



Nibbles

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Wis.

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Kiwanian Tami Richardson is a perfect example for promoting Scouting, which Monroe Kiwanis has been supporting for more than 100 years!

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!



PAY DUES SOON

Reminder: Club dues are payable before Sept. 1.

The dues form is on Page 7.

Send your checks to: Erik Haworth, 902 17th Ave., Monroe, 53566.

Dues are \$125 for individuals and corporate; \$175 for couples.

Please take care of this promptly!



**YMCA
Summer Camp
Held recently
At
Youth Cabin**

Thankful to
be part of an
organization that
makes a difference
in the world
every day.



Patrick Ewing
Kiwanis International Trustee



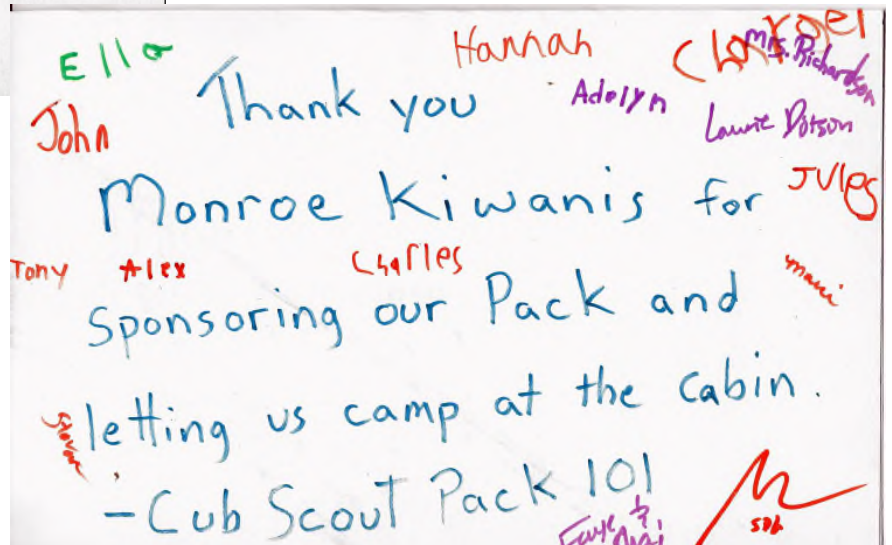
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THE ICE CREAM STAND WAS A SUCCESS!

Even State Senator Howard Marklein stopped by (photo left) And the Chamber's summer intern, Elsen Gratz (photo above) found the delicious treat to his liking. Big thanks to Nanci Valentino for spearheading the effort, which resulted in nearly doubling our profits from last year!!

(That's president Amanda with Lily above)



RECENT PROGRAMS



Wyatt Jackson and Linda Gebhardt, both Kiwanians, took time to explain: “What is a community fund and how does it work” at a recent meeting.



Talent Attraction and Development
Green County is the place to be.

- Green County Leaders
- Aspiring Leaders
- Childcare
 - We have recently utilized over \$170,000 in grant funds to support childcare providers.
- Broadband
 - We have received \$143k in grants.
 - Strategic Plan
- Clean Energy
- Housing
 - Green County Healthy Community Coalition - Housing
 - Housing Study
 - Home Construction Cooperative

Business Retention and Development
Doing business in Green County? We are here to help!

Green County Growth Opportunity Fund (Revolving Loan Fund)
We are able to offer up to \$100,000 per business for high-growth start-ups and emerging-growth companies through our Growth Opportunity Fund.

Grants & Additional Funding Sources
Over the past 5 years, we have been awarded over \$700,000 in grant funds to support childcare initiatives, broadband improvements, and entrepreneurial development.

Business Recruitment
GCDC can help you discover why Green County is the place for your company to grow and prosper.

- Labor Force Information and Demographics
- Incentives and Financial Assistance Programs
- Marketing available sites and buildings
- Entrepreneurial Support
- Community Conversations
- Green County Pop-Up Shop Program
- Small Business Series



Olivia Otte, Green County Development Corp. executive director, recently gave insight into GCDC, its goals and objectives (see panels at left). Olivia is a Kiwanian.

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SCOUTING REPORT: SEDRICK ROBINSON, left, Blackhawk Area Council scout executive, gave a report at recent meeting: Council serves 4,300 youth; 127 boys and girls earned Eagle status; a new cabin has been completed at Canyon Camp; there is also a new shower house; the bankruptcy has been finalized nationally with Blackhawk contributing \$1.6 million toward the settlement. There was a 5% membership increase last year! Sedrick was accompanied by Jack Dykstra, right.



Once again, I am so very thankful to Kiwanis for sponsoring our 9th FAITH run/walk and speaker event. We are also taking part in Green City Night Out and collaborating with the Green City Healthy Coalition to offer a Parents Night Out where parents can learn about ways to talk to their children about binge drinking and vaping.

Mary

Photo

***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:
Farmer's Market Baked Goods Booth
sponsored by Kiwanis.
August 12 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.***

***You can drop off baked goods
NLT August 11 at Woodford Bank
Help at Booth also appreciated!***

The Sound of Silence

George W. Kindschi, MD

It is 2 AM. I am awake. I rise from my warm bed and stare into the darkness. The house is quiet except for the soft hum of the furnace fan and the ticking of the grandfather clock.

If I go outside, whether in winter or in summer, it is peaceful. In winter there is rarely any sound save the crunch of my feet on the snow. The black ceiling is studded with a million stars winking knowingly at me. I wink back. As I walk down the lane, the peacefulness is nearly overpowering. The whole world is asleep but I am awake and I am hearing the sound of silence.

In summer, when I take the same walk, I occasionally hear the distant hooting of an owl or the stirring of creatures of the night; the possum, the raccoon, the turkey, and whitetail deer. Unlike winter, the air is soft with the aroma of moist soil, of things growing, of life itself, and I hear the sound of silence.

A philosopher once said, "I think, therefore, I am." I prefer the reverse, "I am, therefore, I can think." In the middle of the night I can think, I can read, I can take a flight of fancy without encumbrances. No television, no telephone, and no interruptions with the mundane facets of daily living. It is a time of peace not unlike

childhood before the realization of responsibility. It is an oasis in the desert of real life. It can be a time of introspection or a time of exploration. However, this time of night is fleeting. It passes too quickly and reality is only minutes away.

It is now 3 AM and my golden hour is soon over. It has become apparent to me that my time is a treasure not to be wasted but to be spent; spent doing what is right, noble, and satisfying. Helping others, whether through medical practice, service clubs, churches, serving your country, or any other community participation should be paramount since, when we make another's life better, we are in reality making our own lives better.

Soon, the sun will rise and another day will begin. What of this day? Will I make a difference in a life? To a patient? To a child? To my spouse? To a grandchild? To anyone? Does it matter? It matters to me.

The coffee is brewing; the new day awaits. The sound of silence is replaced by the sound of the daily routine. Life goes on and it carries us with it. Yet, I will always remember and treasure those early morning hours, those hours of the sound of silence.

**Put this on
your calendar!**

**The Annual
Badger State
Tractor Pull
is sneaking
up on us,
Saturday,
September
16th..**

**Kiwanis club
will need lots
of help that
day to PULL
this off. A
more formal
sign up sheet
will follow
soon.**

**If you are
anxious to
volunteer you
can give
REID STAN-
GEL a call or
text at 608
426-4499.**

**Looking forward to
making a lot
of money that
day with your
help!**

Editor's Note: Kiwanian Joseph Najat found this in an old issue of the Wisconsin Medical Journal! We reprint it here for your perusal. Enjoy!

Kiwanis Club of Monroe

2023-2024 Annual Dues Request

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Name _____ email _____

Any changes in contact information? _____

Kiwanians make significant commitments to their community. Please let us give you credit for your service outside official Kiwanis activities. If you volunteer on a regular basis, please let us know where and the approximate number of hours per month. If your efforts are less regular, please let Beth know about your service by the end of each month. kindschi@tds.net

Regular service @ _____ hours per month _____

Kiwanis Clubs exist to serve their communities. Is there a project or service you would like to see our club consider? _____ If yes, what?

When we plan service and fundraisers we often need help, what is the best way to contact you? Please be specific.

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2023-2024 Dues are: \$125 per year for a single membership \$ 175 per couple

All dues are payable on or before September 1st.

Partial payments are acceptable, please arrange payment plan with Treasurer Erik Haworth.

Amount enclosed \$ _____ List member names:

Make checks payable to: The Kiwanis Club of Monroe

Send to our treasurer: Erik Haworth

902 17th Ave.

Monroe, WI 53566

NOTE:

Kiwanis International bills our club for all members on our roster on September 30th. Anyone on the roster on that date will be responsible for their dues. Anyone wishing to resign from the club must do so **IN WRITING -BEFORE September 1st! An Email to Beth will suffice. kindschi@tds.net**

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August 3: Teri Ellefson -- Jacobs SWAG

August 10: Kiwanis Scholarship Recipients

August 17: Patrick Bodell, Green County TV

August 24: is Jordan Nordby and Terra Junk talking about Monroe Main Street

August 31: Evening meeting: Pie Social at the Youth Cabin. 7 p.m. (Bring your favorite pie!) Family event!

Board of Directors meets Aug. 14, 2023 at Noon at Aster Assisted Living

Monroe Kiwanis Meets Thursday Noon At Youth Cabin



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: 608.325.5658 or kindschi@tds.net

To contact Treasurer Erik Haworth: 608.325.8100 or erik.haworth@thrivent.com

Be One Of The Thousand Points Of Light



Join Kiwanis

2022-2023 Monroe Kiwanis Officers

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| President | Amanda Gerber |
| President Elect | Stacy Cavanaugh |
| Vice President | Luke Smetters |
| Immediate Past President | Shirley Eells |
| Secretary | Beth Kindschi |
| Treasurer | Erik Haworth |



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Term Expires Sept. 30, 2025

- Nanci Valentino
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Term Expires Sept. 30, 2024

- Ron Spielman
- Dave Mosher
- Patrick Bodell

Board of Directors Meeting

- Board meeting
- 1st Monday of Month
- At Aster