

Nibbles

A publication of the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Wis.

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Monroe Kiwanis sponsors troop 101 G



Committee chair Frank Wolf gesturing to table of Scout guests (Scout master Cassandra Wolf, treasurer and committee member Tamara Richardson and sponsor coordinator Lee Binkley)

Frank explains at our March 3rd board meeting how scouting has changed to meet the new needs of scouts and parents. Scouting has developed a "Linked Troops" organization. This organization has one troop committee representing two troops. Monroe Kiwanis will continue its historic sponsorship of male troop 101 and pack 101. And Monday voted to sponsor female troop 101G. Tami announced Troop 101G will have two female eagle scouts in the near future !



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Ron Spielman donated the boy scout logo for our Youth Cabin. The cast logo was forged by Lemfco Foundry in Galena. It is proudly displayed in the cabin above the door. Thank you Ron

Jim Glessner informs that Monroe Kiwanis is the oldest sponsoring organization of a Boy Scout troop in all of BSA! The Monroe club started its sponsorship of Troop 1 (now 101) even before Monroe's charter in 1921!

Thank you Kyle Keehn (Teresa)



Kyle Keehn put in over 12 hours to complete picnic table replacement. Plans were to replace benches and table tops. But the foundation structure proved to be unstable. So Kyle volunteered to finish the job. He purchased additional supplies and kept us within budget. These tables are excellent and will serve us for another 25 years! Great carpentry work Kyle. Pass on thank-you notes, comments through Teresa Keehn

Meet Jillian Capes and Laci Westgard from Mosher Insurance. They help our club book the Youth Cabin. They also answer questions about how many beds, does cabin have a refrigerator, or stove and where are the bathrooms? Also how much does it cost and how do we get there? Some even ask about projects needed. We took a tour and noticed that the wood shed supply is getting low. Also does anyone know when the road became "Youth Cabin Road"?



In case you missed it...

MCOP

Lisa Hendrickson and Cynthia Villaviceencio gave us an update of the events and activities of the Multicultural Outreach Program at our February 15th meeting. MCOP serves the Southwest Wisconsin immigrant population. Staff and volunteers provide direct services to clients who have specific concerns about accessing health care and social services, legal and financial counsel as well as communicating with their children's schools and other issues. To get involved call MCOP at 608-642-1753



February 22nd meeting with principal Joe Peters

Joe Peters is the principal at St. Victors Catholic School, the only private school in Green County. The current enrollment is 129 students in grades 4k - 6th and come from 10 zip codes in Wisconsin and Illinois. The enrollment is about 70% Catholic and 30% non-Catholic and about 15% of their students are Hispanic. They are the only elementary school in Green County where all students receive both Spanish instruction in 4k-6, but also receive American Sign Language instruction.

Tuition at St. Victor's is \$2700 for parish members and \$3600 for non-members. Scholarships, fundraising and parish support help defray costs. Their two main fundraisers are Breakfast with Santa, which has run for 42 years and is always sold out, and their Mardi Gras celebration.

St. Victors mission is to grow students in their faith and they feel they have an exceptional relationship with the Monroe School District. They also appreciate the many relationships they have made with Kiwanis and other civic organizations.



Leap year program
February 29th



Luke led us in a “getting to know your fellow Kiwanians” program. Each table were given topics in a round table format. Interesting to learn about our members achievements and other landmark events that helped shape their lives. It was reported that we are a lot more interesting than Optimists!

March 7th program—Pleasant View

Maria Johnson administrator of Pleasant View skilled nursing and rehab home gave us an update.

Pleasant View is the first and only Dementia Stabilization Unit (DSU) in the state of Wisconsin. They support those patients suffering unmanageable dementia systems and their caregivers. Recently they assisted New Glarus with a flooded facility situation. They received an 8:00 pm call for help and by 10:30 all 27 clients were transported and sleeping comfortably at Pleasant View.

Pleasant View is facing an important referendum on April 2nd. Please contact Pleasant View at 608-325-2171 to learn more about this important vote.



How's the family?



Builder Club update
 They meet at Middle School.
 Working on supporting Family promise



Northside—Working on leadership skills, good habits

Parkside—Encouragement signage for upcoming tests "You can do it!"

Abe Lincoln - staff appreciation



Advisor—Tom Stroninski
 Jack Reese Euchre tournament
 Staff appreciation



We are close to having this project finished! Please send Kiwanis candy money to Wendy Schmoldt at 2532 1st St., Monroe, WI 53566. You can email Wendy at Wendy.Schmoldt@colonybrands.com

Just in case you are talking to a prospective member
Mission, vision, motto and objectives are below. Then ask them to attend a meeting!

The Kiwanis mission

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

The Kiwanis vision

Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide – so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

The Kiwanis motto

Serving the children of the world

The Kiwanis objects

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.



See the last page of Nibbles to learn about March/April 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! Read April Nibbles for more details

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



Kiwanis Club of Monroe –Board Minutes March 3, 2024

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

Lee Binkley, Tammy Richardson, Frank and Cinder Wolf came to explain the merger of BSA Troop 101 and BSA girl's Troop 114. With our approval Troop 101 will now have two units 101 of boys and 101G of girls. With of the approval of the merger we will be sponsoring 3 units including Pack 101.

The meeting was called to order by President Stacy at 1215

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

Treasurer's report-The Foundation account has \$7,412.59, Administrative account balance \$1,283.02.

Activities \$39,372.36. We received a gumball check and some dues, 2 members still need to pay dues. There is still some outstanding candy money which needs to be sent to Wendy ASAP. The \$90 .convention fee has been paid to the District. Luke moved the report be accepted, second by Nanci and passed.

Funding Requests- Dave moved we sponsor BSA Troop 101G and pay their fees, second by Steve and passed.

The Child Advocacy Center requested \$5000 to help fund their operation. After some discussion it was noted that we do not sponsor operational expenses or salary but would be happy to help them fund the fittings for a space in their new building. Stacy will call the director and explain what we can do and ask for specifics as to what they need, so moved by Beth, second by Dave and passed.

Committee Reports -Reports from active committees:

Membership: Ashley has sent some membership forms out and placed the names of Amanda Jacobson, Grace Faulkner, Kevin Bieneman and Ken Moore for membership, second by Amanda and passed.

Club meetings/House - Luke has scheduled through April. He requested not meeting on March 28th since it is Maundy Thursday, so moved, second by Ashley and passed. We discussed holding some future meetings at the Youth Cabin and how to provide a meal as well as how to finance speaker meals. Dave will alert Turner Hall well ahead of any week we do not plan to meet there. Motion passed.

Fundraising: Preliminary preparations have been made for the Ice Cream stand at the county fair(July 17-22). Amanda and Luke met with Nanci who has contacted the ice cream vendor. Luke moved and Patrick second that Erik to pay the vendor fee to the fair board.

Continuing projects: LAUNCH has completed a project for the Kiwanis club. They have automated our sign-up form for events needing volunteers and have linked it to organizations to whom we donate to ask them for assistance with our bigger projects. This project will be explained on march 7th at 2:45. Amanda is this trimester's LAUNCH advisor.

I-pads for Autism, we have 3 requests from Blackhawk school for i-pads for autistic students, one is in 2nd grade and 2 are in kindergarten, so moved by Beth, second by David and passed. Each i-pad through the District program cost \$340 with the kid proof case. I-pads will be passed to us at the mid-winter meeting in WI Dells.

Storage Building/Youth Cabin - Next weekend work will continue on restoring the picnic tables at the Youth Cabin. It turns out that the posts do need to be replaced so materials have been ordered, the project with the added lumber is still under budget. The MHS Day of Service is scheduled for May 10th, we plan to renew trails, clean up the cabin and plant trees we are getting from the Monroe arborist. As our climate is getting warmer, the maple trees will be dying off so reforestation plans need to be implemented.

Sponsored Youth: Key Club has a new advisor Tom Stroinski. He is getting oriented as to his responsibilities. The club mad valentine Cards for senior citizens. Builder's club is collecting clothes and shoes for Family Promise.

The Northside k-kids- 5th graders are making videos on the proper way to do common activities (lining up, as some rules have changed. The 4th grader had a training on mentorship of the younger grades regarding the upcoming testing. Parkside is meeting is making signs for a positive attitude toward the upcoming testing. St. Vics has discontinued their K-kids in favor of a more active student council.

Scholarships: on March 8th, all applications for our scholarship will be delivered to the Community Foundation office. Our committee will meet soon after and choose the recipients. Linda will coordinate that meeting.

Public Relations/Nibbles -are up to date

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Old Business: The WiUM Midyear meeting closest to us will be held on March 23rd at the Wisconsin Dells. Dave Mosher is able to go and we will look for more volunteers at our meeting. Jim Glessner and Shirley Eels are considering attending the International Convention in Denver in July and we will need representation at the District Convention in Eau Claire in August.

The club had planned on creating a craft corner for kids at the Stateline Home and Business Expo until the Expo sent us a memo to pay the vendor fee of \$1200! So we have chosen not to participate. If we had been given space, we would have supplied the materials for the space as well as volunteer supervision.

At 1308 Linda moved the meeting be closed, second by Patrick and passed.

Next meeting, will be on April 1st at noon, Union Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Kindschi, Secretary

Email vote on March 8th

A request came from Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Green County to support Bowl for Kids Sake with a \$500 sponsorship, so moved by Amanda, second by Erik and passed with yes votes from Linda, Nanci, Stacy, Luke, Beth, Ron, David, Patrick and Dave.



Amanda Gerber changes jobs.

Immediate past president Amanda has change jobs from Aster to Fowler Dental Clinic. Editors first (and only) question: "Do you still get Thursday noon off for Kiwanis?"

Answer: "Yes"

Amanda will be the Fowler Dental Clinic's executive director. Interim and Kiwanian Mike Sanders is pleased that the search is over. Good luck Amanda

March 14—Launch

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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!

March 21

Cara Carper, School to Work Coordinator at Monroe High School, will provide an update on the successes of the new Launch and Soar programs. Did you know there's a team of students currently renovating a home in Monroe? Come learn about the hands on experience our students are getting in the Home Construction Co-Op.

March 28

Kiwanis will not meet. This is the Thursday before Easter and Spring Break for the Monroe School District. Have a wonderful and Happy Easter!

April 4

"Better Brodhead" is a community coalition that is helping to address a variety of youth issues and has been very active lately. Jess Marass will highlight some of the important work they are doing and will talk about the impact it is having upon the community.

April 11

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.

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

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