



Nibbles

Look for hidden gem! Respond by email. Let us know where you found it and the message and win a prize!

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Wis.

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Eagle Scout project at Youth Cabin



William Richardson is a 17-year-old Life Scout in Monroe's Troop 101. His Eagle Scout Project was to construct and install 5 nature trail signs on the Kiwanis Youth Cabin's North Trail. The nature trail signs will identify plants that are found along the trail and educate hikers about them. They will be built with the intention to withstand time and weather, providing value to the trail for years to come. This project continues the tradition of the Alice Howe Nature trail.



Well done William. Kiwanis thanks you. Congratulations on your quest to become an Eagle scout.



Have you wondered about the "Alice Howe Nature trail"? Look for our next issue of Nibbles!

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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October 19, Ryan Strunz and Susan Anderson presented program about Career Communications course at Youth Cabin



Career Communications teaches students about the world of work and prepares them through research, job shadows, resume writing, and a mock interview process. The class, which was previously an elective, is now going to be required of all high school juniors as a part of their English II coursework. While MHS is excited that all students will be benefiting from this course, this means that more students than ever will be participating in the job shadows and mock interviews. Ryan is looking for any community members who are interested and available to be mock interviewers and/or who would be willing to have a student job shadow them. If you are interested please email Ryan at ryan-strunz@monroe.k12.wi.us or call Susan at 608-328-7318. Mock Interviews & Job Shadows

Monroe Kiwanis partnered with Green County Fall Nationals to provide iPad



To The Monroe
Kiwanis,

...to be so nice to me!

Thank you for gifting
our Elliot with a new
iPad. We are already
putting it to great use
both at home & at school.
Sending you loads of
gratitude! ♥ Jim, Emily, &
Elliot Larson

Monroe Kiwanis has awarded over two dozen iPads since this project began. Pictured (L-R) are Kiwanian Linda Gebhardt, Glenda Treuhardt, Jody Ruf, Elliot Larson, Emily Larson, Jim Larson, Kiwanian Reid Stangel and JoAnn Hawthorn (Green County Fall Nationals). Kiwanis received a thank you note from the family

Our October 26th meeting featured Sherry Anderegg.



Sherry took us on a tour around the room. Stating that it will be difficult to talk about 155 years in 15 minutes!

The original Hall was built in 1932 by Mr. Steinmann. A fire started during one of the many dances. Dancing continued during the fire because no one believed that it could catch fire. Eventually the dancers vacated and Carl Marti started the fundraising to rebuild. The portrait is of Carl Marti. The multitalented Carl painted the Wilhelm Tell painting using his son as a model. Sherry told us that his son wasn't happy about being painted and remarked; "If I look mad it's because I am!"

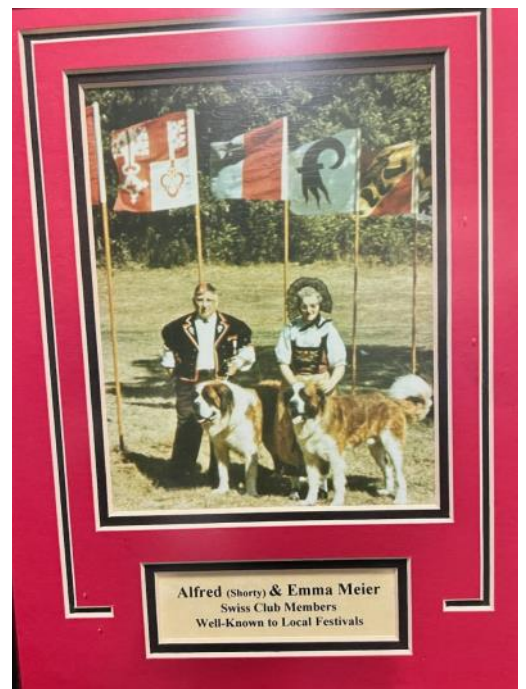
Another display features Marie Blumer Hoesly and her Olympic accomplishments. Many Scherenschnitte (paper cutting) artwork are displayed.

Even the podium has a history as it was used by John Kennedy during a campaign stop in Monroe. Among the many events was an antique show sponsored by Kiwanis.



Our very own Beth Kindschi showed her gymnastics skills in front of the Marie Blumer Hoesly Olympic display! This may have been our guest Emerson McGarry your editor is not sure.

Another portrait featured in Turner Hall is of Alfred (Shorty) and Emma Meier. "Swiss Club members, well known to local festivals". And Toni Voegeli's grandparents! Jim Glessner remarked that he didn't know they were Toni's grandparents but that they had gorgeous dogs.!



Key Club News

Homecoming

From Susan Anderson on behalf of the Key Club → Thank you to all Kiwanis members who donated treats for the students to enjoy during the Homecoming Dance at the end of September. Just over 500 students attended the dance (more than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the student body) and they ate everything you donated! The dance is the primary fundraiser for the Key Club, and your donations helped ensure students had an enjoyable evening. Thank you for your continued support!



MHS sophomores preparing to eat anything that got in their way!



Thomas Stronski our newest Key Club advisor. Let's give Tom a big welcome!

Official Resignation & Transfer of Key Club Leadership

Kiwanis Members,

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your Key Club advisor since the fall of 2015. In that time, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with students as they learn the value of community service, locally, nationally, and internationally. We've spent countless hours on a wide range of projects, and I've loved all of it. The time has come though, for me to pass the responsibility of the Key Club on to a new leader. While I still work at the high school, I am no longer teaching and my connections with students are limited. My opinion is that our Key Club deserves a teacher who sees students and who can continue to build on the foundation we've put in place. I'm happy to announce that our new business teacher, Tom Stronski, will be the new advisor. For the remainder of this year, I'll work in stride with Tom on each project as he gets his feet under him. I will bring him to some Kiwanis events over the course of the year so you all can welcome him to this amazing group of Monroe leaders. Tom can be reached at thomasstroinski@monroe.k12.wi.us. Mathew and I are planning to remain Kiwanis members, and look forward to seeing you all as often as we can. Thank you for recognizing my work with the Key Club through the award at the end of the summer; I was truly so touched by your thoughtfulness. Thank you for your partnership whenever I had ideas to try out with the students. Thank you for your tireless efforts for the children of this community.

With warm regards and sincere gratitude,
Susan Anderson

NIBBLES

At our November 2nd meeting Attorney David Ewert from the Duxstad law firm talked about trends and artificial intelligence. Dave has been in practice in Monroe for 18 months. His practice includes family law, criminal defense, guardianship, real estate. Attending law school during COVID was interesting. He became familiar with virtual hearings and Zoom meetings. Prefer in person meetings as the need for documentation is typically better in person. Dave informed us that Generative (AI) can make things up! An attorney could be disbarred if not fact checked AI was about 33% accurate. Powerful tool but with ethic concerns and accuracy. Confidentiality concerns and sometimes reality and accuracy need to be checked in final product.



Past Governor Bill Abbot present Amanda Gerber with past president's pin at our November 7th meeting

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



Great news we have sold out of candy! SEND IN YOUR CANDY MONEY

Send checks to our candy lady :

Wendy Schmoldt

2532 1st St.

Monroe WI 53566

To make accounting easier, send **ONLY** checks! If you receive cash for a candy sale, deposit it in your checking account and write a personal check to Monroe Kiwanis and send to Wendy.

Baker's Dozen 2023

Monroe Kiwanis donated \$1,500 to this project. And many volunteer. Contact Rick Maliszewski to volunteer or donate.

Join us in spreading the joy of the holiday season through the magic of baking with our heartwarming initiative, Baker's Dozen! Baker's Dozen is an organization whose mission is to provide holiday baking supplies to families in our area.

Last year, Baker's Dozen made a tremendous impact by providing essential baking ingredients and supplies to families in need during the holidays, Imagine the warmth and delight of enjoying freshly baked holiday treats at home - memories many cherish. Unfortunately, not all families in our community have the means to create such wonderful memories.

Our local food pantries do an excellent job supplying essential food items. Baker's Dozen provides the basic ingredients for baking, like flour, sugar, eggs, and many other ingredients. This year, we're taking Baker's Dozen to the next level by not only including these essential items but also a Nordic Ware baking sheet in every kit.

Our goal is to serve 400 local families this year, and each Baker's Dozen kit costs \$24.34. The total budget for the project is \$9,736.00. In addition, we're thrilled to share that Nordic Ware has generously pledged to donate the professional baking sheets.

We invite you to open your heart and support this holiday project, Baker's Dozen operates under a 501(c)3 designation; and your donation is tax-deductible. Your contribution, in any affordable amount, can be made payable to CFSW-Baker's Dozen.

Please send your donations to:

CFSW

P.O. Box 733

Monroe, WI 53566

Thank you for making a difference, and please share this message with your friends and family to spread the spirit of giving this holiday season.



Kathy Hennessy executive director of the Monroe Arts Center was our November 9th speaker

Kathy presented studies on the positive impact of the arts on students. Noticeable improvement in self-esteem, motivation, tolerance and empathy. MAC touches 3,500 students per year! For many MAC is the only outlet to live theatre. Our support keeps tuition low.

She talked that the Rose house and they hope to have it rented within a month as a arts café. "The improvements look amazing and the landscaping is stunning!" This will be the 49th season for MAC programming for more information go to Monroeartscenter.com

26th Annual Monroe Arts Center Holiday Silent Auction November 17 @ 5:00 pm - December 9 @ 7:15 pm

The Holiday Silent Auction is a Monroe holiday shopping tradition. This event features hundreds of unique gift items and something for everyone on your list. From original artwork to gourmet dinners to home décor items to sports related memorabilia, you'll find a wide variety of gifts displayed in one convenient location all awaiting your bid



Middle school activities are starting. Watch for information in our December Nibbles. Also K kids are making news!

WHO JOINS KIWANIS

Kiwanis club members believe in service. They care about children. They're interested in the community around them because the community matters to them.

They're people like you. Friends. Neighbors. Volunteers who want to make a difference. And they love to see the difference they make when they work together.

Promote Kiwanis by sharing Nibbles, our web page or Facebook! Share how much Kiwanis gives to the community. Just this last month we donated \$1,500 to Bakers Dozen, \$400 to Badger Boys State and \$2,000 to MHS Fine Arts Festival! Ask someone if they want to be part of our organization.

Kiwanis Club of Monroe Member Information Form

Please Print Check one: Individual Membership Corporate Membership

Individual Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Gender: _____

Home Address: _____ Birth date _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____ Work phone _____

Email address for club correspondence _____ Kiwanis mail to: Home Work

Note for Corporate Membership: designate one individual as primary representative/contact person, but others are welcome to participate in Kiwanis meetings and activities.

Company Name: _____ Address: _____

Do you belong to another Kiwanis Club? Yes No If yes, where? _____

Were you a previous Kiwanis member? Yes No If Yes: membership: _____ years.

Did a club member(s) help you join? Who? _____

Do you belong to another service club? Yes No Club Name _____

Spouse/Partner Name: _____

Circle as Many as interest you – Committee Preferences: House (Greet and set up for meetings)–
Young Children (kids birth to 8) -- Youth Services (kids 5-18 and scouts)--Key Club (high school) -- Builders Club (middle school) -- K-Kids (elementary)-- Youth Cabin -- Fundraising -- Scholarships -- Membership -- Any

Biographical info to share with the club (Include company info for corporate membership.)

Are you currently volunteering in your community? Yes No if yes, where do you volunteer and approximately how many hours per month?

_____ accepts this application for membership and agrees to conform to the bylaws of this club and comply with the obligations of membership.

Signature _____ Date _____

Date _____ New Member Fee \$65 received by (Kiwanis member) _____

Note: Annual dues will be billed in August 2022 for club year Oct.2022- Sept. 2023 (2022 dues were \$120).

Please return this form and \$65 to any Kiwanian or

Membership Chair: Bobbie Bernet, W4100 Greenbush Road, Monroe WI 53566

Kiwanis Club of Monroe –Board Minutes November 6, 2023

Members present: David Cavanaugh, Stacy Cavanaugh, Linda Gebhardt, Amanda Gerber, Erik Haworth, Beth Kindschi, Steve Kundert, Dave Mosher, Luke Smetters, Ron Spielman, Ashley Reider, Nanci Valentino and Toni Voegeli. Excused: Danielle Hanusa and Absent: Patrick Bodell, Brandi Moon,

Rick Maliszewski came and gave a presentation on Bakers Dozen, a Holiday baking kit for distribution at food pantries. This year they plan to distribute 400 kits to local food pantries.

The meeting was called to order by President Stacy at 1212.

Secretaries Report-To accept moved by Dave, second by David to accept report as emailed, passed.

Treasurer's report-The Foundation account has \$7,412.59, Administrative account balance \$7,648.02 Activities \$19,180.63. Luke moved the report be accepted, second by Amanda and passed.

Funding Requests-After discussion, Linda proposed we donate \$1500 to the Bakers Dozen program, second by Steve and passed.

Badger Boys State sent a request for one scholarship for a boy from MHS. The cost is \$400, so proposed by Dave, second by Toni and passed.

2024 is the year for the next Fine Arts Festival at MHS and organizers have requested support from the Kiwanis Club. Dave proposed we give \$2,000 for the effort, second by Ron and passed.

Committee Reports -Reports from active committees:

Club meetings/House - Luke is scheduling into January and meeting speaker details will be published in the Nibbles.

Fundraising: The candy has been distributed. There is NONE left at the Colony. We have already received the bill and want to pay it by the end of the year. Please send monies received to Wendy as soon as possible.

Storage Building/Youth Cabin - The cost so far for supplies to repair the tables at the cabin is \$284.93.

A completed Eagle project has placed descriptive signs along half of the nature trail at the cabin.

Sponsored Youth: Builders Club is working on food and toy drives.

The Northside advisor is still out on leave so the Principal has stepped in to help the club move forward.

Parkside is filling their Caring Closet with items families might want to borrow or take to use.

Public Relations/Nibbles - Nanci has volunteered to be the back-up photographer at meetings when Dave can not attend.

At 1250 Nanci moved the meeting be closed, second by Amanda and passed.

Next meeting, will be on December 4th at noon, Union Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Kindschi, Secretary

Nov. 16th—Kiwanis International Webinar on Youth Protection—this is required programming
 Nov. 22nd—Thanksgiving—no meeting
 Nov. 30th—Kiwanis Club Building Activity (get to know fellow Kiwanians on the 5th Thursday)
 December 7th—Mason Le Starge, licensed Holistic horse therapy!
 December 14th—Denise Plattenberg, MTG upcoming season and running the theatre

*Monroe Kiwanis
 Meets Thursday Noon
 At Turner Hall, 1217 17th Ave.
 Monroe*



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



See you at Turner Hall

- Convenient location
- Great food
- Private dining area
- Informative programs
- Kiwanis service updates
- Great conversation
- Support our Swiss heritage
- Bring a friend

2023-2024 Monroe Kiwanis Officers

President	Stacy Cavanaugh
President Elect	Luke Smetters
Vice President	David Cavanaugh
Immediate Past President	Amanda Gerber
Secretary	Beth Kindschi
Treasurer	Erik Haworth

Nibbles Editor: David Masher

Directors:

<u>Term Expires Sept. 30, 2024</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Ex-</u>
<u>pires Sept. 30, 2025</u>		

Ron Spielman
 Nanci Valentino
 Dave Masher
 Danielle Hanusa
 Patrick Bodell
 ni Voegeli
 Ashley Rieder

<u>Term Expires Sept. 30, 2026</u>	
Linda Gebhardt	
Steve Kundert	
Brandi Moon	



**Board of Directors
 meets Noon 1st Monday
 of month at Union
 Presbyterian Church**