



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!



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Imagine Create Engage
LAUNCH

JOIN US FOR THE 2022-2023

LAUNCH SHOWCASE!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

4:30-6:30 PM

M-ROOM - MONROE HIGH SCHOOL



HEAR ABOUT
WHAT STUDENTS HAVE LEARNED,
CURRENT PROJECTS AND
HOW TO:

LAUNCH YOUR PROJECT WITH US!

*Tie
Blanket
Project;
More on
Pages
2 and 3*

*Kiwanis meets Thursday
Noon at the
Rustic Youth Cabin*

*Since Kiwanis Club sponsored
Launch projects, Kiwanians
Are especially invited!!!!*



Tie Blanket Extravaganza!

Great community project last Saturday. Monroe Kiwanis Club and area youth made blankets for area organizations including Family Promise, [Green Haven](#) and Aster Assisted Living.

17 from the Kiwanis family were involved in the Launch project. Patrick was a fantastic barista and Dave Mosher guarded the donuts!

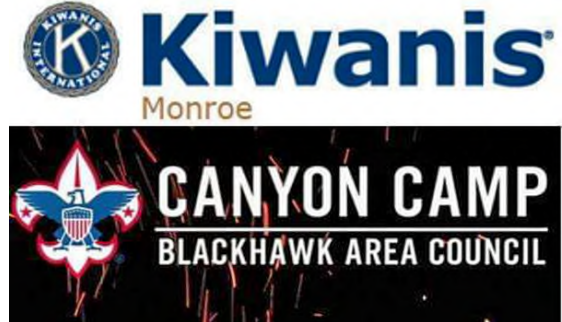




Results of the effort shown above







A wonderful weekend!
Thank you to the nearly 100
volunteers who spent time at
Canyon Camp this past week-
end as part of the annual
Monroe Kiwanis Work
Weekend.

Much was accomplished from
basic camp clean-up, to split-
ting wood, to building new
benches and picnic tables!

Much fellowship was shared
with great food and strong re-
lationships continuing in the
Spirit!





Shirley and Amanda had a great time during Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA! They did crafts, tattoos, coloring sheets, and some book giveaways!



Last week some of our members bowled for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Green County. Joseph Najat, Ashley Rieder, President Amanda and Past President Shirley raised more than \$900 and a great time was had by all!



Thank you

Kiwanis of Monroe,

Green county Public Health, along with the WIC Program would like to send a huge thank you to you all! We are so grateful for the books you donate. The smiles we get to see when we hand these out are priceless.

With thanks and appreciation.
- GC PH + GC WIC ♡

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

Dear Amanda,

Thank you for working with our group. You were a wonderful mentor, and you were always open to everything we suggested. You came in with a positive attitude and were always giving us good ideas.

Thank you again,

Kiwanis Lanch Team,

Sulinna Nova & Louis A

K Kids in Action

Left: a K-Kids group collected supplies for Spring cleaning for Green Haven Family Advocates

Below: Northside K Kids have a great time working on a project



HOMELESSNESS DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE

ARE YOU A TEEN IN GREEN COUNTY FACING HOMELESSNESS?

YOU HAVE

- OPTIONS
- RIGHTS
- LOCAL RESOURCES



FAMILY PROMISE WEBSITE

1 IN 30
 YOUTH AGES 13-17
 EXPERIENCES
 HOMELESSNESS OVER
 A 12 MONTH PERIOD

You have the right to still be able to attend school and be provided transportation

Local Resources are available such as housing, food, and clothing

Employment Resources and options are available

Made in Partnership with



The new Chimney at the Youth Cabin



A sampling of programs that happen every week, from teen homelessness, to library happenings, to Kiwnian George Vernon telling about his trips abroad. Come get enlightened every week at the Youth Cabin!

Homelessness in Youth

In Wisconsin in 2019-2020, 17,179 homeless students were enrolled in school. These numbers are reported cases of homelessness and do not include youth who are not reporting they are homeless. This was before the last 3 years of a pandemic. Our youth in Green County are not exempt from these statistics.



Kiwanis Club of Monroe –Board Minutes May 1, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by President Amanda at 1204.

Secretaries Report-Ron proposed approving the minutes as emailed, second by Linda and passed.

Treasurer's report-The Foundation account has \$2,320.33. Administrative account balance \$1,819.97, Activities has \$33,733.79. Linda moved the report be accepted, second by Ron and passed.

Funding Requests- Main Street requested our sponsorship of the pony rides for their summer kick-off event. The cost is \$1,120 for the June 10th event, so moved by Nanci, second by Danielle and passed. Circle K Outreach is asking for assistance. Since our club does not sponsor a Circle K club, Stacy proposed we sponsor the organization with a \$250 donation, second by Linda and passed. The Times is having a special edition for the YMCA capital campaign. Stacy proposed we take out an ad for \$135 to note the \$25,000 donation to the building project, second by Nanci and passed.

Committee Reports –Reports from active committees:

Our **LAUNCH** committee will be tying blankets at the Pres. Church on May 6th.

Club meetings/House. Stacy has the calendar filled up through May with others pending. She is looking for suggestions.

Fundraising: Candy – the product will be changed to an item that does not require it being hand made. The ingredients will be the same with a whole macadamia nut enrobed three times with chocolate. (They will look a bit like a buckeye.) They will be loose packed in a smaller can and sell for the same price. The weight will remain at 1 ½ pounds. There will be 8 tins in a case instead of the previous 5. Orders will be in full cases, so we will need to adapt to the differences. Since there are cases of the old product in the freezer, there was discussion on how to sell them before the new product comes out. Ideas are welcome!

Nanci has secured everything we need from Cedar Crest to have the ice cream booth at the county fair. The Aspiring Leaders group would like to help, Amanda will keep them posted.

Membership: Colleen Keen will be inducted on May 18th. Robbie Surlas would like to come back, Beth will contact her.

Youth Services: Canyon Camp work days are May 6th and 7th. Ron announced that the Galena Pilgrimage had over 3,000 in attendance. The Boy Scout bankruptcy is in its final stages and the end is in sight.

Books: are here and ready for Cops N Kids as well as delivered to the Health Department for WIC kids.

Nominations: Shirley is having difficulty finding a nominee for vice-president. After some discussion on having newer members join the board to see how the club operates, Beth proposed we add up to 3 more members to the board if not prohibited by our by-laws, second by Patrick and passed. Upon checking our by-laws, there is no restriction on the number of board members.

Sponsored Youth: Northside K-Kids will have a service day May 12th, Parkside will have a sundae party for their last meeting, Abe Lincoln will have a teddy bear week, St Vic's is planning a bake sale and made \$1,083 with their penny war. The Builders Club is sponsoring a carnation sale for Mother's day and the Key Club is sponsoring the Prom for Seniors on May 6th. Amanda proposed we spend \$50 for water bottles with the Builder's Club logo to give to the 30 graduating K-Kids at their last meeting, the bottles cost \$180 for 50, so proposed by Nanci, second by Stacy and passed.

Public Relations and Nibbles: Jim, Ashley and Dave will be meeting to discuss restructuring the duties.

Old Business: Our annual banquet will be at Turner Hall on May 11th.

New Business

The next meeting will be June 5th at noon, meeting room at Aster.

At 1310 Patrick proposed the meeting be adjourned, second by Stacy and passed.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Kindschi, Secretary

Monroe Kiwanis Meets Thursday Noon At Youth Cabin

May 11: Banquet (evening) at Turner Hall -- UPC Drum Ensemble Performing

May 18: Dusty Williams, BTC Ag Instructor

May 25: (tentative) Ernie Gebhardt, American Legion

Volunteer opportunities— Put on your calendars

May 12—Monroe schools Service Day; busload to Youth Cabin; Kiwanians will need provide shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows.

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

Board of Directors meets June 5, 2023 at Noon at Aster Assisted Living



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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This was a huge success



**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 53550

Bank of New Glarus
701 4th St, Monroe, WI 53566

Precision Drive and Control
504 11th St, Monroe, WI 53556

Dairy Queen - Monroe Location
405 2nd St, Monroe, WI 53556

Monroe Parks and Recreation
1110 18th Ave, Monroe, WI 53566

*Business Hours Vary

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED
THROUGH APRIL 21ST.**

**@ 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.

Questions? (608) 329-2460

Green County Leaders helping make sports accessible for all.

2022-2023 Monroe Kiwanis Officers

President	Amanda Gerber
President Elect	Stacy Cavanaugh
Vice President	Luke Smetters
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Ron Spielman
Dave Mosher
Patrick Bodell

Board of Directors Meeting

Board meeting
1st Monday of Month
At Aster