

Nibbles

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Wis.

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Your Monroe Club

- > Sponsors Boy Scout Troop 101
- > Sponsors Key Club, Builders and 4 K-Kids
- > 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!



Distinguished—At the Midwinter Conference Monroe Club was announced as a distinguished Club. That means Past President Shirley Eells is a distinguished president! She is shown here at the Midwinter with Past Governor Larry Kozoil. Monroe Club was also named a Cornerstone Club of the District Foundation. Four Monroe Kiwanians were also named as Distinguished District members. (See Page 2)

**Put it on your calendar:
Work weekend at
Canyon Camp
May 6 and 7!**



Past President Shirley is shown here with Lt. Gov. Ken Saville at Midwinter.

Local Kiwanians honored

Monroe Kiwanians named “District Distinguished” were Amanda Gerber (Membership and Education); Nanci Valentino (Community Impact); Ron Spielman (Financial Viability); and Jim Glessner (Our Kiwanis Image). They each received handsome certificates.

Your Monroe Club continues to be one of the top clubs in the district. Conference representatives Shirley, Nanci, and Jim were thoroughly interrogated concerning club growth and establishment of four K-Kids clubs this year.



There are several opportunities for club members to assist with programs being held on April 1 and 2.

Contact President Amanda if you can help!

Kiwanis Member Sign Up

Sat. April 1st Easter Egg Hunt-Twining Park 10am-1230pm	Sat. April 1st Stateline Home and Business Expo 9am-1pm	Sat. April 1st Stateline Home and Business Expo 1pm-4pm	Sun. April 2nd Stateline Home and Business Expo 11am-3pm
Shirley Eells	Amanda Gerber	Nikki Austin	Shirley Eells
Jim Glessner	Lukas Gerber	Olivia Otte	Tami Richardson
Reid Stangel			
Andy Sefcik			

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**K-Kids are off and running—
Abe Lincoln group held a cereal drive, then did a domino knock down around the school gym. The club is shown in a formal photo above top. The “Abe” letters above had a hard time falling, but the rest of cereal boxes did!**

K-Kids groups at Northside are sponsoring a Movie Night; and

Parkside K-Kids are doing a collection drive to Support Green Haven.

Invites Everyone to Come for...

Northside Young Leaders

Family

MOVIE NIGHT

FREE
Sponsored by
Kiwans Club in
Monroe Wi

Thursday, March 30th

Northside Elementary Gym
From 5:30pm-7:30pm

Bring the family and friends, blanket, or lawn chairs. Snacks or popcorn will be available for purchase to support Northside Young Leaders

Featured Movie title:
DC League of Super Pets
Rated Parental Guide (PG)

For more information contact Mrs. Faucher 608-328-7217 or email kattynfaucher@monroe.k12.wi.us

Spring Cleaning Donation Drive

to support
Green Haven Family Advocates

Green Haven Family Advocates is a nonprofit organization that provides important resources to our community. Green Haven is located in Monroe and they provide temporary housing and resources to families in need.

Parkside K- Kids are hosting a Spring Cleaning Donation Drive to collect much needed items for Green Haven and the families they support.

How can you help? From March 6th- April 10th, we will be collecting "Spring Cleaning" items to donate to this local organization.
Donation bins will be set up near the Parkside office.

Most Needed Items:

- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
 - Magic Erasers
 - Garbage bags
- Multipurpose Cleaner
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Sponges for cleaning
 - Baby Wipes

Hosted by Parkside K-Kids

KIWANIS IS MY SUPERPOWER

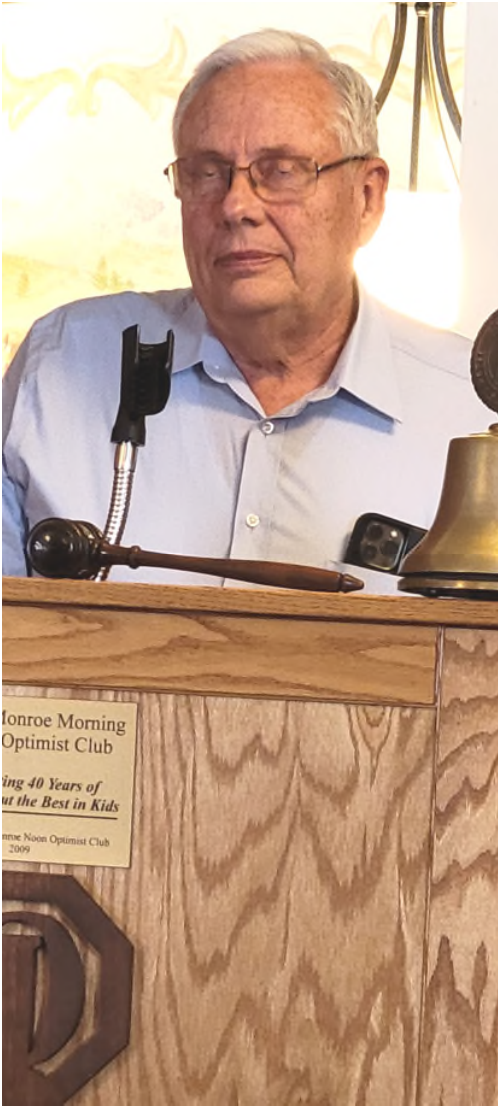
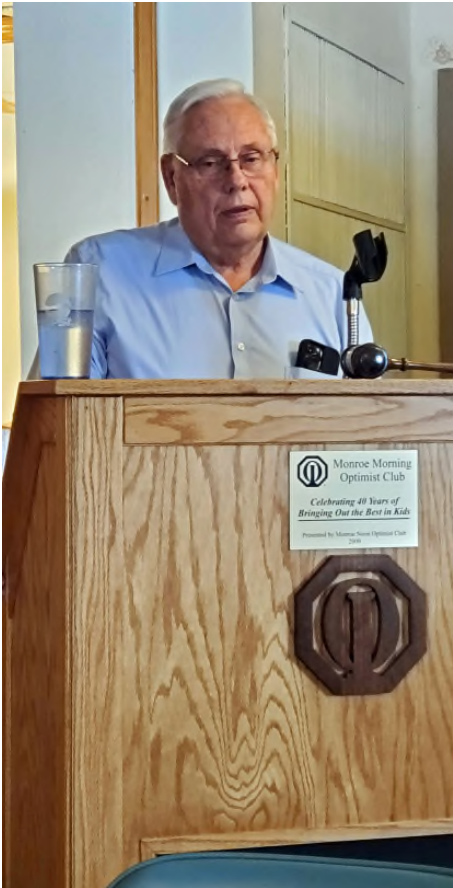


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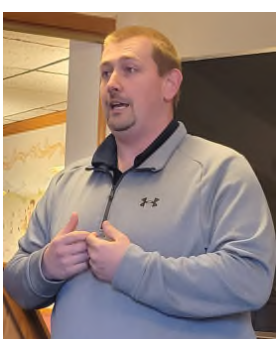


The Cops 'n Kids reading program is getting under way. Spearheaded by Past President Shirley (below) Monroe Police read to a group (above) and Sheriff's Department Personnel (left) read to another.





Fascinating Program—Gary Kramer, a retired veterinarian, gave an in-depth look at Badger State Ethanol and its progress over the past 20 years. The plant grinds 90,000 bushels of corn a day, 7 days a week. The corn oil produced is most valuable, with ethanol, carbon dioxide, and myriad 'value added' products in the mix. The company gives back to area communities by attending fairs and purchasing animals. He estimates they have purchased more than 500 animals to date.



Cory Kundert from Green County Leaders talked to the club recently about the Youth Sports Equipment Swap coming in April.

MONROE PARKS AND RECREATION FORESTRY

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

YOUTH SPORTS EQUIPMENT SWAP!

SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2023 9am - noon

- ▶ **DO YOU HAVE SPORTS GEAR LAYING AROUND THAT IS NO LONGER BEING USED?**
- ▶ **DROP OFF LOCATIONS:**
 - Woodford State Bank**
403 W 28th St, Monroe, WI 53556
 - Bank of New Glarus**
701 4th St, Monroe, WI 53566
 - Precision Drive and Control**
504 11th St, Monroe, WI 53566
 - Dairy Queen - Monroe Location**
405 2nd St, Monroe, WI 53566
 - Monroe Parks and Recreation**
1110 18th Ave, Monroe, WI 53566

@ MONROE PARKS AND RECREATION
1110 18th Ave, Monroe, WI 53566

Looking to find youth sports equipment at an affordable price? Do you have a child that wants to try a new sport without having to break the bank? Join us for our first ever sport and recreation equipment swap! Score "new to you" gear for no more than a small donation that will benefit Monroe Parks and Recreation.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH APRIL 21ST.

Questions? (608) 329-2460

Green County Leaders helping make sports accessible for all.

**Celebrating Success:
Fine Dining Event**

Funds Raised Benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Green County Matches

Saturday, March 18, 2023
Koning Maple Lane Event Center
 N3051 State HWY-81, Monroe, WI 53566

5 PM Check in & social hour
6 PM Welcome & dinner begins
Silent & live auction throughout the evening

\$75 per Person
 OR
**Honor your work team with a great night
 and sponsor a table!**

We are delighted to welcome back Chef
 Mchelle Vines to this year's event, and back
 by popular demand, this meaningful evening
 will include wine pairings by Steve Borowski.
 Funds raised directly benefit local matches.

**Space is Limited.
Get Your Tickets Today!**
 (608) 325-7855
 bbsgreencounty.org

SCAN TO ORDER






**Big Brothers
Big Sisters**
OF GREEN COUNTY

Can't join us for dinner but would love to help area kids affected by adversity? Donate at bbsgreencounty.org

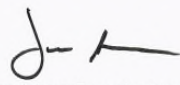
May Your Holiday Season be

*Joyful
& Bright*



To all our Kiwanis Friends,
 Wishing you the happiest of holidays and a
 New Year filled with good health, peace and joy.

With gratitude from the Board of Directors and Staff
 at Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation



Jane Sybers, Executive Director
 Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation

Left: a flier from BBBS (a Kiwanis partner group) For their upcoming dining event.

Above: a card that got waylaid from Clinic Foundation.

Below: Sample of pen we present speakers each week.



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Recent speaker on a snowy day—Denise Matyka, executive director of Project Home, explains the various programs available.



projecthome

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- Emergency Furnace
- Veterans Program
- Home Rehab Loan

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Energy & Weatherization Assistance 2022-2023



GREEN COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT*
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

January 30, 2023

Aster Assisted Living
Ms. Amanda Gerber
616 8th Ave.
Monroe, WI 53566

Dear Kiwanis Club of Monroe,

The Y is an organization that, thanks to your support, continues to strengthen the community in which we all live.

On behalf of the Green County Family YMCA and the many people we serve, **I wish to thank you for your donation of \$1000.00 to our Annual Campaign.** With your help, our Y's charitable mission will achieve our goal of helping people in need, and to help fulfill the promise that no child, family or adult is ever turned away from the Y because of their lack of ability to pay.

Thank you for making a positive impact in our community. Together we can make a difference; together we are strengthening communities.

Sincerely,

Trent Henning
Executive Director
Green County Family YMCA

THE Y™ FOR A BETTER US

BADGER BOYS STATE

Dear Kiwanis of Monroe,
Thank you so much for sponsoring me to attend Badger Boys State. This experience has helped me develop my leadership skills, get out of my comfort zone, build friendships, and learn new things. I ran for secretary of state, and campaigning really pushed me out of my comfort zone. I collected enough nominations to make my party's primary, which gave me the opportunity to speak to over 300 people at the convention (once again, very outside my comfort zone). Sadly, I lost the primary by 22 votes. However, I think this was a life-altering experience, which is a subject in my book. Once again, thank you.
-Kaleb Welhouse

P.S. If you would like to speak to me personally about my experience, feel free to text or call me at 608/636-4861 to arrange a time.

Kiwanis Club of Monroe –Board Minutes March 6, 2023

Members present: Patrick Bodell, Stacy Cavanaugh, Shirley Eells, Linda Gebhardt, Amanda Gerber, Erik Haworth, Beth Kindschi, Dave Mosher, Luke Smetters, Ron Spielman and Nanci Valentino. Excused: Danielle Hanusa Absent, Steve Kundert. Club Member: Jim Glessner

Preceding the meeting, Trent Henning and Luke Smetters made a presentation on the YMCA expansion with extensive questions and answers.

The meeting was called to order by President Amanda at 1234.

Secretaries Report-Patrick proposed approving the minutes as emailed, second by Nanci and passed.

Treasurer's report-The Foundation account has \$2,320.33. Administrative account balance \$1661.72, Activities has \$57,497.12. Patrick moved the report be accepted, second by Nanci and passed. Letters to late resignation persons will be sent asking for a donation for their dues paid by the club.

Funding Requests-No action was taken on a request for rent support for Toys for Tots, ACES Baseball requested funds to support their fundraiser. Nanci proposed we support at the "Home Run" level of \$500, second by Stacy and passed. Northside K-Kids needs \$120 for their Family Movie night, so proposed by Linda, second by Stacy and passed. The YMCA request will be discussed in depth next month.

Committee Reports -Reports from active committees:

Our **LAUNCH** committee will not meet this week.

Club meetings/House. Stacy has the calendar filled up through March with others pending.

Fundraising: Erik will explore the meaning of an e-mail from Wendy at the Colony who seemed to indicate we still owe \$18,000 for candy. There are 600 tins still in storage. Nanci mentioned that our supplier for the ice cream to the fair has died. She is working at finding another source for product and freezers.

Membership: The survey is complete and tabulated. The membership committee will be collate and evaluate the results.

Youth Services: Canyon Camp work days are May 6th and 7th.

Books: Beth and Shirley will order books soon.

Sponsored Youth: Northside K-Kids have scheduled a Family Movie Night and Parkside K-Kids will be collecting spring cleaning materials.

Public Relations and Nibbles:

Computer Know How will run our website for a service fee of \$119.40 for the year. Shirley proposed we pay for the annual contract, second by Luke and passed. Patrick can still make corrections and add content on request.

Old Business: Sign up is available for the Easter Egg Hunt (April 1st) and Home Expo (April 2nd).

New Business: We are looking at having the Annual Club Dinner Celebration at Turner Hall. Tentative date is May 11th. Business not needing immediate action was postponed until the April meeting due to the late start of this meeting.

The next meeting will be April 3rd at noon, meeting room at Aster.

At 1319 Dave proposed the meeting be adjourned, second by Stacy and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Kindschi, Secretary

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March 9: Monroe Public Library Programs--Suzann Holland and Friends

March 16: Students from Launch Program

March 23: Green County Leaders : Aspiring Leaders Group

March 30 Fifth Thursday, 6-8 p.m. Trivia Night: Union Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Volunteer opportunities—
Put on your calendars

April 1—Park and Rec/Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt

April 1 & 2—Kids Corner at State-line Home and Business Expo

April 29—Assist Green County Leaders and Park and Rec with sports equipment Swap Day

May 6,7—BSA Canyon Camp Kiwanis work days

Attendance opportunity—KI Convention, Minneapolis, June 21 thru 24

**Board of Directors meets
April 3, 2023 at Noon at
Aster Assisted Living**

*Monroe Kiwanis
Meets Thursday Noon
At Swiss Alps
On a weekly basis*



Kiwanis Youth Cabin, located on a 10-acre site on Youth Cabin Rd., has served children and adults with outdoor experiences since 1954.

To contact Secretary Beth Kindschi:
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608.325.8100 or
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2022-2023 Monroe Kiwanis Officers

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Ron Spielman
Dave Mosher
Patrick Bodell

Board of Directors Meeting

Board meeting
1st Monday of Month
At Aster