

# Nibbles

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Wis.

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Monroe Kiwanis has a new project! Since many folks read lips because they are hard of hearing, and due to masks being the norm, your Board decided to be of assistance. We have ordered a supply of helpful buttons. Any Kiwanian who would like one can either contact Beth Kindschi or Jim Glessner. These are also available to the community and to school students. Just pin on your mask!



Reid Stangel informed Kiwanis that the last two cases from the Colony have been distributed! That's great news! If you need candy ask a member. Wendy Schmoldt is the payment contact. Send checks only to Wendy at 2532 1st St. in Monroe. Thanks!



## Your Monroe Club

- > Sponsors Boy Scout Troop 101
- > Sponsors Builders, K-Kids and Key Clubs
- > Maintains the Youth Cabin and Scout Bldg.
- > Supports Boy Scout Canyon Camp
- > Sponsors early childhood development and pre-school literacy
- > Has raised and distributed more than One Million dollars in support of youth and community projects!

Winner: WIUM District 2014-15 Newsletter Contest

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KIWANIS PROJECT—Club members: Nanci Valentino, Beth and Jud Kindschi, Patrick Bodell and the Synqronus staff recently added lights to the Kiwanis donated structures (Huber Shelter and playset ) at Pleasant View Nursing Home. There was an elf at the Kindness sign!

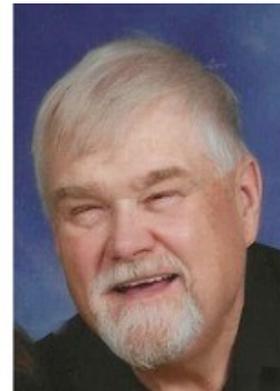
## Upcoming Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>
December 10th	Szvon Conway— Modern day human trafficking
December 17th	Greg Blum, HIG/Mosher Insurance— health insurance considerations
December 23rd	Wednesday Christmas message from Pres. Jim
December 29th	Wednesday holiday fun and cheer
January 7th	Erik Ekum — The COVID effect on school lunches and meals

### In Memoriam a message from Jim Glessner

Heavenly Father,

Today (11/14/2020) the Kiwanis Club comes to you and asks your eternal blessing on the soul of our own sermonator, Pastor Dave Busker. As you well know, Pastor Dave was the club's go-to guy for both Thanksgiving and Christmas messages. His interpretations of your Holy Word lives with us through both memories and sadness. Give his soul eternal peace in your kingdom and may his memory strengthen us as a club to do all things in your name.



### Remembering Art Bartsch by David Mosher

Past Kiwanis President Art passed away October 31st. Art was told at a young age that was going to go blind, but Art wouldn't let that slow him down but it gave more drive to do anything! In 1978 Art and Barbra moved to Monroe and started his career with Colony Brands. The award winning Super 8 Motel was one of their endeavors. In addition to Kiwanis Art served a president of the chamber, the Historic Cheesemaking Center and many other local organizations.

My memory is of his laugh and his great sense of humor. Many, many years ago the Kiwanis club would challenge the key club in a game of softball followed by a cookout at the high school Kiwanis treat stand. While our club was deciding our line up card Art volunteered to umpire! I've thought and laughed about this remark often. Here's to you Art I hope you are calling balls and strikes!



Merry Christmas

Kiwanians Jo and Dave Mosher are participating in the Chamber lighting contest. Enjoy a tour of the city lights. Maps are available at the chamber web site. Patrick Bodell has started a go fund me campaign to pay for electricity!

WHY KIWANIS?

BECAUSE KIDS  
NEED TO KNOW  
WHO THE GOOD  
GUYS ARE

BECOME A GOOD GUY

 **KIWANIS .ORG**

There is an EXCELENT article in the Kiwanis Magazine this month. "History Mystery" on page 30 should be read by every club member at least twice and a copy given to prospective members. It is about who we are and how we got there.

Past Governor Jud



## 100 for 100!

President Jim has made the ambitious goal of having 100 members by our 100th anniversary. There is so much good many hands can do especially in these times of isolation. Encourage guests to join us virtually every Thursday. Together we can learn about ways to help when it may seem overwhelming alone.

Kiwanis International has dropped all new member add fees until December 31st. Membership applications are on our website, [kiwanisofmonroe.org](http://kiwanisofmonroe.org).

Past Kiwanis Zoom programs!

Instructions are emailed prior to every 12:30 meeting. If you need help contact President Jim. In case you missed it Judd and Beth Kindschi led us in a Veterans Day salute. On November 19th Al Hanusa gave us a Green County Leaders update. Then on Wednesday November 25th Pastor Christi Mandas of St John's offered a Thanksgiving message. For those who missed Jim Glessner's annual fall poem "When the Frost is on the Punkin" it's in the Nibbles. Not quite the same as James recital but it will suffice until next year. On December 3rd we had our Youth Protection training. Contact Beth for the presentation and how to complete background check requirement. Chief and Kiwanian Szvon talked to us about Modern Day Human Trafficking on December 10th. More on his presentation to follow. See page 2 for upcoming programs

## **When the Frost is on the Punkin** JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,  
 And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,  
 And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,  
 And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;  
 O, it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best,  
 With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,  
 As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock,  
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

They's something kindo' harty-like about the atmusfere  
 When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here—  
 Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossums on the trees,  
 And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees;  
 But the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze  
 Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airly autumn days  
 Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock—  
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

The husky, rusty russel of the tossels of the corn,  
 And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;  
 The stubble in the furries—kindo' lonesome-like, but still  
 A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns they growed to fill;  
 The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed;  
 The hosses in theyr stalls below—the clover over-head!—  
 O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,  
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock! (Continued  
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**Kiwanis Club of Monroe – Board Minutes December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Members present:** Patrick Bodell, Shirley Eells, Linda Gebhardt, Amanda Gerber, Jim Glessner, Danielle Hanusa, Erik Haworth, Beth Kindschi, Steve Kundert, Jane Paradowski, Ron Spielman and Nanci Valentino. Excused Dave Mosher.

At 1204, call to order by President Jim via Zoom who turned the meeting over to Patrick.

**Secretary's report**-November minutes reviewed and no additions suggested, approval moved by Danielle, second by Shirley and passed.

**Treasurer's report** -The Foundation account has \$1,740.33. Administrative account balance \$2,246.93. 3members have not paid dues to date. Activities \$24,119.22. Treasurer report moved to be approval by Beth, second by Jane and accepted. The Kiwanis dues bill of \$6419 has been paid.

**Funding Requests** – Monroe Clinic Foundation requested \$2500 to help support the Reach Out and Read program. After discussion Beth proposed we allocate \$1000 now to the Foundation for books and put aside another \$500 for books for our WIC and little library efforts, second by Danielle and passed with Ron abstaining.

**Committee Reports** – Reports from active committees:

**Community Service:** The folks from Synqronus and Kiwanis members decorated the back garden at Pleasant View Nursing Home, Nanci donated the lights and Jim purchased extension cords. Patrick proposed we reimburse Jim \$36.87 for the cords, second by Ron and passed. This project will likely become annual with help from our sponsored youth.

**Club meetings/ House:** All meetings for December are scheduled Shirley is looking for ideas, Jim will send her some. She is finding that some speakers do not want to Zoom. Nanci will give Shirley her supply of pens so Shirley can give them to thank speaker. Patrick proposed we purchase a club ZOOM account so that other members can start and administer the weekly meetings. After discussion Jane proposed we purchase one year of ZOOM service for \$149.90, second by Ron and passed. All meetings will be on ZOOM until notified otherwise.

**Membership:** Jim proposed Donna Douglas, Steve Franson and Christy Mandas for membership, second by Jane and passed.

**Youth Services- Youth Cabin** – The cabin is closed and scouts are not meeting in person. Boy scouting is in limbo because of COVID restrictions and impending lawsuits, local councils may be in jeopardy for losing assets which BSA has tried to protect. Not great news.

**Sponsored Youth:** Key Club is now meeting virtually via Google Classroom, every other Thursday during the FLEX period.

**Fundraising** – Candy reserves at Reid's house are depleted. Supplies may still exist at some retail sellers. The bill from the Colony is \$31,496.25 and cannot be paid until Wendy passes on the checks for deposit into our account.

**Human and Spiritual Values** – keep in touch with one another.

**Public Relations:** the updated website makes it easier to sell candy as well as join the club.

**Other Old Business:** the buttons for hard of hearing folks are here. Some have been sent to the clinic and others are available, Beth has them, just ask. They are for personal use and can be given to family and friends. At \$2.35 each, careful distribution is suggested.

**New Business:** none

At 1243 Patrick suggested we adjourn, second by Beth and passed.

Next meeting is January 4th at 1200, electronically  
Respectfully submitted by Beth Kindschi, Secretary

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Then your apples all is gethered, and the ones a feller keeps  
Is poured around the celler-floor in red and yeller heaps;  
And your cider-makin' 's over, and your wimmern-folks is through  
With their mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and sausage, too! ...  
I don't know how to tell it—but ef sich a thing could be  
As the Angels wantin' boardin', and they'd call around on *me*—  
I'd want to 'commodate 'em—all the whole-indurin' flock—  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

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**2020-2021 Monroe Kiwanis Officers**

President	Jim Glessner
President Elect	Shirley Eells
Vice President	Amanda Gerber
Imm Past President	Patrick Bodell
Secretary	Beth Kindschi
Treasurer	Erik Haworth

*Nibbles* Editor: Dave Mosher

**Directors:**

<b><u>Term Expires Sept. 30, 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Term Expires Sept. 30, 2022</u></b>
Ron Spielman	Danielle Hanusa
Jane Paradowski	Nanci Valentino
David Mosher	

**Term Expires Sept. 30, 2023**

Linda Gebhardt  
Steve Kundert

Board meeting 1st Monday of Month Via Zoom