

Nibbles

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Wis.



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KIWANIS, LAUNCHED INTO THE FUTURE



Brady, Mackenzie and Tristin present ideas to the Monroe Kiwanis club following their research and proposal from the Launch program. They gathered donation totals, fund raising, service projects, volunteer hours and sign-up sheets. Their proposal is to leverage and retain information. They created on-line sign-up sheets to make life easier for Nanci and others! We can now track and leverage our donations for volunteer outreach. They also drafted a letter asking for assistance. Shocking! We don't have to do things the same because that's the way we have always done it! Mentors were Amanda Gerber, Ashley Grindle, Stacy Cavanaugh and Erik Haworth. Emily Bartels is the MHS advisor.

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Kiwanis. We sing!
You are invited to enjoy this concert which includes many singing Kiwanians

Bel Canto Singers

Spring Concert

Sunday, April 14

3:00 p.m.

Monroe Arts Center
1315 11th Street

Guest Performance
New Glarus High School
Jazz Choir

Admission
\$10 at the door

2024

In case you missed it...

Cara Carper, school to work coordinator at Monroe High School spent some time with us March 21st. She challenged us to remember what we wanted to do when we grew up. Professional baseball players and firemen was a common answer! And we all knew the answer. MHS has created Launch & Soar with MHS. Career communications is now required. Opportunities are available for students in career exploration and job shadowing. Course includes creating resumes with a cover letter. Mock job interviews are offered. Cara also talked about the LAUNCH program (see page 1). This program provides real world projects that involve authentic problem solving and new idea development.



Alexis Speth from the Better Brodhead Coalition presented at our April 4th meeting. Better Brodhead is a community coalition made up of people from a variety of backgrounds providing prevention services to all of Green County. Their mission statement is; "Working together to prevent and reduce alcohol, and other drug use among youth, and foster positive relationships for a safe, healthy and inclusive community,



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How's the family?



Builder Club update, Pictured is successful drive to support Family Promise.



Northside School's 4th Grade K-Kids continued to provide encouragement and support for their fellow schoolmates as they prepare for Forward Testing the week of April 8-12. Ms. Faucher, Northside's school advisor, led the K-Kids members in creating large posters that were taped onto bathroom doors and classroom windows for all to see.



Advisor—Tom Stroninski



- We are close to having this project finished! Please send Kiwanis candy money to Wendy Schmoltdt at 2532 1st St., Monroe, WI 53566. You can email Wendy at Wendy.Schmoltdt@colonybrands.com
- April 27th blanket tying project at UPC . Bring your own scissors (BYOS)
- April 29th Bowl for kids
- May 2nd annual banquet at Turner Hall
- May 4th and 5th the 49th annual work day at Canyon Camp
- May 10th MHS day of service at youth cabin, Need wheel barrows, rakes and shovels!



Kiwanis sponsored Pack 101 and Troop 101 ran "Scouting For Food" in Monroe, WI. on Saturday, March 16th with the help of Troop 115. Scouting For Food is where scouts hand out flyers at local food stores, asking people to purchase food for the Green County Food Pantry and bring it back out while the scouts are still there. Scout adults then drive the food to the Green County Food Pantry where other scouts then unload it. Over 64 hours were volunteered and we were able to collect 1,283 pounds of food with \$27 in cash for the Green County Food Pantry.

Kiwanis sponsored Troop 101 produces another Eagle Scout.



William Richardson was awarded the rank of Eagle on March 10th at an Eagle Court of Honor shared with Samatha Wolf. William's Eagle Scout Project was nature identification signs at the Kiwanis Youth Cabin. Signs were placed at the areas where open space and forest meet and along the North Trail. Hopefully it will add to the enjoyment and education of all who walk it. Many thanks to Monroe Kiwanis for providing this opportunity and making this day possible!

Samatha Wolf of Troop 114 is the first female Eagle Scout in Green County. Sadly, Troop 114 is no more but our Kiwanis Club has agreed to sponsor a female Troop. This will give the sisters of our existing Troop the same opportunities their brothers have. "Thank you to Kiwanis for sponsoring them!" Submitted by Tami Richardson

See the last page of Nibbles to learn about April/May 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



BOWL For Kids' Sake



Before Big Brothers/Big Sisters had completed all the requirements to become a full affiliate there was a Bowl for Kids. Organized by David Mosher this event started out in Turner Hall and Kiwanis was one of the first teams. It quickly became the largest fund raiser for the organization. Started in 1985 this will be the 39th Bowl. Our Kiwanis club bowls on Monday April 29th at 6:00 at Leisure lanes. You don't have to be a bowler to participate. You can pledge an amount per pin or just make a contribution to one of our team members!

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



Tie Blanket Extravaganza

Join the Kiwanis Club for a morning of fun as they make tie blankets to donate to Monroe Hospice Home, Big Brothers Big Sisters and Family Services of Southern Wisconsin

All materials will be provided!

Donuts will be provided!

- When: April 27th, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- Where: Union Presbyterian Church
 - 2707 5th St, Monroe, WI 53566

Questions?

Please contact: president@kiwanisofmonroe.org



Kiwanis Club of Monroe –Board Minutes 1 April 2024

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

The meeting was called to order by President Stacy at 12:01

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

Treasurer's report-The Foundation account has \$6,392.52, Administrative account balance \$951.52.

Activities \$39,442.25 Dave moved the report be accepted, second by David and passed.

Funding Requests-

The Child Advocacy Center came back with a specific need for their new addition. After some discussion, Dave proposed we give \$5000 for the wheelchair ramp wall, second by Amanda and passed.

Beth moved we give \$300 to the MHS Post-Prom committee for event expenses, second by Linda and passed.

Danielle proposed giving MMS Student Council \$100 for state convention sponsorship hosting expenses, second by Luke and passed with David and Stacy abstaining.

Dave moved that we donate one scholarship of \$1127 to Camp Waubeek to be split between two recipients from Green County, second by Beth and passed.

Committee Reports –Reports from active committees:

Club meetings/House – Luke has scheduled speakers through May

Fundraising: Paperwork has been submitted for the ice cream stand at the fair. There is candy money still to be collected. Club members are asked to email Erik Haworth (erik.haworth@thrivent.com) with the number of tins of candy paid for by the member for personal use and gifts. The preliminary order for next year has been made at 3200 tins, the price has not been established but the delivery date remains the same at the first Thursday in November. The accounting system will change, details to be announced. Ron will contact the person who emailed a candy request. **Continuing projects:** Our proposed LAUNCH project has been accepted for the fall trimester.

l-pads for Autism, 3 ipads (\$1020) have been purchased and will be delivered soon.

Storage Building/Youth Cabin –The MHS Day of Service at the cabin is scheduled for May 10th, we plan to renew trails, clean cabin and plant trees we are buying from the city of Monroe arborist. Ron moved that we spend up to \$1000 on the new trees, second by Steve and passed.

Bruce Whitney has been asked to help us develop a plan to keep our forested area healthy. The outdoor picnic tables are replaced and project complete.

Youth Services: Canyon Camp work day is May 4th. The day starts with donuts at 8, chore distribution at 9 and lunch at 1. All members are invited to lunch even if they do not work. Danielle moved that we authorize spending for food and materials for this event at \$1700, second by David and passed. Ron abstained.

Sponsored Youth:

Builder's club has collected clothes for Family Promise. They plan to sell flowers for Mother's Day and donate the proceeds to the BB/BS Bowl for Kids sake. The Northside k-kids- 5th graders are still working on making videos. Parkside - did a parking lot clean-up after melted snow revealed a mess of trash and lost items.

Scholarships: recipients have been chosen and the high school will be notified. Names will be withheld until after the high school awards night.

Nominating: Amanda has the slate of 2024-25 Officers ready to announce starting on April 4th.

Old Business: We have a team of 5 bowlers for BB/BS Bowl for Kids sake. They are taking pledges for their efforts.

The blanket tie event is scheduled for April 27th at the Presbyterian church community room from 9 to 11 AM. All K family members are welcome to participate. Label and bring your own scissors.

The Madison West 65th birthday and Annual Division visit by the Governor will be Friday April 5th, Shirley, David and Dave plan to attend.

New Business: Our club's annual awards meeting and club birthday celebration will be May 2nd at 5:30 PM at Turner Hall.

At 12:54 Linda moved the meeting be closed, second by Luke and passed.

Next meeting, will be on May 6th at noon, Union Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Kindschi, Secretary

April 11

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Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd... Take your friends and family to this week of Kiwanis! Our very own Kiwanian, Jim Glessner, is an avid storyteller and is sure to get us all excited for the beginning of another season of Baseball!

April 18

Have you heard about the Pocket Park that is being planned for on Monroe's historic square? Come hear Jordan Nordby, Executive Director of Main Street Monroe, talk about the benefits this additional green space will have for our community.

April 25

Poop! It's a funny little word but not so fun to look at. Come hear Aaron Monson from Monson Septic & Portable Restrooms share some of the more hilarious stories about life in the porta potty business. Don't worry, he promises to keep it clean and will NOT be providing any samples.

From Jane Sybers:

It's time to have a celebration! If you can attend, please add this to your calendars.

Please join us at the Ludlow Mansion Saddle Room Bar to celebrate Ron Spielman's retirement from SSM Monroe Hospital and Clinics. Monday April 22nd from 3:00pm - 6:00pm with remarks at 4:30pm. The address is 1417 Mansion Dr, Monroe, WI 53566

After 15 years employed as a staff member and over 40 years in board positions and advocacy, we are hoping for a "friends-filled" sendoff. If you are unable to attend, please send cards, postcards or "grist" to the Foundation office and we will make sure he gets your well wishes. Ron's many contributions to furthering the communication and connection of our Hospital and Clinics to the community will continue to have impact for years to come.

To borrow a favorite phrase of Ron's...Great Gratitude!

**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
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Vice President	David Cavanaugh
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Secretary	Beth Kindschi
Treasurer	Erik Haworth

Nibbles Editor: David Mosher

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

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.