handouts available. Vendors can register online at:

<https://monumenthillkiwanis.org/machform/view.php?id=37185>.

News & Notes

Birthdays

12 – 18 SEP 2026



Dennis Beasley

SEP 17th

Joined 2006
Sponsor Dick Durham



On SEPT 17th in HISTORY

- **1683:** Dutch scientist Antonie van Leeuwenhoek is the first to report the existence of bacteria.
- **1787:** US Constitution is signed by delegates at the Philadelphia Convention.
- **1835:** Charles Darwin lands on Chatham in the Galapagos archipelago.

Richard (Rich) Strom

SEP 18th

**Joined 2010
Sponsor Dennis Beasley**



On SEPT 18th in HISTORY

- **1810:** Chile declares independence from Spain, celebrated today as Chile's National Day.
- **1885:** Riots break out in Montreal, Canada, to protest against mandatory smallpox vaccinations.
- **1947:** Central Intelligence Agency officially comes into existence after being established by President Truman in July.

DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOUR...

HUMOR



Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

The Lone Ranger and Tonto were at the bar drinking when in walks a cowboy who yells, "Who's white horse it that outside?"

The Lone Ranger finishes off his whiskey, slams down the glass, turns around, and says, "It's my horse. Why do you want to know?"

The cowboy looks at him and says, "Well, your horse is standing out there in the sun and he don't look too good." The Lone Ranger and Tonto run outside and they see that Silver is in bad shape, suffering from heat exhaustion.

The Lone Ranger moves his horse into the shade and gets a bucket of water. He then pours some of the water over the horse and gives the rest to Silver to drink. It is then he notices that there isn't a breeze so he asks Tonto if he would start running around Silver to get some air flowing and perhaps cool him down. Being a faithful friend, Tonto starts running around Silver.

The Lone Ranger stands there for a bit then realizes there is not much more he can do, so he goes back into the bar and orders another whiskey. After a bit a cowboy walks in and says, "Who's white horse is that outside?"

Slowly the Lone Ranger turns around and says, "That is my horse, what is wrong with him now?"

"Nothing," replies the cowboy, "I just wanted to let you know that you left your Injun running."



Happy Bucks



Dana Frazen had several happy bucks: 1) Last Monday was his birthday and it was a good day; 2) his wife's 40-year stepmother died on Wednesday. She was in hospice care and lived a good life; 3) he and his wife Shelly celebrated their 42nd anniversary on September 11th. Congratulations!



Mike McGrath let us know that it is that time of year again, Navy versus Air Force football. He is accepting all bets against Navy. He is going to do things a little different this year. He is going to collect your dollar in advance. Anybody that wants to bet against Navy. But guess what? If you win, you're not going to get your money back. He is going to match all of your money, and donate it to our Foundation. So bring it on.



Frank Wynne had three happy bucks: 1) Liam and Mekdes got married on Sunday. She is a lovely young lady and is going to be a great part of the family. Congratulations! 2) their last out-of-state, out of country guests left on Thursday. 3) when he goes to bed Saturday night he hopes not to get up until Monday.



Pete Peterson also had three happy bucks: 1) He and Vicki just finished their 9th season grilling at the country club, and this year they grilled 2001 burgers, brats and dogs. 2) Pete said he has had lower back pain for ages. Vicki went to a chiropractor recently and Pete said he would go too. After a month or two his back pain has disappeared! 3) Friday morning Vicki was putting a quart of coffee creamer back in the fridge and oops. It fell and a quart of creamer was all over the floor. He rounded up some towels, later went into his morning routine and said to himself, "Boy, am I happy I didn't drop that."



Dave Bailey had a happy buck for two college football teams in the top five that were playing on Saturday. He tried something last year but only got crickets, so he tried again. He spelled, "OH" and finally got the response he wanted, "IO"



Jim Johnston had a lot to be happy about. He and Alphie just got back from 3 weeks travel all over the UK, and he is proud to be an American!



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

We were down to 8 chips and about \$40, but Dana Frazen found only red. Better luck next week.

Program



Lorenz on Leadership

General Steve Lorenz

Scribe: Jeff Baker

On Saturday we were joined by General (retired) Stephen Lorenz who presented the talk: **“Lorenz on Leadership”**

General Lorenz is a 1973 graduate of the USAFA and has held many leadership positions during his career including four years at the Pentagon managing the Air Force budget, Commandant of the USAFA and

Commander of Air Force Education and Training Command. He has logged over 36,000 hours of flight time in ten different aircraft.

His talk was filled with many impactful quotations with illustrative anecdotes and video clips. The video recording of his presentation is at this link: <https://youtu.be/JmP0wXJFOf4?t=1992>.



One of his favorite quotes is from Winston Churchill: “To every person there comes in their lifetime that special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for the work which would be their finest hour.”

Churchill’s early career was filled with failure including losing when he ran for Parliament in 1899 and the military disaster at the Strait of Dardanelles when he was First Lord of the Admiralty for Great Britain. However, he was prepared and famously successful when he became Prime Minister in 1940. Thus, Churchill exemplified his oft quoted exhortation:

“Never give up. Never give up. Never give up.”

General Lorenz discussed some of the most important talents and skills of good leadership. These include:

“Learn the art of balancing shortfalls because you never have enough time, money or manpower.”

During his time at the Pentagon General Lorenz understood this well and relied on a great staff to help him manage his work there. He learned that sometimes the hardest word to say in the English language is “Yes.”

A leader should also learn to nurture new ideas. Leadership is cross-generational. **“New ideas, like planting a tree, must be given time and nurtured so that they can grow and bear fruit.”** Younger generations have markedly different life experiences, and a good leader must accommodate them.

A good leader must **“reach the acceptance phase of grief faster than the people you lead.”** Only then can you find a way to lead your team forward.

General Lorenz stressed the importance of pragmatism and objectivity. **“The more objective you are, the more effective you are.”** Becoming angry with your team is not beneficial unless it is calculated to achieve a certain end. **“Don’t lose your temper unless you plan to.”** Think strategically. **“Work your boss’s boss’s problems and you will have no problems.”**

It’s also important to study the profession. Read biographies and history. Read Sun Tzu’s *“The Art of War.”*

“Never develop a sense of entitlement.” He gave the example of Duke Cunningham, a Viet Nam veteran and congressman who was convicted of tax evasion, mail fraud and conspiracy to commit bribery. The timeless drivers of downfalls, failure and disgrace are “Booze, Sex, Drugs and Money.”

He reminded us that **“you never know when you’re going to make a difference.”** Sometimes even the most mundane act or offhand comment can have a tremendous impact. General Lorenz told the story of an unforgettable event that occurred when he was Commandant of the Academy. A female cadet had tragically died of altitude sickness while on a high-altitude exercise. At her memorial service the general approached the family expecting to hear criticism and bitterness. Instead, he was met with thanks for the time he complimented their daughter for the high grades that she had achieved. General Lorenz did not remember this interaction.

“Accountability is the foundation of public trust.” Furthermore, good leaders should assume the role servants to the people they lead. Good leaders are not afraid to apologize when they are wrong. Good leadership is impossible without **“Service, Honor, and Integrity.”**

In closing, General Lorenz urged us to continue our work to mentor the next generation. **“It does not matter what your age or background, everyone can be an example of courage.”** Everyone can make a difference. We can demonstrate the importance of never giving up.

The video for today's meeting is at this link: <https://youtu.be/JmP0wXJFOf4>

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