Kiwanis
Monument Hill Club

K-News

October 17, 2026

Monument Hill Club - Service Since 1974

Today's Program

El Paso County Sheriff

Joseph Roybal and Cassandra Sebastian



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

Zoomers were Rich Rima, Barrie Town, Bob O'Connor , Ben Bellis and Marlene Bizub.

Dean Snow was Sergeant at Arms.

RF Smith was Scribe

Jim Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Concerns

Rich Hicks led member concerns.

Rich visited Max Williams at Jackson Creek Senior Living on Friday. Max is in memory care and has lost some weight that they are addressing. He is very conversant - sometimes a little hard to follow his train of thought. He welcomes visitors and enjoys chocolate chip cookies.

Rich offered the morning prayer: Heavenly Father, We are grateful for another successful Empty Bowls event with the support of our partners and so many people in our community. Guide our hearts and hands as we work to make a difference in the lives of children, families, and our community. Amen.

Guests and Visiting Kiwanians

Jim Wolf introduced our guest speakers, Sheriff Joe Roybal and his manager of Public & Legislative Affairs, Cassandra Sebastian.





Membership Minute

Jim Wolf gave us an update on upcoming events.

- November 4 & 6 - Harvest of Love
- November 10 - Happy Hour at Goat Patch Brewery 4:00 p.m.
- November 12 - Konnectors at Goat Patch Brewery, Barr Room 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- November 12 - In Vino Veritas - Wineseller Fundraiser at the Margarita at Pine Creek 6:30 p.m.
- November 28 - No MHKC meeting
- December 5 - North Pole Crafts Fair, Bear Creek Elementary School
- December 8 - MHKC Christmas Party

As Jim Wolf continues his term as President, he has made a pledge to help grow the club. He also extended a challenge to our members that each of us invite and help add one or more new members.

Upcoming Programs

- October 24 - Bearbotics - Eric Vandenhoek
- October 31 - Member Bios
- November 7 - Preview PRHS Fall Musical, Seussical - Josh Belk, Director of Theater
- November 14 - U-2 High Altitude Recon - Kent Traylor
- Rocky Mountain Youth Leadership - RF Smith



Upcoming Encore Community Arts Production of 101 Dalmatians

Last week, Annie Andrews of Encore Community Arts told us about their upcoming production of 101 Dalmatians. There will be two shows coming on Saturday, November 7th and 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. The shows will be staged at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The youngsters accompanying Annie performed two numbers from the show and delighted our club members. This should be a thoroughly enjoyable show.

Club Updates, Leadership Positions

Jim Wolf said announcements for the upcoming year will focus on VP and Board of Director positions which are: VP Membership, VP Youth Outreach, Director of Communication, Director of Fundraising, Director of Info Tech, Director of Planning, Director of Programs, and Director of Service. Here are their responsibilities:

- VP of Membership (Bryan Hardesty): New Members, Retention, Recognition, Social & Interclub, and Special Needs. Jim would like to implement a Club social event at least once a quarter. We also have a new member induction coming up shortly.

- We have a new VP of Youth Outreach (Terry McMullen). Thanks for standing up for this position! Included under this position are: SLP (Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K Kids) Key Leader, Youth Activities, Harvest of Love - coming up Nov 4 & 6 (Chuck Leggiero), PLES Tutoring, CLC, Career Day, PLMS Leadership, PRHS Outdoor Learning Club, and Career Start (with MHF).

- Director of Communication (Mark Anderson): Marketing, Facebook, K-News, and Photographer.

- Director of Fundraising (Rich Strom): Bell Ringing - website is setup, so signup now, Craft Fair, Empty Bowls, Football Pools / March Madness, Stars of Tomorrow, Peaches, Wine Seller – In Vino Veritas, and ??Fun Run??

- Director of Info Tech (Mark Zeiger): Websites - new and updated, Contracts, Hardware, Software, Tools, and Architecture.

- Director of Planning (Richard Salverson): Long Range Planning and New Projects (Fun Run)

- Director of Programs (Jim Hatley): Scribes, Speakers, Bios, Current Events, History, Info & Tech, Interesting Topics

- Director of Service (Greg Bielanski): DECA, Senior Meals, Soap Box Derby, RMYLC Liaison, and Parade

Jim encouraged us to engage the community in conversation about what our Club does and how we contribute for the good of our neighbors.





Harvest of Love

Filling in for Chuck Leggiero, RF Smith updated us with news of our Harvest of Love food collection program for Tri-Lakes Cares. On Wednesday, November 4 and Friday, November 6 from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon we will pickup donated food from local area schools and deliver it to Tri-Lakes Cares. Please send an email right away to either Chuck (**ramcoach26@me.com**) and/or RF (**rff106k@gmail.com**) if you are available to help and specify which or both days.



Websites

Mark Zeiger and his team have modernized and updated our website and the foundation website. Lots of great information there. Jim asked us to take a look and especially check your information on the members roster for accuracy, and for your picture. If you want to have a different picture, send it to Mark. Check them out: **Monument Hill Kiwanis Website** and **Monument Hill Foundation Website**.

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D38 Regional DECA District 11 Judging

- **DECA District 11 Competitions are Tuesday Nov 17, 2026, 7:30am-1:30pm**
  - Douglas County Fairgrounds and Events Center. 500 Fairgrounds Drive, Castle Rock, CO
  - Schools attending: Chaparral, Douglas County, Legend, Cherry Creek Innovation Campus, Regis, Vale, **Palmer Ridge, Lewis Palmer**, Ponderosa
- **D38 High Schools Actively Involved with Regional DECA**
  - Palmer Ridge DECA Lead (Brady Hanson) expects ~90 PR Students
  - Lewis Palmer DECA Lead (Luke Shroyer) expects ~50 LP Students
- **More Students This Year Require More Judges so Please Support if Possible**
- **Judge Registration is Open, here's the QR Code/Signup Link:**
  https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNmSe_a3i4XZiZ-zlMu7El0V045naKdy-PVH1MNtOaIWLkVA/viewform
- **Please Let Me Know When You Sign Up to Track our Participation**
  - Ed Hettler, edhettler@gmail.com, 719-641-3349
- **State Competition Will Be Held at the Broadmoor Feb 21-23, 2027**

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DECA in November

The upcoming DECA competition will be held November 17th from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Judges are needed and judging is a fun, rewarding experience. Above is the QR code to the website to volunteer.

There will be 140 students between the two high schools who will be participating: 90 from Palmer Ridge and 50 from Lewis Palmer. There is a big need for judges, and judging is a fun, rewarding experience. Both Jim Wolf and RF Smith encouraged us to sign up to be a judge for DECA. Your faith in the future of our youth will be reinforced.



Mark Zeiger let us know that sign-up for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing is now ready to go on our website. We will have to re-apply for sign up, but that is easy. We will begin ringing on Black Friday, right after Thanksgiving, and continue up until Christmas Eve. Members are urged to sign up early and often.

Empty Bowls Updates

It is undetermined if we have had our last Empty Bowls event, or not. Here are the preliminary numbers from our event on Wednesday evening. Dave Bailey thanked all of our volunteers who did a heck of a job. Behind the scenes, there is a lot going on that requires a lot of people. Thank you so much for all your hard work!

In Vino Veritas Fundraiser

The annual In Vino Veritas Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, November 12th from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Margarita at Pine Creek. Our Dirk Stamp will be hosting, and it's been a great evening for charity. testing fabulous wines, and spirts paired with delicious horsd'oeuvres prepared by the chef at The Margarita. Proceeds will benefit the Monument Hill Kiwanis Foundation, which provides grants to charitable groups and D-38 schools in the Tri-Lakes Region.



NFL Football Pools

Dan Lopez provided the Week 5 football pool report. In both Sally's Challenge and the Loser Pool there are a lot of players that are just one bad pick away from being eligible for the Loser Loser Pool. BTW, the Loser Loser Pool is already getting crowded and will be active next week. The Glen Scott Memorial Pool will resume next week.

Birthdays 17 – 23 OCT 2026



Mike Aspenson OCT 18th or 23rd ???

Joined 2023
Sponsor Dean Snow



On Oct 18th in HISTORY

- **1767:** The Boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania, the Mason–Dixon line, is agreed upon.
- **1867:** US takes formal possession of Alaska from Russia, after paying $7.2 million in the Alaska Purchase
- **1921:** Charles Strite is granted US patent #1,394,450 for his invention, the automatic pop-up toaster

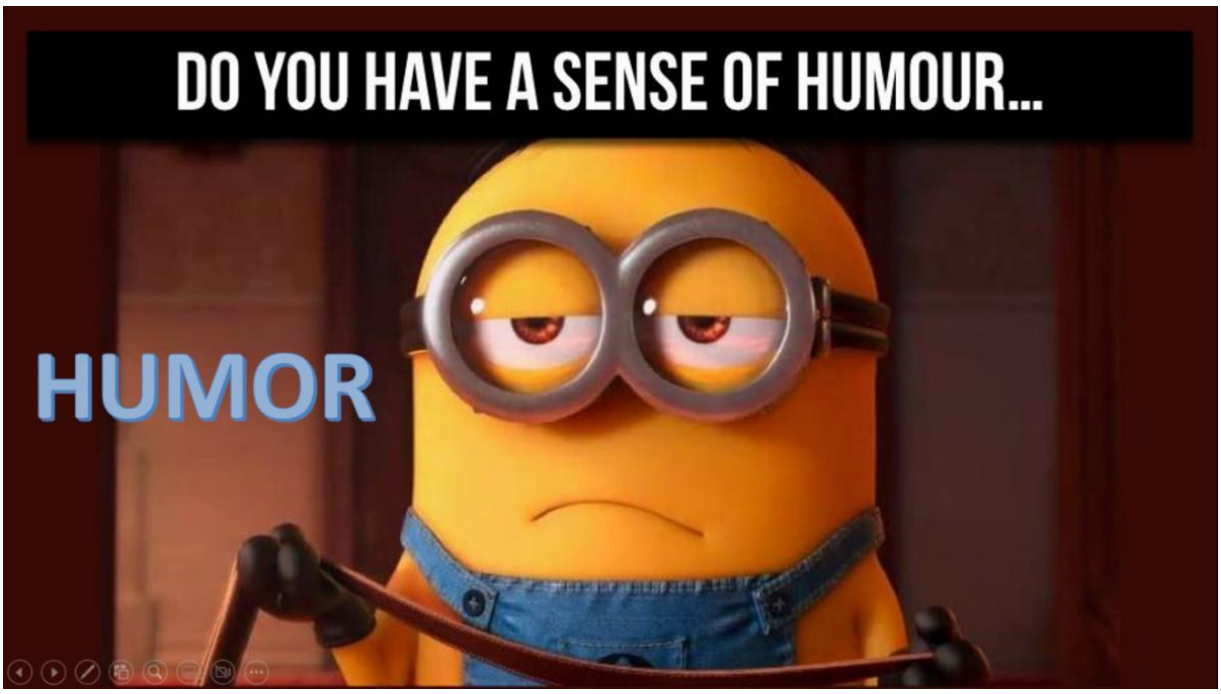
Doni Gourley OCT 23rd

Joined 2016
Sponsor Paul Gourley



On Oct 23th in HISTORY

- **1850:** The first Women's rights convention in the U.S. is held
- **1917:** In Russia, the Bolsheviks call for an armed revolution
- **1944:** The Battle of Leyte Gulf begins



Humor

Courtesy of Frank Wynne

The Grandparents and the Memory Class

An elderly couple, John and Mary were having trouble with their memory, so they decided to take a night class at the local community center designed to help seniors sharpen their minds. A few weeks after starting the class, John was chatting over the backyard fence with his neighbor, Bob.

"Bob," John said enthusiastically, "You wouldn't believe this memory class we're taking it's. It teaches you these amazing visualization techniques. I can remember names, dates, shopping list without writing a single thing down." Bob was impressed. "That's wonderful John, what's the name of the teacher?" John paused. A thoughtful puzzled look came over his face, so he scratched his chin, looked up at the sky, and asked Bob, "What's the name of that red flower with sharp thorns and a stem? People usually give it out of Valentine's Day. Bob replied, "You mean a rose?" "Yes, that's it, a rose." John turned around toward the house and shouted, "Hey Rose, what's the name of the teacher we're seeing?"

Happy Bucks





Scott Ross had five happy bucks: 1) he asked us to bring in our Kiwanis International

To start things off, Jim Wolf apologized for not recognizing Mark Zeiger as a member of the board last week. He is also the Director of Info Tec.

magazine that we received in the mail. They will be made available by Bryan Hardesty for handout to guests at our meetings. 2) he had good news that the Heart of Monument Play Park equipment has shipped from Minnesota and should arrive next week. He hopes we will have the opening in November. 3) Scott has a lot of Heart of Monument swag to give away - please see him.





Dana Franzen recognized that the Dodgers swept the Brewers last year, and now it is time to return the favor. Go Brewers!

RF Smith had happy bucks for Terry McMullen. He is proud of Terry for standing up to take over Youth Outreach, our number one and signature program. Thank you very much!



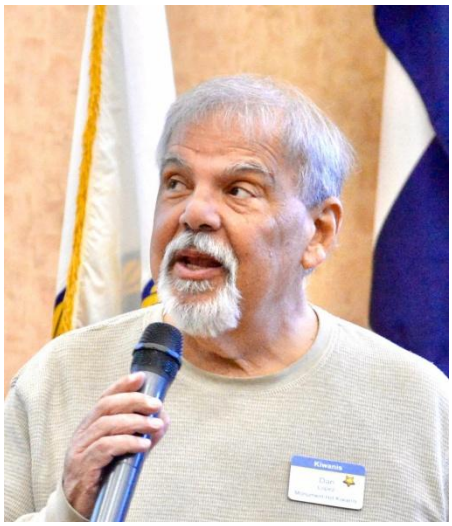
Dave Bailey had a happy buck for all our Empty Bowl volunteers and especially for Joe Kneedler, who replaced a one restaurant providing soup with three new restaurants. Above and beyond - thanks very much Joe!



Steve Keefer was very surprised that 45 years ago he found a woman who would put up with him. It is their anniversary. Congratulations!



Rich Hicks was really glad that he worked in the kitchen on Wednesday evening with Liam Wynne for Empty Bowls. Liam did an outstanding job transferring buckets of soup into heating pans, putting them in the ovens and taking them out for serving. He handled



Dan Lopez thanked Larry Young and RF Smith for filling in for the football pools while he was ill. Thank you, gentlemen.

every soup that was served, but he did wear gloves. Great work!



After watching others celebrate their anniversaries, Liam Wynne had a couple happy bucks for celebrating his 1-month anniversary. Congratulations! Liam also said it was a good time all around to see people enjoy the Empty Bowls event.



Terry McMullen pointed out that since he has taken over Youth Leadership, someone will have to take over Peaches. Frank Wynne spoke up and said that he, Mark Galle and Liam have got it. Terry said he has a lot of work ahead of him for SLP.



Weekly 50-50 Drawing

This week we had $33 and 7 chips up for grabs. Rich Strom had the lucky ticket, but drew one of the six red chips.

Program





El Paso County Sheriff

Joseph Roybal and Cassandra Sebastian

RF Smith, Scribe

The speaker today was the El Paso County Sheriff, Joseph Roybal. Sheriff Roybal came to inform us of the key elements of his current successes and to make us aware of his stand on some controversial issues. Sheriff Roybal was introduced by the sheriff's office Manager, Public & Legislative Affairs, Cassandra Sebastian.

Sheriff Roybal then took the microphone to tell us about his background, current staffing success, and leadership style, as well as specific stand on three controversial issues. In all things, the sheriff indicated that his office follows state law.

The meeting video is at: **https://youtu.be/cWeWfgUOIbg**

Quick Links

Monument Hill Kiwanis Website.....**Monument Hill Foundation Website**

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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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Media Support: Frank DeLalla and Liam Wynne

Virtual Meeting Reminder

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It's FUN and a great way to support the club's communications efforts. Contact one of us to learn more!

Rich Hicks * Mark Anderson * RF Smith

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(click on a name to email us directly)

Members receive a link to each week's meeting via email.

In-person attendance is encouraged. Zoom is available.

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