

Nibbles

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Wis.

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Kiwanis Wisconsin/Upper Michigan District Governor
Jean Long Manteufel to visit Monroe virtually!

Jean will join us at 12:30 February 11 for the induction of new members. Join us in welcoming new members and celebrating our 100th anniversary. It is a special tribute to have the governor visit our club. It is easy to log on. You may want to invite friends for this meeting. If you need help ask any board member for assistance.



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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President Jim has submitted our Youth Cabin as a Signature Project for both KI and the District. Our youth cabin has welcomed thousands to our rustic cabin and woodlot since 1949! We are averaging 100 days per year of reservations at the youth cabin. Every time we meet I hear another story about a scout group or other youth group that has enjoyed this special retreat in our back yard. We should share your memories. Contact your editor with your story!

The Midwinter Conferences are coming up. The first is February 13th via ZOOM. All members are welcome to attend, registration is required. Go to wiumkiwanis.org for the registration.

Volunteers are needed to help direct people for COVID immunizations at the Green County Government Services building, N3152 Hwy 81 Monroe. The dates are February 10th and 11th. Contact Green County Public Health or Beth Kindschi for additional information. We understand that volunteers will be able to receive the vaccination.



WHY KIWANIS?

BECAUSE KIDS
NEED TO KNOW
WHO THE GOOD
GUYS ARE

BECOME A GOOD GUY

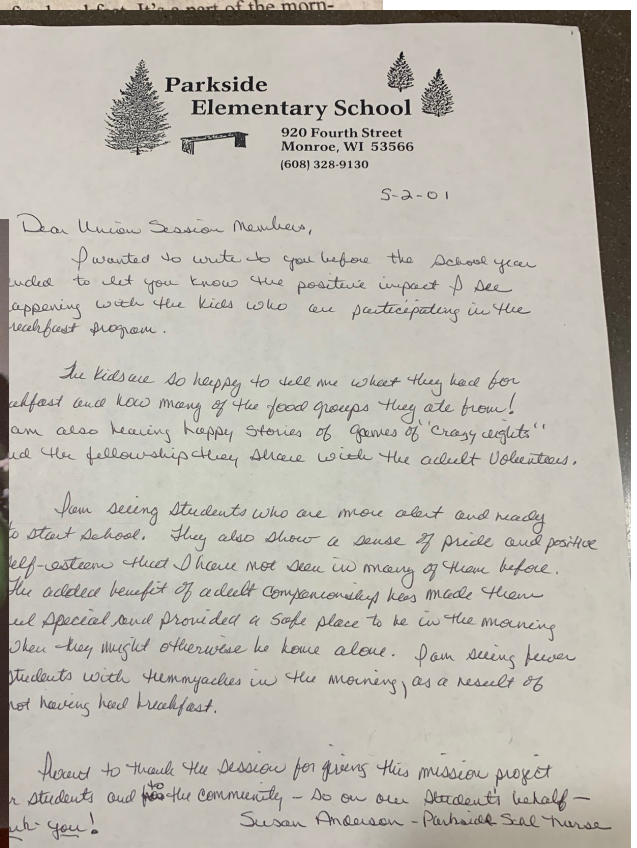
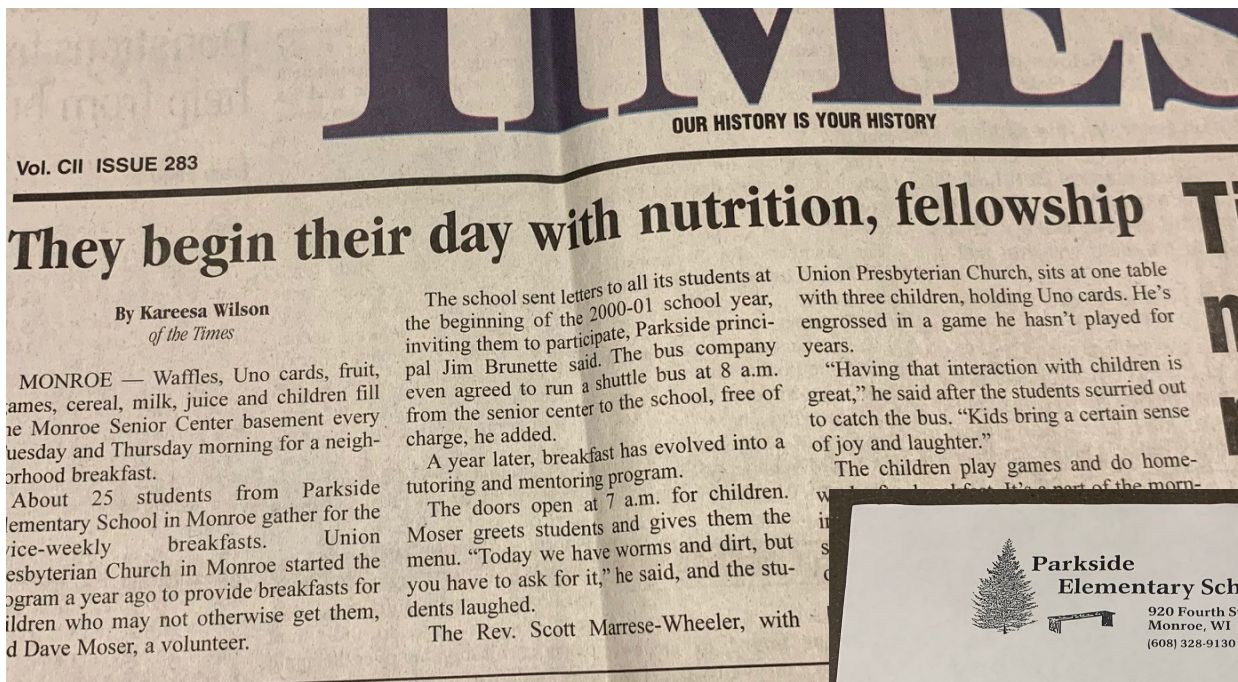
 [KIWANIS .ORG](http://KIWANIS.ORG)

Kiwanis helps with the neighborhood breakfast program.

Eric Ekum talked about the meal programs provided by our School District at our January 7th meeting. The amount of meals provided was eye opening. Our school district and staff have done a phenomenal job.


But do you remember when lunches was all that was provided? A 1999 article rated Wisconsin last in the nation for participation in a breakfast program..

Enter David Mosher and a group of volunteers from Union Presbyterian Church for the 2000 school year. With the help of the Monroe Fund establishing a Neighborhood Breakfast Program fund with a gift of \$675 from Monroe Kiwanis and a \$750 donation from the Salvation Army the program began serving children at the Monroe Senior Center. Superintendent (and Kiwanian) Ed VanRavenstein opened the program for Parkside students. The following year it was expanded to include middle school students. Monroe Kiwanis and many other service clubs and churches volunteered to staff a month for two breakfasts per week. My mom Ardath Slater was the one constant volunteering every single week. Key club members were frequent volunteers.



Sue Hall presented a February 4th program on bereavement. She talked about the six needs of mourning and the six week grief support group. Sue told us of the importance of telling your story. The next group will start meeting April 13th.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
1724 14TH ST. MONROE, WI 53566

Every Tuesday from April 13 to May 18, 2021
9:30am - 11:00am

FOR SUPPORT PLEASE CALL: (608) 206-6916

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Kiwanis sponsored cub pack and scout troop 101 report by Tami Richardson

We want to begin by thanking Mr. Lee Binkley for being our Kiwanis Charter Representative for both Boy Scout Troop 101 and now Cub Scout Pack 101. We are truly thankful he is willing to fill that position for both groups!

Pack 101 report

Cub Scouts Pack 101 is for children Elementary school aged, 5 years to about 10 years, in the Monroe area. Currently we have 24 youth members and we are the only Cub Scout Pack serving our town. 2020 had a lot of challenges for our group but we found a way to still serve families and their children. While locked down, we encouraged families to work on their Cub Scout's book together as a fun activity. Several Cub Scouts were able to achieve their rank patch by doing this, we are so proud of them and their family!

Once back to school began, we were able to have some indoor meetings in groups of 10 or less while practicing social distancing. These then became outdoor meetings to further protect scout's health. Those who were not comfortable with meetings were given a plan to follow at home with their Cub Scout. We also had a fall hike at Forest Prairie Park in groups of 10 with social distancing.

Once it got too cold for Cub Scouts to meet outside, a plan was given to Cub Scout families to work on at home. We had a winter hike at Honey Creek Park with a sign up online so we could keep to groups of 10 and the whole family could come out if wanted. We have also given out Pinewood Derby Cars in the hope that the scouts can run them in the spring when it is warm enough outside again. It is important to note that no one was reported to have gotten sick at the hikes or meetings. Thank you for supporting our Pack!

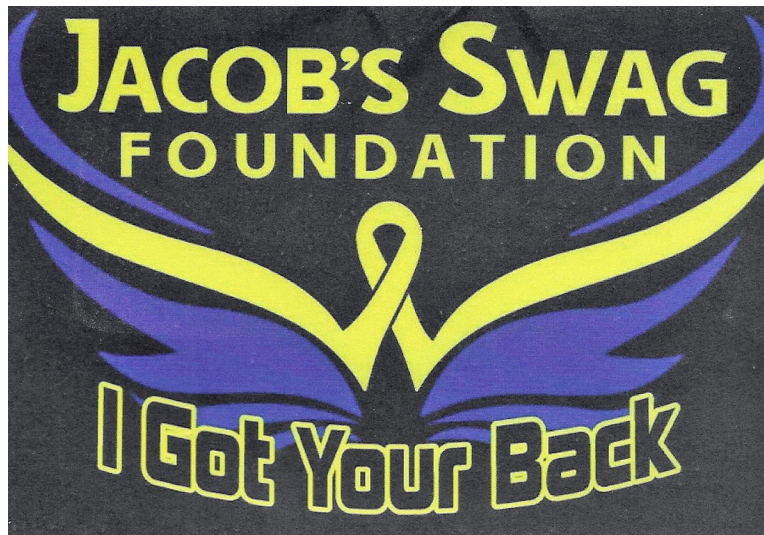
Troop 101 report

Boy Scout Troop 101 is for boys in Middle and High School of the Monroe area. (Their sisters of the same age attend Troop 114, also here in town.) We currently have 18 members and are the biggest Monroe Troop. Despite the pandemic, we safely ran "Scouting for Food" this summer which collects food for our Green County Food Pantry. In addition to that service project, several scouts also cleaned trash from the Badger State trail this summer.

Once school began, Troop 101 had indoor meetings in patrols, groups of 10 or less, while practicing social distancing. These also became outdoor meetings which continued in to the cold while the boys learned what to do and how to dress for cold meetings. Eventually their meetings moved online to Zoom or Google Meet. Some patrols played online games while others worked on advancements. All of them have worked on Merit badges and continue to do so.

Before it got cold, the scouts brought canoes to Cadiz Park to work on their canoeing skills. They signed up to go in groups of 10 and practiced social distancing. Only one group ended up in the water and they were glad they brought a change of clothes! (It wasn't as warm wet as it had been while they were dry) Thankfully, none of the boys were reported to have gotten sick at a meeting or activity. Thank you for supporting Troop 101!





Dear Kuwānis Club Members -

I am writing to you all today to give you a big heartfelt THANK YOU! Thank you for your generous donation to our project of our Got Your Back. We have heard amazing feedback from individuals and groups saying our app is truly a tool that will save lives. We could not have done this project without the financial support from amazing donors like the Kuwānis.

I am honored and humbled to call you all friends and we look forward to helping you out in the future.

Sincerely
Kurt + Teri
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Kiwanis Club of Monroe – Board Minutes February 1st , 2021

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

At 1203, call to order by President Jim via Zoom. Agenda approved by Beth, second by Jane and passed

President's notes: Jim has submitted our Youth Cabin as a Signature Project for both KI and the District. The Midwinter Conferences are coming up. The first is February 13th via ZOOM. All members are welcome to attend, registration is required. Go to wiumkiwanis.org for the registration.

Treasurer's report -The Foundation account has \$1,990.33 after a \$250 donation in memory of Art Bartsch. Administrative account balance \$2,551.12. Activities \$53,139.04. . Candy bill of \$31,496.25 has been paid. The candy profit to date is \$30, 649.95. The club is a non-profit organization but our Foundation (Activities and Foundation) are 501c3 from many years ago. Treasurer report moved to be approval by Dave, second by Ron and accepted.

Funding Requests – none

Committee Reports – Reports from active committees:

Club meetings/ House: Shirley has speakers for February. Feb. 11th our District Governor will induct our new members.

Membership Fundraising – Candy money is almost complete.

Sponsored Youth: KI has requested (now required) all sponsored youth advisors have the official KI background check. Beth will tell Susan. Erik will reimburse the \$25 fee as soon as she completes the survey. David will contact the Middle School principal regarding the appointment of a new advisor for the Builder's Club.

Young Children – Linda has offered to have books for WIC kids at her office. Beth has asked the WIC clerk to find a way to pass the word to her clients. Shirley also has a \$250 gift card to spend on books for this project.

Youth Service/Youth Cabin: Boy Scouts are now able to meet with restriction so we will open the cabin for use. COVID cleaning will be added to their checklist of care for the cabin. Canyon Camp is tentatively booked for the upcoming season, hopefully they will be able to open on schedule. Alternatives are being planned in case they can not.

Service: The Health Department needs volunteers for their COVID immunization clinics, Linda proposed we add this project to our list of approved projects, second by Danielle and passed.

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

Public Relations: Nibbles will be out soon. Thanks to Dave for a job well done and a reminder from him to pass on ideas for articles. Dave is looking for member stories to be included in the Nibbles, anyone can submit an idea.

Other Old Business: 100th Anniversary – Dave will add a request to the membership to join the planning committee for the Anniversary. We need to plan promotion, membership to 100, possible member perks (t-shirts?), newspaper insert and celebration event ideas. Linda has offered their office's window for one or more displays. Patrick will look at making a banner to use there as well as on the storage building. Beth will send our current list of "join" years to the board.

New Business: none

At 1304 Linda suggested we adjourn, second by Beth and passed.

Next meeting is March 1st at 1200, electronically

Respectfully submitted by Beth Kindschi, Secretary

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Programs:

Feb 4th - Noreen Ruechert –
Green County Tourism – Effects of
COVID-19

Feb 11th – Governor Jean – New
Member induction

Feb 18 – Adam Krebs – New Editor
at Monroe Times

Feb 25 – Amanda Gerber – The
effects of COVID-19 on Aster and
what they are doing to help them
get through this time

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Treasurer	Erik Haworth

***Nibbles* Editor: Dave Mosher**

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David Mosher	

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Linda Gebhardt
Steve Kundert

Board meeting 1st Monday of Month Via Zoom

