

Nibbles

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Wis.

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Celebrating 100 years



Kiwanis
Monroe

1921 - 2021

I have heard it said that the "-" between the years is the story of your life. This year Monroe Kiwanis will be celebrating 100 years of service in Monroe. But this story is not ending! We have a lot to share of the last 100 years. But there is more to come!

You can follow Kiwanis at our weekly meetings (now virtual) by reading Nibbles or by visiting our updated website. Watch for updates on many social media venues. There are several virtual opportunities to get involved and stay connected in this newsletter. AND if you are having trouble navigating all these new ways to get together just call or text or email and you can even give us a call (phoning still works!)

As I reminisce the last 100 years (or 40 in my case) I am reminded that someone should be writing this down! We lost Bob Heitz last month and that makes us feel even farther apart. So, this year tell us your Kiwanis story and we will include them in Nibbles. This edition will include some memories of your editor (that was a lot of hair ago) and a rare photograph of the Youth Cabin following the 1976 ice storm. I am looking forward to hearing your story. And let us share some good news and stories.



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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What's your story?

I married Kiwanian Jim Gordee's daughter (JoEllen) in 1975 and decided to join Kiwanis in 1976. One event that stands out is starting the builder's club in 1981. They are having their 30th anniversary! Coach Howie Jubeck was the first advisor and not too many years later Barb McArdle started her decades long advisor leadership. How many remember the many roller skating parties at the Den? Back then we didn't have the common sense to have safety requirements so we all piled into Kiwanian cars and went roller skating without parental consent. I do not remember broken bones but I do remember spending time on my rear end. Another activity was adopt a highway. We would pick up trash on highway 69 south of town. Afterward we would enjoy root beer at the A&W. There are probably a few have forgotten that Monroe had an A&W!



Another memory is 1984 when the Kiwanis club funded the feasibility study which became Big Brothers/Big sisters of Green County. Those memories will be shared in the next Nibbles.

Update from Kiwanis Key club advisor Susan Anderson

Dear Kiwanis family,

The MHS Key Club is still working hard to make 20-21 a memorable year. They are meeting monthly. At each meeting, students may join virtually and students may join in person when they are in the building. Before the holiday break, they made cat toys out of old t-shirts for the Humane Society, and they hand-made Christmas Cards for residents at Pleasant View.

At their upcoming meeting on Tuesday, January 12 at 9:15a, the key club will promote teacher appreciation by asking all key club members to take a photo of themselves holding a sign that thanks teachers. Then, the officer team will put the video together to share with the MSD staff and community. I will be sure to share it with you when it is completed.

To join the meeting, [click this link](#) or follow these steps

- 1) go to [meet.google.com](#)
- 2) join a meeting
- 3) type the code zox-mdks-och

They have decided not to register for DCON this year since it is totally virtual, was moved to February, and conflicts with a few students' schedules. I hope to bring students to an in person event in 2022.

Yours in service,
Susan

Kiwanian Teresa Keehn article in December/January Kiwanews

The headline on page 10 of Kiwanews: "Monroe Kiwanis Club Members Join forces with United Way"

The article is about the community response fund to address the needs that developed as a result of the pandemic. The Kiwanis club of Monroe plans to continue supporting United Way efforts. See Kiwanews for complete article.

Stay in touch with United Way

The United Way has a unique perspective of community needs – unlike any other organization. They continue to take a hard look at the entire community, assess the needs, develop an action plan, and, most importantly, work to take action on the things that are most important. United Way is working hard with many community partners to develop a long-term plan to help address these needs.

Please use this link <https://conta.cc/35Xoe7k> to stay in touch with all that is happening at United Way of Green County. When we all work together, we can all LIVE UNITED!

Teresa Keehn | Executive Director

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United Way of Green County is building a stronger community by uniting people and resources to solve problems and improve

Mid year convention

WI-UM district 2021 midyear convention opportunities February 13th, March 13th and April 17th. Plans are to have virtual meetings for February and March. These meetings start at 8:30 and end with award presentations at 12:05. Everyone is encouraged to attend and learn about service project and membership opportunities. You can register for the zoom link at www.wiumkiwanis.org





Tree damage at Youth Cabin

The Youth Cabin survived the ice storm of March 5 1976. Trees and branches throughout the area fell from the weight of ice. The Youth cabin escaped without damage but crews gathered to clean up the tree damage. This picture was in the Jim Gordee archives

Get Kiwanis of Monroe information on the website:
www.kiwanisofmonroe.org

Get Wisconsin/Upper Michigan information at:
www.wiumkiwanis.org

Get Kiwanis international information at: www.kiwanis.org



How Kiwanis started

Taken from the Kiwanis club of Monroe website

An informal talk session following the annual meeting of Monroe's Lyceum and Chautauqua bureau directors on March 8, 1921, sparked the first interest in organizing a Kiwanis Club in Monroe.

After the March meeting, School Superintendent Lester R. Creutz, Arthur C. Frautschy and Rev. A.A. King became actively interested in the Kiwanis idea. A Kiwanis state organizer was invited to an April 19, 1921, meeting and addressed 50 business and professional leaders in the Circuit Courtroom. Thirty of those attending signed as future Kiwanians.

The temporary organizing session was held April 25 at the Citizens Bank. Permanent organization was achieved May 3. Forty seven of the original 51 members attended the first luncheon program May 12, 1921 at Ruf's Garden.

The club's first project saw members placing 100 "Monroe" signs on roads leading to the city. Harold Tuttle won the first attendance prize—500 pounds of "Ziegler coal."

The club received its charter July 15, 1921 at the Lincoln School Gym with guests from Beloit, Freeport, Rockford, Janesville, Kenosha, and Madison clubs.

Thus the Kiwanis club of Monroe received its official baptism and one hundred years of service to our community had been initiated



Kiwanian Robert Leland Heitz II (Bob) passed away on Thursday, December 24, 2020 at Azura Memory Care. His "claim to fame" was being the first baby born at St. Clare Hospital in Monroe. He was a 1957 graduate of Monroe High School. Bob was united in marriage to Kiwanian Judie on October 26, 1957 at St. Victor's Catholic Church.

Bob worked at Swiss Colony for 28 years, prior to retiring in 2002 he also worked for Frito Lay and Advance Transformer; as well as farming.

Our condolences to Judie and family



Kiwanis candy is sold out! That's great news! If you need candy ask a member there may be a few out there. Wendy Schmoldt is the payment contact. Send checks only to Wendy at 2532 1st St. in Monroe. We are on track to exceed our goal! Let's get our major fundraiser in the books! Thanks!



Kiwanis Club of Monroe – Board Minutes January 4th, 2021

Members present: Shirley Eells, Amanda Gerber, Jim Glessner, Danielle Hanusa, Erik Haworth, Beth Kindschi, Steve Kundert, Dave Mosher, Jane Paradowski, Ron Spielman and Nanci Valentino. Excused Patrick Bodell & Linda Gebhardt. At 1203, call to order by President Jim via Zoom. Agenda approved by Dave, second by Beth and passed

President's notes: we received thank you notes from the Clinic Foundation and United Way for our donations to them. The upcoming Kiwanews will have a half page article on our partnership with United Way, check page 10.

Secretary's report-December minutes reviewed and no additions suggested, approval moved by Dave, second by Danielle and passed.

Treasurer's report -The Foundation account has \$1,740.33. Administrative account balance \$2,566.93. Activities \$68,773.08. Treasurer report moved to be approval by Beth, second by Jane and accepted. The check for the candy \$31,496.25 has been sent but not cashed. We have candy checks thru Dec. 9th with more to come.

Funding Requests – Monroe Park and Rec has requested \$3,935 to cover all of the programs we sponsor through the year, so moved by Dave, second by Nanci and passed. Marge has asked for our 100th Anniversary logo for their annual publication. Jim will get it from KI.

Committee Reports – Reports from active committees:

Club meetings/ House: Shirley has speakers for January except for the 14th because Gov. Jane was scheduled for that date and needs to move her date into February. Shirley is filling the date. All meetings will be on ZOOM until notified otherwise. Meeting Room: Personal Meeting ID:861 624 9569

Web Link <https://zoom.us/j/8616249569?pwd=QXFmbUdWb2QxRTRFWExqTXJHTlI3QT09>

Membership: Beth proposed Deb Watson (First Community Credit) for membership, second by Shirley and passed.

Sponsored Youth: KI billed us for the suspended K-Kids and Builders Clubs, they are supposed to fix it!

Fundraising – Candy money is coming in, there are a few tins left at Refue's, contact Ron. There will be a gumball check this month.

Human and Spiritual Values – keep in touch with one another. A member Bob Heitz passed away on Christmas eve.

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.

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 1227 Dave suggested we adjourn, second by Nanci and passed.

Next meeting is February 1st at 1200, electronically

Respectfully submitted by Beth Kindschi, Secretary

L**2020-2021 Monroe Kiwanis Officers**

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Beth urges us to join the:
"Kiwanis Kafe", an open forum with
Governor Jean Long Manteufel.
2nd and 4th Fridays, 09:00 AM CDT
Join Zoom Meeting
Very interesting conversation

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Linda Gebhardt
Steve Kundert

Board meeting 1st Monday of Month Via Zoom

Date**Program**

January 7th	Eric Ekum school lunches during COVID
January 14th	zoom meeting
January 21st	Nikki Matley & Teresa Keehn , school board & COVID
January 28th	Sue Hall Grief counseling
TBT	new member induction

We have a NEW Zoom connection for the club. Password 53566

