



Happy Easter to those families that celebrate this holiday. Whatever your traditions, going to church, having an Easter egg hunt, or sharing a bountiful feast with friends and family, we wish you a wonderful Easter season filled with joy, happiness, and time with family.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LYNNETTE EMBREE



Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

Spring has arrived and you know what that means . . . Pancake Day is just around the corner! Maybe you haven't heard that this year we are asking Kiwanian to BYOB. Bring Your Own Buddy! Uh huh, I know what you were thinking!

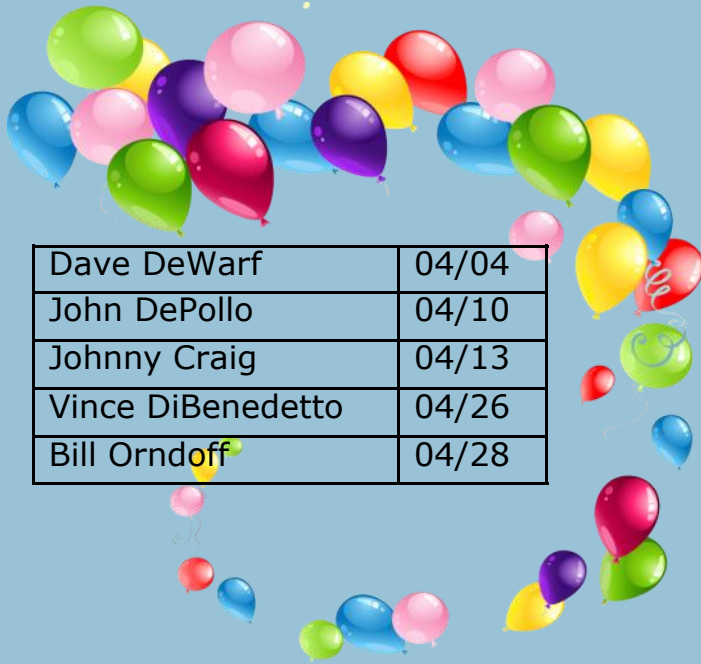
The Spring Pancake Day is being chaired by Debbie Knotts and will be a dine-in experience again. Dine-in takes more people power so if you haven't signed up yet, we ask that you do so ASAP and consider bringing someone with you to help.

Also around the corner is our annual meeting, where we elect our incoming officers and four

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Dave DeWarf	04/04
John DePollo	04/10
Johnny Craig	04/13
Vince DiBenedetto	04/26
Bill Orndoff	04/28

(for birthday errors & omissions, please email editor@winvakiw.org)

CALENDAR

April 5: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

April 12: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Jill Johnson, Red Cross; 12-1pm

April 15: Highway Cleanup; Winchester Regional Airport; 8am

April 19: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

April 26: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; PCD Committee; 12-1pm

April 27: Board Meeting at Winchester Airport Conference Room; 6pm

April 28: Pancake Day setup

April 29: Pancake Day

SAVE THE DATES

August 16: Annual Club Picnic

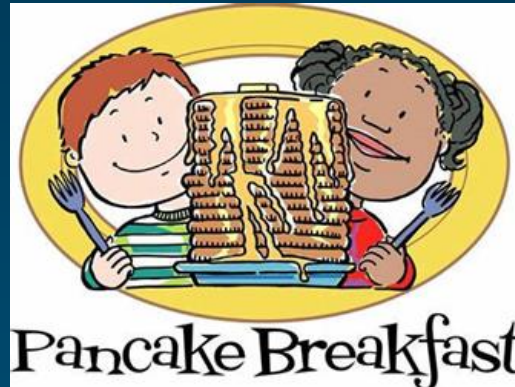
September 29: Installation and Awards Banquet at the George Washington Hotel



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We are quickly approaching our SPRING PANCAKE DAY Saturday April 29th. Your committee members have been working diligently to prepare for this day! As the Chairperson I want to thank each one for stepping up in a BIG WAY! I also want to welcome and thank our Major Beneficiary-Highland Food Pantry! And NOW WE NEED YOU....

We are collecting autographs of famous and hard-working Kiwanians on our SIGN UP BOARD

Please be sure to sign up for a shift or two or three and remember to BYOB... Bring Your Own Buddy to work with us and experience what is like to be a member of The Kiwanis Club of Winchester

And with all of these preparations being made we need people to come and enjoy the day with us so PLEASE SELL YOUR TICKETS and remember you can always ask for more.

We also ask that if you use social media, please post a picture of your ticket so that you will help us advertise our event and be sure to let them know- THE TRADITION CONTINUES- as we are back to serving you inside or you can take home as well.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO AS A MEMBER OF THIS CLUB!
I look forward to working with you on Pancake Day!!!

Your "Still Trying To Figure Out How I Got Here" Chairperson,

Debbie





SOCIAL NEWS

Robann Riggleman & Debbie Guiffre

Eight Kiwanians and their guests had a great time celebrating St. Patrick’s Day at Ellie’s Irish Pub on the Walking Mall. Ellie’s is a unique location with delicious food, such as fish & chips and Guinness stew. It is said that people that visit Ellie’s walk away with some luck of the Irish. Members that attended: Becky and Dan Starliper, Norm Black, Carmen Rio, Mike Didawick, Debbie Guiffre, Robann Riggleman, and Rick Balzhiser. Guests included: Boyd Hammon, Buddy Riggleman, and Ann Balzhiser.

The Social Committee has set the second Tuesday each month, 6pm, as Social night, put it on your calendar and join in the good food and camaraderie. They are rotating the location to a variety of local restaurants. Upcoming socials include: April 11th at Village Square, May 9th at Sabai Thai, June 13th at Vibrissa Beer & Kitchen, and July 11th at 50/50 Taphouse.



Highway Cleanup



Highway cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th, with a rain date of April 22nd. Ten Kiwanians are needed for two hours. Meet at the Winchester Regional Airport at 8:00 am as we will be picking up trash along Airport Road. Wear work gloves and comfortable shoes. Garbage bags, safety vests, and trash grabbers will be provided.

Thank you for making our world more beautiful!



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS



April's Featured Kiwanian: Clay Perry

Birthplace - Clay was "Made in Japan and Born in the USA" at the Winchester Memorial Hospital. His parents, Mike and Pam, lived in Tokyo and Clay's father taught at a high school outside of a US airbase.

Family - Clay is married to Pamela (Yost) and has a son and daughter: Taylor (32 years old) and Devan (27 years old). Clay and Pam also have two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels named Bella and Sadie that consume their life these days.

Favorite movies - *Star Wars* (sci fi) and *Monty Python & the Holy Grail* (comedy)

Favorite book - *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution* by Michael J. Behe

Best advice - "Find out what you enjoy doing in life, and then find a way to make money doing it. That way you will never work a day in your life."

Favorite quote - "For here we are not afraid to follow truth wherever it may lead, nor to tolerate any error so long as reason is left free to combat it." Thomas Jefferson when describing The University of Virginia

Career/Accomplishments - Clay started his career with Arthur Andersen after graduating from The University of Virginia in 1992. His role was to help companies redesign their processes and then develop a software solution to automate that new process. This was a sink or swim environment where Clay learned most of what he knows today about business.



Clay and Pam at one of the most beautiful sites in the Caribbean, the Pitons in St. Lucia

Going through the corn maze at West Oaks Market has become a family tradition since they opened.





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Career/Accomplishments (continued) - Clay even had the chance to develop a new ticket sales system for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. When Clay was in his 30's, he had the opportunity to partner with a friend of his from Arthur Andersen to start a software company called Integration Point. He took a 50% pay cut, left a stable job, and worked tirelessly (60+ hour weeks and business travel every other week) for almost 20 years. Their company grew from two people to over 500 with offices located around the world. They sold the company in 2019 to a large corporation making sure their employees were taken care of and Clay was able to retire in 2021 after assisting in the transition process.

Most interesting place visited - Clay has traveled to 43 countries during his life and still counting. He feels the world itself is the most interesting place he has visited. He has been blown away by the enormity of the Grand Canyon, walked on the Great Wall of China, ate lunch at the top of the Burj Khalifa (tallest building in the world), wandered through Stonehenge and Avebury, stood atop the Eiffel Tower, straddled the Berlin Wall between East and West Germany, debated policy at Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park, and built a church on a mountain top in Honduras. Each and every place has been special in it's own unique way.



Clay was invited by the State Department to speak on export controls in Dubai. This gave him the chance to see the tallest building in the world and enjoy lunch at the top.

Carlito is a friend Clay made while leading mission trips to Honduras each year for the past 15 years.



On trips to new islands, Clay and Pam like to explore. While on a day trip, he was able to experience monkeys in a national park in Grenada. They come down and pose for the price of a banana.



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Interesting (or scary?) event - Clay and his son went on a scuba diving trip where they swam with sharks in the Bahamas. He became comfortable diving with sharks until one day in Turks and Caicos, a Tiger shark was in the shallow waters of the beach area. After sprinting out of the water with Pam, they watched the shark try to catch turtles in the bay. At one point, he snuck up behind a large turtle and captured him in his jaws. The turtle struggled and then broke free shooting about five feet in the air. Clay never knew turtles could get that much air or swim that fast!

Unique fact - Clay is a problem solver, he likes (needs) to solve every problem he sees. It drives his wife insane at times, but he cannot make it go away. Fair warning: if you would rather be left alone, don't share your problems with Clay. 😊

Why Clay joined Kiwanis - God called Clay out of politics and told him it was better to re-learn his community by serving in it. Kiwanis was an organization he was very familiar with, having gone to Pancake Day religiously as a kid and reading in the newspaper about the many things Kiwanis does for the children in our community.



While setting up offices in Shanghai, Clay took a flight to Beijing to see the Forbidden City and walk along the Great Wall of China.

Clay and Pam are experimenting with being snowbirds in the Florida Keys. They spent three weeks in the Keys this January to see how the pups enjoyed it.



Kiwanis Club of Winchester is successful because of its many volunteer members who give so freely of their time and effort.

THANK YOU FOR BECOMING A MEMBER OF KIWANIS, CLAY!



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new people to our Board of Directors. We have four interested candidates for the four Board positions: Susan Corrigan, Jeph Embree, Robann Riggelman and Lennie Wolfe. If you would like to be considered for a Board position, please let Ginny Grant, George Johnson or me know. Nominations from the floor on the day of the annual meeting, May 10, will also be accepted.

Mike Didawick is getting an early start on the annual picnic. The date of the picnic is Wednesday, August 16th and will be held at our shelter in Jim Barnett Park around 5:00/5:30. There will not be a meeting at Noon that day.

Finally, the executive team is preparing for our Annual Installation and Awards Banquet on Friday, September 29th at the George Washington Hotel. More details will be forthcoming.

At a recent meeting, I announced that there is a proposed Kiwanis International membership dues increase being considered at the International Convention. Currently, we pay KI \$52 of the \$160 we pay for dues. The proposed amendment is to increase the KI dues from \$52 to \$82. The last increase in KI dues was in 2015. This is a big increase at one time. Who knows whether the increase will pass or not? I'm told that the likelihood of that much of an increase at one time is not expected to pass, and the increase could be \$10 or \$15 instead. Regardless of the amount, I would ask you to consider how much Kiwanis plays a part in your life. For me, Kiwanis is a big part of my life – on the District level as well as the Club level. This coming year will be my second year of a three-year term as the District Leadership Development and Education Coordinator, and I will serve Division 8 as Lt. Governor for the 2023-2024 term.

Perhaps we can look at another club fundraiser as an offset to a potential dues increase? There is time to consider such things AND we don't even know if this amendment will pass and how much the increase might be.

I'm proud of the work we do in our community. I would love for us to be more visible so how can we do that? Feel free to offer suggestions, ideas, comments, etc. to help us be more visible in our community.

We do have a new website (www.winvakiw.org) and our new webmaster, Jeph Embree, has gotten great feedback on it. If you have not taken a look, please do so.

Until next month, stay well and enjoy the spring season!

Yours in service,

Lynnette

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