



Nibbles

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe.

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Monroe Fine Arts Festival thanks Kiwanis at February board meeting



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Susan Anderson thanks the Monroe Kiwanis as generous supporters of the Monroe Fine Arts Festival for many years. "Our sincerest thanks go out to them for their continued dedication to the children of this community."

"Thank you Kiwanis for once again helping bring the fine arts festival to life."

Pictured is your Kiwanis board.

Thank you notes



January 2024

Dear Monroe Middle School's Kiwanis Builders Club,

Family Services of So. Wisconsin would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support during the 2023 Holiday Project. Your generosity brought warmth and joy to 128 families, with a total of 340 individuals served.

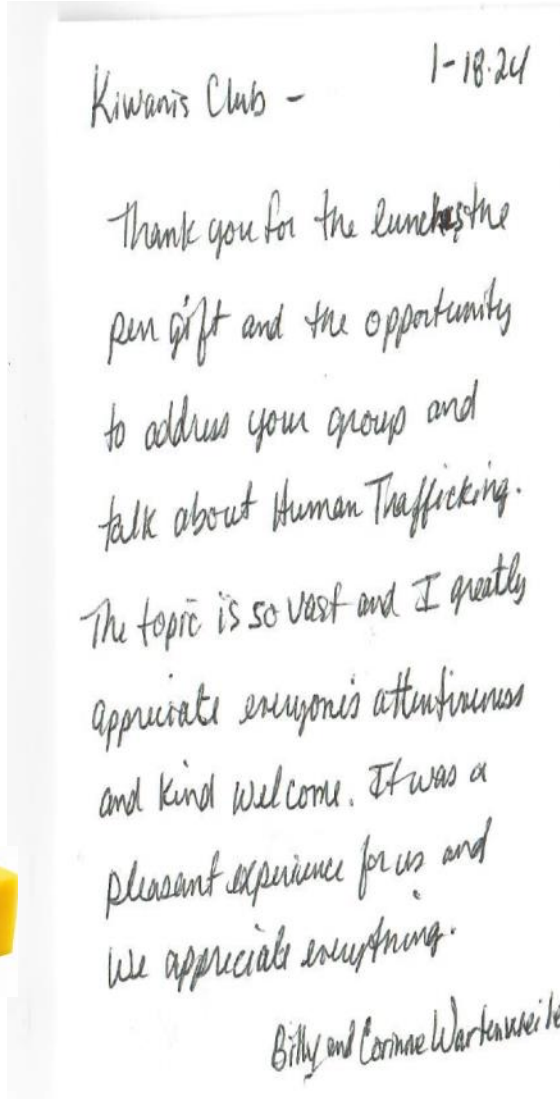
Your impact is profound. You've turned what could have been a sad day into smiles and reminded those less fortunate that kindness exists. You are the heart of our mission and we could not do the work we do without you.

As we embrace the new year, we look forward to continuing our mission with your continued support. With donors like you by our side, our goal of serving even more families in 2024 becomes achievable. Your belief in our cause is the driving force behind our efforts, and we are deeply thankful for that.

Warmest wishes,

Eboni Morrow
Family & Youth Advocate and Holiday Project Coordinator
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K-Kids Pledge:

As a K-Kid, I promise to serve my neighborhood and my school;
I will show respect toward my environment;
And I will try to make the world a better place in which to live.

"Northside Young Leaders, is a student-led organization for elementary school students which will be following the K-Kid club programs from Kiwanis. Students have to answer questions to participate and both the student and parent/guardian have to sign acknowledging expectations! Excerpt follows:

1. Por qué quiero participar en Northside Young Leaders: (puede utilizar una hoja de papel aparte)

para ser cada dia ~~o~~ mejor y siempre dar un ejemplo a los demas compañeros... Tambien para que sea la mejor escuela para los niños y los padres se sientan mas seguros de tener a sus hijos aca.

To be a better person each day and be a good example to everyone else. I also want this to be a safe school for students so their parents can feel good about choosing Northside.



At Northside Elementary School, Mrs. Faucher's 4th Grade K-Kids explored ways to show kindness to their fellow students in response to a survey dealing with ways to further enhance the student experience at their school.

Later, each student cut out "conversation bubbles" with affirming and motivational messages and taped them onto bathroom mirrors, hallway windows, and in the cafeteria to express kindness and caring for each other.

Editorial: I think the future looks bright. Do your best to affirm our young people..

Corrine Wartenweiler talks about Human trafficking at our January 18th meeting



Ms. Wartenweiler gave us an overview of the epidemic of human trafficking in our world, our state and our community. She encouraged us to educate ourselves on these organizations. Resources are:

WWW.hopeforjustice.org; WWW.sharedhope.org; and WWW.exploitnomore.org as well as National Human Trafficking hotline: 888-373-7888. People can contact Corrine with thoughts or questions at 608-214-6377 or email at warty@tds.net

George Vernon talked about Estonia at our January 25th meeting

George put together a very interesting program from his teaching at University of Tartu in Estonia. His class of about 25 students was one of his best experiences. It is hard to understand/appreciate that some of his students had to leave for military training.

Estonia's population is 1.3 million and Putin has been in power since 1999. His talk took us from 1889 to present. Immigrants were moved to the Baltic States and "resettled" where Russian language and education were imposed.

Thanks for the education George.



Programs you may have missed

Ashley Grindle was our program February 1st informing us about Hughes Resources

Ashley advanced to their regional manager position in 2023. And she still finds time to serve as membership chair and Kiwanis board member. And raise a family and volunteer.

Ashley talked about Hughes Resources a locally owned professional services business. They are a full service HR firm that finds work, finds employees and finds HR solutions. Their core values are knowledge, respect and professionalism. In 2023 they took 16,263 applications, did 3,081 interviews and hired 996 workers.

Thanks for all you do.

Another example that busy people join Kiwanis!



Lance Sathoff talked about the history of taverns in Monroe on February 8th

President elect Luke Smetters did his best Foster Brooks impression to introduce Lance Sathoff and his program about the history of taverns in Monroe. (If you never heard of Foster Brooks ask a more seasoned member)

Lance shared his research of over 200 taverns from 1933 to 1988. His program included a game of historical clues with the winner receiving a token. One tavern tidbit started with; Fred Lengacher was the manager in 1936. The next hint was that the subsequent manager was given a trip to Switzerland. The last hint was that a service organization uses this location for noon meetings!

Lee Binkley won the only token for knowing the Swiss Wheel Inn needing just one hint!





SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

Madison East Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a social outing for the Division 5 Kiwanis Clubs for members and guests to attend a Mallards game. This annual outing was cancelled in 2020 due to the Pandemic. Madison East would like to once again offer this fun get together but needs to know how many people would sign up so that a seating section can be reserved. We ask that the President of each club send around a sign up sheet and report back to Madison East member, Mike Morgan, by March 15. A deadline date will be announced at a later time for payment of tickets.

Tickets include a meal before the game.

\$25.00 for ticket and meal with pop.

\$32 for ticket and meal with beer.

Gates open at 5:05 p.m. with the game starting at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Mike Morgan at:

E-Mail - sammbmorgan@charter.net

608-271-6605 Cell-608-334-8885

See the last page of Nibbles to learn about February/March meeting opportunities.

Mark your calendar for a program that interests you!

See you Thursday noon at Turner Hall

A great one hour investment

Bring a friend, they don't have to be a member!

Note: We will follow the lead of our Monroe School closings due to weather

Greetings,

The time has come in the Day of Service planning calendar to confirm what sites are interested in participating in the Annual MHS Day of Service. Day of Service (DOS) was created as a way for students to give back to the Monroe Community through community service. This experience also allows us to teach our students what it means to give back to the community and important traits such as *character, hard work* and *empathy* towards others. Our students and staff are grateful for the support this community gives them each day and year. DOS has allowed the MHS student body and staff to give over 2000 hours of community service back to our community. Projects that students are engaged in vary from cleaning, painting and landscaping to picking up trash along trails, the highway and west side of Monroe. This annual tradition has become a favorite of students and staff at MHS. This year, we have DOS scheduled to take place on the morning of May 10th with a rain date of May 17th. .

As a reminder, each crew consists of 8-14 students and one staff member. If you have significant needs, we can send more than one crew. If you communicate your needs, we can work together to determine your needs and how many crews you will need. It is important to remember that crews will be placed for a 3 hour work window. I am always impressed by how much is accomplished within that time frame. When there is work to be done, students will work hard and fast, especially when around their peers. Projects that may take two volunteers all day to do, this crew will complete in an hour or two. It is best to over plan jobs at your site since HS students being bored is not always fun.

Please respond to this email confirming that you are interested in participating and what your needs are. If you have questions, please call Tim at 328-7047.

Thank you so much for participating in Day of Service 2024! We look forward to hearing from you.

Tim Brown
Eric Jubeck

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Timothy Brown
MHS Special Education Teacher
Special Education Department Leader
MHS Day of Service Coordinator
Monroe School District
608.328.7047



Kiwanis Club of Monroe – Board Minutes February 5, 2024

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

The meeting called to order at 12:07 by President Stacy.

Agenda Approval – Motion Ashley / 2nd Amanda, passed.

Secretaries Report – Motion Dave M, 2nd by Ashley, passed.

Treasure's Report – Activities Account - \$41,089.43; Administration \$998.02; Foundation \$7,412.59 Motion by David C – 2nd by Ashley, passed.

Funding Request – Monroe Park & Recreation Dept. \$4, 420 – As per itemized request – Motion Ron; 2nd by Luke . Pays out as requested per event. Passed

New Business:

Stateline Home & Business Expo – On hold - \$1200 Fee to participate?

St. Victors Dropping K-Kids – they now have a student council that it would compete with.

Start Process of electing board members – Past President Shirley's job – refer to name/terms on the Nibbles. 2024: Ron, Patrick, Ashley and Dave M.

Midyear Meetings June – (Denver) and August (Eau Claire) would like to send 2 to each

District Meeting Feb 17th – Need 2 attendees – At this time no one is attending – will ask at the meeting Thursday.

Snow Removal/Mowing – Motion to pay Jason Kundert \$500 by Luke, 2nd by Dave M, passed

Lunch Meetings – Dave M will check w/Eric and Nancy need 20 for Turner Hall – are we doing an average and paying by the month? Do we stay with Turner Hall? Go back to Swiss Alps?

Gumballs – Are the machines being maintained and filled? Dave M called the person – it has been problematic since the Pandemic. They have changed how they operate since then. Dave M will follow-up.

Tie Blankets – Motion Amanda – 2nd by Dave C to approve 45 (72") blankets kits or up to \$1200. Amanda has some groups that will take them to complete. Linda will order these as she did last year. Would like them done by May.

Project Follow-up – LAUNCH - Group creating letters for us – defining our Fundraisers – number of volunteer hours they are working on this currently.

Committee reports:

Speakers – Luke is good for another 5 weeks – appreciate the weekly reminders of speakers at the meetings.

Candy Update – there is still around \$5,000 outstanding that needs to be turned in.

Membership – Nothing

Storage Bldg./Cabin – Cabin is booked up

Sponsored Youth:

Builders Club- Recognized by GC Humane Society for collecting donations; Currently doing a clothing drive for Family Promise and May looking at selling flowers

K-Kids – Northside / Currently about 45 4th graders and 45 5th graders working on How to Videos and Kindness Apps – David C. said he would help Amanda with these since they have a large number and it is every week. Parkside about 25-30 kids – Hat Day for Christmas

Stocking was a success. Abe – Shirley meets with them on a regular basis.

Youth Services – Ron said 1st weekend of May is Canyon Camp – Lee will be updating the club.

Public Relations – Nothing on Website or Nibbles – get any information or photos to Dave M

Old Business – None

Motion to adjourn 12:50 pm by Dave C/ 2nd by Amanda, passed

Next meeting March 4 @ Noon – Union Presbyterian Church

February 15

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Lisa Hendrickson will share an update on all of the events and activities the Multicultural Outreach Program (MCOP) is currently working on. There are a number of events and community partnerships currently in the works to better serve members of the Latino and ESL community.

February 22

Joe Peters, Principal of St. Victor's School, will discuss the value and benefits of a private, Catholic education primarily focusing on St. Victor's. From academics, to art and music, to physical education, eager young minds and bright futures are being molded and shaped every school day.

February 29

It's a bonus Thursday in February, thanks to this year being a Leap Year! Bring a friend on this special day for engaging activities that will help us better get to know our fellow Kiwanis members. Find out which of our Kiwanians has flown over Los Angeles in a helicopter and hear other tales that spark joy amongst our members!

March 7

Maria Johnson, Executive Director of Pleasant View, will talk about the value of nursing homes and the upcoming Ballot Referendum. Learn about the beautiful atrium that is being designed and the other important community gathering spaces.

March 14 *(Not yet Confirmed)*

Amanda Gerber has been meeting weekly with a team of high school students in the Launch program to analyze exactly who benefits in our community when we donate money to various youth programs. This team has also made a recommendation on the number of volunteer hours that should be requested for each donation. Come hear the results!

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

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 Mosher

Directors:

<u>Term Expires Sept. 30, 2024</u>	<u>Term expires Sept. 30, 2025</u>
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Ron Spielman
Dave Mosher
Patrick Bodell
Voegeli
Ashley Grindle

Nanci Valentino
Danielle Hanusa
Toni



Term Expires Sept. 30, 2026

Linda Gebhardt
Steve Kundert
Brandi Moon

Board of directors meets at noon the 1st Monday of the month at Union Presbyterian Church in Monroe. Members welcome.