

# Nibbles

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Wis.

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## Monroe Kiwanis goal of 100 members



Four members inducted last month; Jo Ellen Mosher, Steve Franson, Matt Mullen and Donna Douglas. Last week we had Tami Richardson, Boy Scout troop 101 leader and active community member join. Welcome Tami. Looking forward to working with you! Who will be next? (Not missing an opportunity to ask a new resident to join our club your editor recruited Hayes. Mom Elyss deferred to the class of 2025!)

Welcome Hayes Xander son of Kiwanian Elyss McNett born 2/8/2021.



### 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!



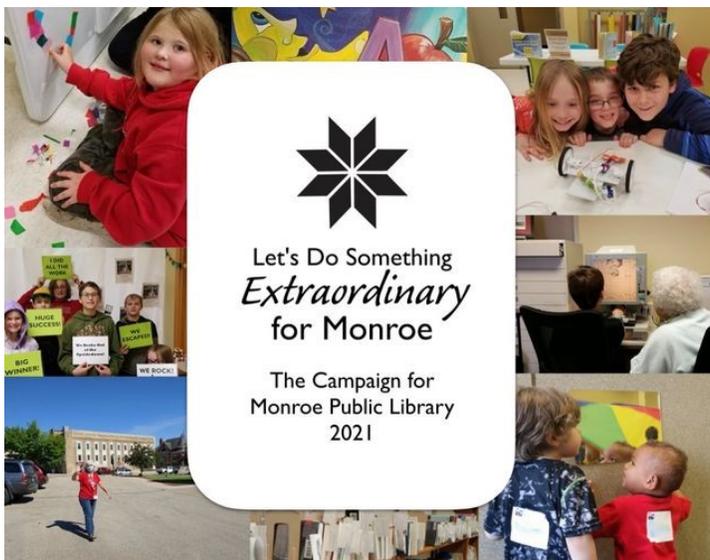
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Monroe Public Library Director Suzann Holland spoke to Kiwanis about needs of the library and the beginning of a capital campaign. Our club asked about the progress of the campaign, so we reached out to Suzann for an update.

The Monroe Public Library is currently running a campaign to raise \$1.5 million for interior renovations. The renovations include new restrooms, expansion of the 2nd floor into its open space, replacement of the staircase, better facilities for the Literacy Council of Green County, an additional conference room and replacement of the front entrance. The library has been in its current space for 25 years.

Great progress has been made, and the library is about halfway to its goal. Colony Brands and Klondike Cheese have partnered to offer a 2-for-1 challenge grant up to \$500,000. Those wishing to donate any amount can visit the library's website at [monroepubliclibrary.org](http://monroepubliclibrary.org) and get more detail on the campaign and the overall project (including floor plans). Director Suzann Holland can also be reached at [sholland@monroepubliclibrary.org](mailto:sholland@monroepubliclibrary.org) or 608-328-7010.



## Monroe Key Club sends cheese, chocolate and banner to fellow key club chapter in Texas

Key club responds to flooding in Texas by "doing a gesture of support and solidarity" Susan Anderson. Package arrived in Texas and their advisor sent the following thank you:

"I just wanted to let you know that your care packages arrived with that beautiful banner today. Thank you all so much!!!! Your gift brings care, love, and joy to a bunch of students who are not used to, and suffered through, some cold we have not seen down here in many a year.

Thanks again and have a great weekend! "

***Andrew Bendersky, key club advisor,  
Birdville High School (Fort Worth Texas)***



## What's your Kiwanis story? Celebrating 100 years



**THIRD GENERATION KIWANIAN**—Bobbie Bernet, right, postmaster at Monroe, was inducted into Kiwanis Dec. 1. Shown with her father, Art Benkert, she continues a longtime Kiwanis tradition in her family. Bernet's grandfather, the late George C. Shaler was a charter member of the Poughkeepsie, N.Y., club before coming to Monroe in 1968. Although he had been a Kiwanis member for more than 50 years, he was just eight meetings short of 50 years perfect attendance at the time of his death in 1977. Benkert, an attorney, has been a member of the Monroe club since about 1947 and has in excess of 30 years of perfect attendance. Benkert said he was proud to have his daughter join the ranks of Kiwanis "fellows". Bernet, mother of two children, joins several other women members in the Monroe Club. (Kiwaneews Photo)

Monroe Times article about third generation Kiwanian Bobbie Bernet.

We are looking for other stories in our celebration of our first 100 years.

Contact Jim Glessner, David Mosher or Patrick Bodell with your memories.

We are looking for volunteers to help with celebration events.

**THANK YOU**  
for **all the hours**  
of **service** you've  
given to make the  
world better.



## **AMPLIFY, KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL TRAINING TO HELP YOU LEAD**

Have you ever wondered what your dues does? Secretary Beth shared a new Kiwanis International professionally contracted training program to enhance leadership skills. This program offers skills you can use throughout your life. Highlights follow:

Through Kiwanis Amplify, participants will learn skills to improve more than their Kiwanis club. They'll get the tools needed to improve communities, careers, schools — the lives of adults and children everywhere.

Participants in this program will:

- Explore the value of servant leadership.
- Discover personal strengths to lead confidently and successfully.
- Strengthen their ability to lead in a strategic manner.
- Build and manage a successful strategic plan.
- Learn from experts and peers from across the globe.
- Earn a certification of completion.

Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:

- The qualities of a good leader.
- Methods of communication.
- Planning engaging events.
- Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion throughout a team.
- Working with others.
- Sharing a message.
- Planning for the future.
- Staying focused

The participation fee is \$200 and gives members access to all 56 segments and related material. Individuals may pay the registration fee themselves or a club, division or district may sponsor participants for Kiwanis Amplify as well. Visit [kiwanis.org/amplify](https://kiwanis.org/amplify) to learn more about the program, get answers to frequently asked questions and [register](#).

If you have questions ask a board member or bring it up at a Thursday meeting.

Wisconsin/Upper Michigan district VIRTUAL MIDYEAR CONFERENCES, March 13th 2021. Must register to get the Zoom link information (wiumkiwanis.org)

8:30 - 8:55 Opening Session

9:00 - 9:40 am Workshop 1

9:45 - 10:25 am Workshop 2

10:30 - 11:10 am Workshop 3

11:15 am - 12:00 pm Workshop 4

12:05 pm - 12:30 pm Award Presentations



**Monroe Kiwanis & Monroe Parks & Recreation**



**EASTER EGG HUNT**



**WHEN:** The week **BEFORE** Easter  
**Saturday, March 27, 2021**

**WHERE:** Weather permitting, various parks  
will be used for different age groups

**Park locations - Hunt begins with Easter Bunny drive thru!**

Registration is required. Children may find 6 eggs with stickers, coupons & each child will receive a toy.

For families with mixed ages, choose one park to attend for all children you register.

Adult accompaniment is required for all children.

Children age 4 & older are asked to bring their own basket.

11:00am Twining: 8 years & older, 3 different groups by ballfields & jet

11:15am Recreation: 3 years & under at ballfield, below & on tennis courts  
(baskets provided for 3 years & under)

11:30am Northeast: 4 & 5 year olds at ballfield, volleyball & tennis courts

11:45am Honey Creek: 6 & 7 year olds on ballfield, soccer field & playground

Noon East School Park: Children with special needs or immune disorders.

**If we have bad weather, this will be a drive-thru event so please register to ensure you receive event updates!**

**Event is FREE. Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**EASTER BASKET BENEFIT MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> ...Online!**

Baskets will be displayed on our Facebook page and at Park & Rec office.

Bidding is open to anyone & will begin March 22 through March 26.

Winners may pick up at Park & Rec office March 29 - April 1.

Funds raised will go toward Honey Creek Ballfield improvement.

**We are having an Easter Egg Hunt!**

The event will be spread out at different parks starting at 11:00 and the last group starts at noon.

Families need to register in advance.

Groups of up to 15 families at a time will participate in different areas of the parks.

We need lots of volunteers to help bring some joy to children and families.

Email, call or let us know at our Thursday meeting if you can help!

## What's been happening?

Noreen Ruechert displayed historical items from Cheese Days past and the prospects for 2021 on February 4th. There will be a Cheese Days display in the historical courthouse. District Governor Jean Manteufel installed three members at our February 11th meeting. Adam Krebs shared his goals as the new editor at the Monroe Times on February 18th. Amanda Gerber shared pictures and stories of the unusual COVID year at Aster. And Matt Mullen, executive director of the Green County Humane Society discussed their amazing facility. They processed over 800 animals with a 98% positive outcome.

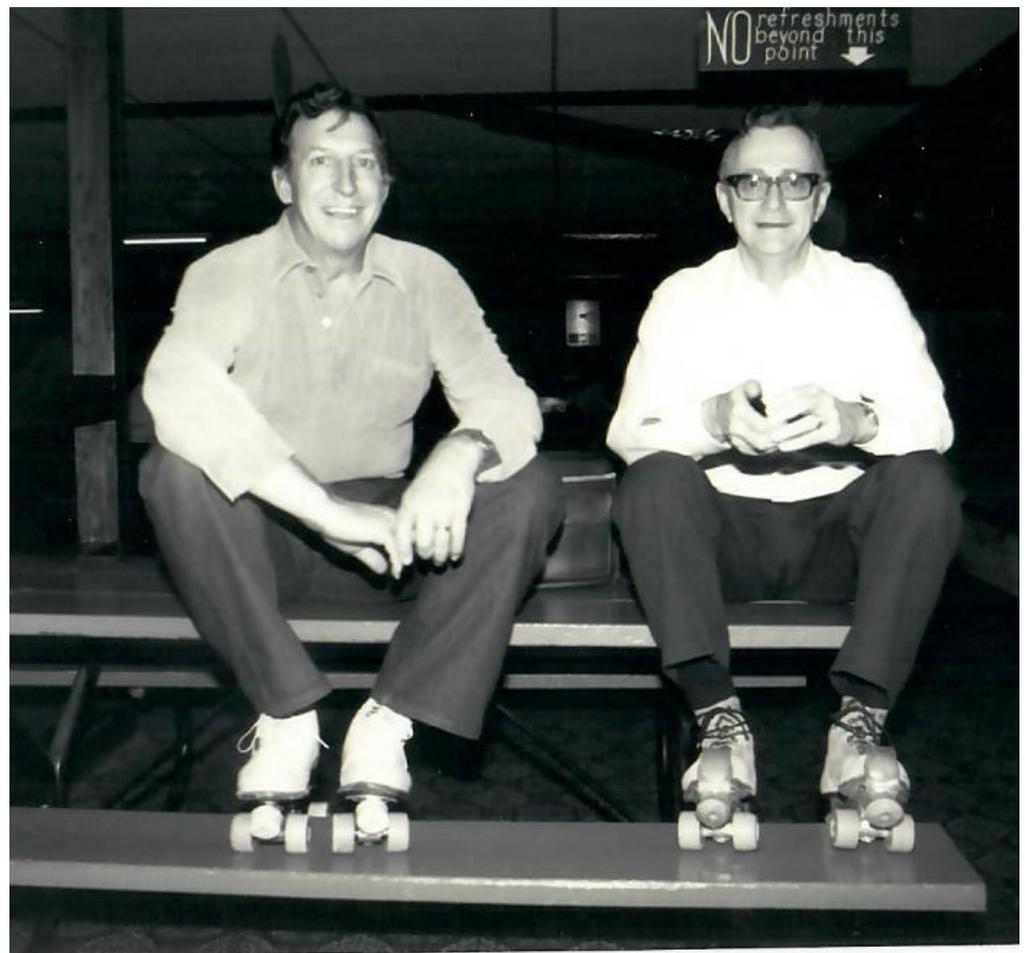
From Kiwanews February/March edition:

### JUSTIN HAHN SELECTED TO SERVE AS WI-UM KIWANIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The WI-UM Kiwanis District Board of Directors has selected 2017-2018 District Governor Justin Hahn as the next Executive Director of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District. He will prepare for the role by working with Mark Finger, who has served the district well for more than two decades, until his retirement on October 1, 2021.

### Remember when?

Kiwanians Milo Friedrichs and Jim Gordee taking a break during the Builders Club roller skating party at the Roller Den. Milo and Jim were impressive skaters showing off their skills learned years ago. This annual event ended when permission and transportation got difficult. Editor is guessing picture is from 1982



## Kiwanis Club of Monroe – Board Minutes March 1<sup>st</sup> , 2021

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

At 1204, call to order by President Jim via Zoom.

**President's notes:** Jim had a wonderful experience at the Circle K DCON (speed dating) Circle K members who fired questions to Kiwanians via Glimpse. As of October 1<sup>st</sup> the Kiwanis district administrator will be Past Governor Justin Hahn.

**Secretaries Report**-Moved by Nanci, second by Danielle to accept report as emailed.

**Treasurer's report** -The Foundation account has \$1,990.33. Administrative account balance \$2,551.12. Activities \$56,066.46. The candy profit to date is \$33,624.95. Treasurer report moved to be approval by Beth, second by Jane and accepted.

**Funding Requests** – none

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

**Club meetings/ House:** Shirley has speakers scheduled through March 8<sup>th</sup>. Ideas are always appreciated. Jim volunteered to host the regular club meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> when Beth will be on vacation. The club will continue to look to meeting in person as soon as practical, either when Turner Hall opens up or at the Youth Cabin after the mud dries up!

**Membership Fundraising** – Candy money is almost complete. We need to place our order for next year. After some discussion Dave proposed we order 775 cases, second by Patrick and passed. This is about the same as we sold in 2020.

**Sponsored Youth:** Key Club- Susan has completed her background check and Erik will reimburse her the \$25 fee. Our Key Club has partnered with a club in Texas and will be sending them a care box. It will contain a goody bag for each student as well as cheese and sausage for their families. Patrick has arranged for them to have a banner showing MHS support for them in their time of need this will be signed by our club members and included. Beth moved we pay the shipping cost (to be done by Colony fulfillment), second by Patrick and passed.

**Young Children –**

**Youth Service/Youth Cabin:** Reservations are being taken for the Youth Cabin.

Canyon Camp is heavily booked for the upcoming season, hopefully they will be able to open on schedule. Next month Lee will be looking for support for the work days.

**Service:** The Health Department needs volunteers for their COVID immunization clinics. Anyone wishing to get their own immunization sooner can volunteer by calling Emergency Government.

**Human and Spiritual Values** – an Easter program has been scheduled.

**Public Relations:**

**Other Old Business:** 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – planning committee will meet on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone wishing to help should contact President Jim.

**New Business:** We have not made our club donation to either the Kiwanis Children's Fund or the District Foundation this administrative year. Dave proposed we donate \$380(\$5 per member) to each, second by Linda and passed.

Circle K and Governor Jean have identified the replacement of the mattresses at Camp Waubek as an immediate need. The cost of each bunk mattress is \$100. Nanci proposed we send them \$500 for this project, second by Shirley and passed.

At 1248 Dave suggested we adjourn, second by Jane and passed.

Next meeting is April 5th at 1200, electronically

Respectfully submitted by Beth Kindschi, Secretary

Programs:

March 11th—Ron Olson, Monroe School District referendum

March 18th—Laura Steiner and Molly Olson, Elder abuse

March 25th—Donna Douglas, Green County Veterans Park

April 1st—Easter message, Pastor Stacy Cavanaugh

April 8th—Judge James Beer, artifact collection

Did you know that there are many ways to stay connected with Kiwanis?

- Weekly meetings are now virtual. We meet weekly because we know you have a busy schedule. Join us any Thursday at 12:30. Plans are to meet at the Youth Cabin as soon as safely possible. Watch for updates. Zoom option will continue
- Regular e-mails
- Nibbles, Kiwanews
- Web sites:
  1. Kiwanisofmonroe.org (Monroe)
  2. Wiumkiwanis.org (District)
  3. Kiwanis.org (International)
- Facebook
- Kiwanis Kafe

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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>
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Jane Paradowski	Nanci Valentino
David Mosher	

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Steve Kundert

**Board meeting 1st Monday of Month Via Zoom**