



What do the fireworks, confetti, and church bells mean on New Year's Eve? I believe these are our wishes for letting go of the past and celebrating a future of health, friends, positivity, and peace. It is a time of renewal and a time to let go of any negative feelings. We can not change the past, but we can learn and make resolutions and choices on how we want to live each and every day of this next year.

Some wise words to live by....

"You'll never get bored when you try something new. There's really no limit to what you can do." -Dr. Seuss

"Celebrate endings—for they precede new beginnings." -Jonathan Huie

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." -C.S. Lewis

And I leave you with Frank Sinatra's words, "The best is yet to come."



# KIWANIS KOURIER



KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER, VA \* Serving the Winchester/Frederick County Community JANUARY 2023

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

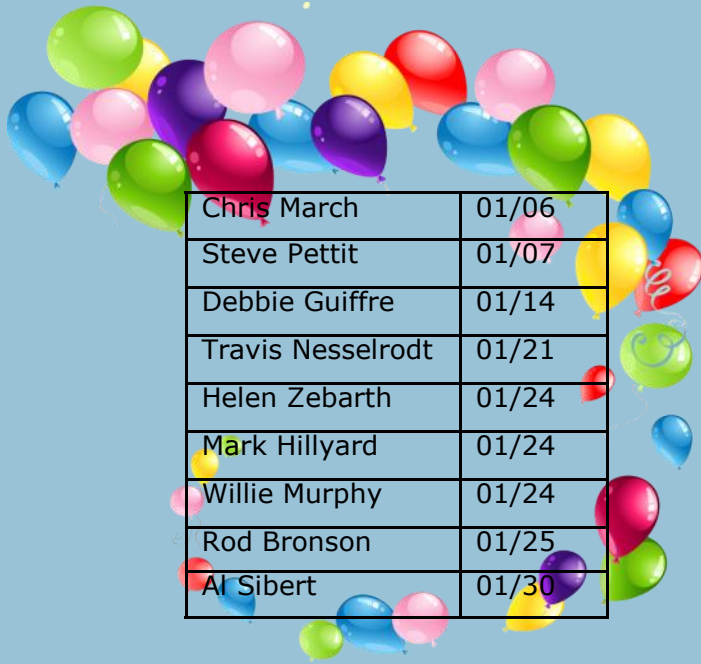
Happy New Year 2023! I hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday season!

The children's Christmas Party was A-M-A-Z-I-N-G!! **Thank you** to Kay Anderson and Ginny Grant along with all of the elves that went shopping, wrapped presents, decorated the Moose Lodge and whatever else was involved in such a successful event.

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Chris March	01/06
Steve Pettit	01/07
Debbie Guiffre	01/14
Travis Nesselrodt	01/21
Helen Zebarth	01/24
Mark Hillyard	01/24
Willie Murphy	01/24
Rod Bronson	01/25
Al Sibert	01/30

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

## CALENDAR

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Jan. 4: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

Jan. 11: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Chris Walker, National Federation of the Blind; 12-1pm

Jan. 12: Social; El Centro, 6pm

Jan. 18: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Dr. Emily Burner, Valley Health Foundation; 12-1pm

Jan. 25: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Dr. Tom Gromling, Kiwanis Club of Winchester Foundation; 12-1pm

Jan. 26: Board Meeting at the Winchester Airport Conference Room; 6pm

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## Children's Christmas Party December 14, 2022

Ginny Grant and Kay Anderson did a fantastic job organizing and executing a phenomenal Christmas Party for 72 children from our area. The room was beautifully decorated for the holidays, including a Santa hat with each child's name. Four children from each local elementary school, along with guidance counselors and administrators attended our first children's party since 2019. Before meeting Santa, everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of chicken, macaroni and cheese, and cake prepared by the Moose Lodge. Kiwanians went shopping for presents, wrapped them prior to the event, and donated toothbrushes and tooth paste, candy canes, coloring books, and crayons for each child. Santa Claus and Key Club elves were on hand to talk with each child and give them a bag of presents. The thrilled faces, the ripping of paper, and the excited exclamations from the children were seen and heard during the party. Thank you for giving so much joy during this holiday season.





## Children's Christmas Party December 14, 2022

Kiwanis members shopped for and wrapped hundreds of presents from the children's wish lists. Thank you for giving of your time during this busy time of year. You made this day extraordinary for each child that attended. A shout out goes to Walmart for giving us a discount on all of our purchases, allowing us to buy even more presents for each child.





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## Salvation Army Bell Ringing December 3, 2022

Six Kiwanians took two-hour shifts ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the Walmart on Pleasant Valley. Ginny Grant (who rang the bell for six hours), Brenda Dodd, Barry Swears, Susan Corri-gan, David DeWarf, and Nancy Huth gave their time on this beau-tiful day talking with shoppers and collecting money for those in need. Barry brought his secret weapon, the adorable Ruby, who wanted to give kisses to everyone that passed by. Member Doug Butler also made a point of stopping by to donate and give a ring of the bell. Thank you for all that you do for our community.





## Kiwanis Social December 14, 2022

A fabulous holiday social was held on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30, at Pat Snapp's house. Kiwanians and their guests enjoyed great food, camaraderie and a fun gift exchange. The hot gifts that kept getting stolen were lottery tickets, I wonder if there were any big winners? A huge thank you to Pat for opening her gorgeous home and making a bounty of good food for these festivities.





## Update on Bobby Teahan



About four years ago, the Kiwanis Club of Winchester donated \$500 to Bobby Teahan to help him pursue his higher education goals. He was a young man that attended Handley High School and received a full scholarship to Howard University for playing football. He needed supplies to set up his dorm room, which was where the \$500 was put to use. Bobby stayed at Howard for two years but realized football was not his ultimate goal, he was only playing for the scholarship. He transferred to the University of California Long Beach, but then COVID struck. Bobby had to do all his classes on-line, and he just took his last exam earning a score of 100! Now officially graduated, Bobby applied for an internship with NFL films in New Jersey. He was selected for the internship and heads off to New Jersey in February to help in the production of commercials, films, documentaries, and awards shows about the NFL. We were fortunate to hear Bobby speak at our Installation Banquet a few years ago, and are proud to have had a small part in helping Bobby realize his dreams.

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## Kiwaniis Social

### January 12, 2022, Thursday, 6pm

The January social will be held at El Centro on the Walking Mall.

Celebrate the New Year with a delicious taco bar for \$15 and great friends. You must sign up at one of the upcoming lunch meetings or RSVP to Robann Riggleman.







## BLOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 23, 2022

Thank you to all KCOW members that supported the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge's annual Red Cross Blood Drive! This may seem like a small thing, but your donation saves lives!



## INTERCLUB NEWS

### Tim Anderson & Robin Doss

The December interclub took place at the Kiwanis Club of Harrisonburg (VA) on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Five members of our club traveled down I-81 to enjoy a delightful buffet lunch at the Traditions Family Restaurant. The members were: Doug Butler, Barry Swears, Mike Didawick, Jerry Chapman, and Tim Anderson.



The January interclub is tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to the Kiwanis Club of Old Town at the El Centro on the Loudoun Street Mall at 11:30.

*-Tim Anderson, Interclub Co-Chair*



## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

### January's Featured Kiwanian: Doug Green

**Birthplace** - Born in Cincinnati, moved around Ohio and Michigan as a kid. His Dad was a salesman/businessman and they moved every four years. While his family is from Cincinnati, Doug only lived there for six years, the last time was when he was in third grade.

**Family** - Doug is close to his sister who lives in Cincinnati in the same suburb that his Mom grew up in, that three of his cousins grew up in, and now that his nieces and nephews are growing up in. His sister's children are 18, 17, and 15, the oldest just started at Ohio State. Both of Doug's parents are still alive and living in Cincinnati. With all this family in Cincinnati, Doug drives to visit three to four times a year.



Skydiving in Hawaii

**Interesting Facts** - Doug descended from European Jews on his Mom's side. He can trace some ancestors to the Holocaust and South Africa but his direct descendants immigrated in the late 1800's. His Dad's family were Kentucky farmers and he can trace their ancestry to the Mayflower. Doug has found Civil War records where two brothers fought on opposite sides of the War.

**Favorite movie** - Doug enjoys everything Sci Fi, especially *Time Travel* or *Star Trek* (not *Wars*). *The Matrix* is the only movie he has watched twice back-to-back (he snuck into the next showing)! *Schindler's List* was the most emotionally connecting, he wasn't prepared for what he was about to see, and when they started the Mourner's Kaddish after being liberated, Doug cried uncontrollably.



Doug with his sister; on top of the mountain in Breckenridge, CO; and with Ali, his Foreign Exchange student, hiking in Harpers Ferry, WV



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**Favorite books** - Doug does not have a favorite book but he does have favorite authors. He enjoys Robert Heinlein (Science Fiction), Clive Cussler (Action), Malcolm Gladwell (thought-provoking), and Harold Kushner (Religious). Martin Buber's *I & Thou* and Malcolm Gladwell's *Outliers* influenced Doug the most.

**Best advice** - "Pause when agitated, breath-in, breath-out. Be present. Every time you hear a bell, any bell, it's a reminder to pause and remember to be present." "Don't make any major decisions without sleeping on it. If it needs to be made now, the answer is always "no"." "Ask yourself - Does this need to be said? Does this need to be said by me? Does this need to be said by me now?" -Yoga

**Favorite quote** - "Get busy living or get busy dying" said by Andy in the *Shawshank Redemption* just before he busted out of prison.

**Most interesting place visited** - Iceland - part Mars, part Christmas Wonderland, all of it beautiful with friendly people and abundant natural energy. Doug enjoyed the hot springs, hiking on a glacier, and visited the many waterfalls. Doug is shown with his girlfriend, Barbara, and her children hiking a glacier and at a hotspot.



**Funniest/Most interesting thing that has happened** – Doug attended a company retreat in Wales, where the nightly dinners were at a Castle, dinner was served from food trucks. During this retreat they had a two-day team building game that was a murder mystery for geeks. During this game he convinced some people that their boss was the guilty person, and during their presentation, he twice tackled someone with a gun (with blanks) to the horror of the event organizers.



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**Career/Favorite Job-** The last 15+ years Doug has worked on an Open Source project called Drupal. He is well known and respected in the Drupal Community for the work he has done. It allows Doug to work from home with people from all over the world, but mostly people from Europe and California. Many of his best friends are from this community.

Doug has also traveled to many European cities because of this work (Barcelona, Amsterdam, London, Paris, Budapest & Szeged Hungary, Prague, Vienna, Munich, Moscow, Florence, and Dublin). He was fortunate to work in London, all expenses paid, for three months on a project for ITV (the "CBS" of England, also the home of Downton Abbey).

Doug got my last job within a day simply by sending a tweet that he was available for work!

**Personal** - Doug is loved as an Uncle to his sister's children. His sister told Doug that her son said that he is one of his two most favorite people, because he accepts him for who he is. For the last seven years, he has been fortunate to be a presence to his girlfriend's children, ages 18 and 22.

Doug believes strongly in service, and has made impacts in several areas and communities. Doug is shown teaching at STARBASE, as "Super Drupal."



Vacationing in Costa Rica on the Rio Celeste River and zip lining in the Monteverde Region



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**Unique facts** - Existentially, Doug would say everything is unique about him, and about you too! He has been blessed to live an interesting life.

The most unique things are — Doug has been sober since he was 21 and he had a stroke when he was 29, both events and journeys to recovery have been profound. He was once asked to run for the Dallas County Democratic Party chair, he was on the Democratic Executive Committee of Nassau County Florida (a small county about the same size as Frederick County). He has written software that you probably use every day.

**Why joined Kiwanis** - When Doug moved to Amelia Island Florida, he was looking for connections, so before moving he found someone who was involved in the Jewish Community (there was no Temple). This connection, Mike, was also a Kiwanian, and as it turns out, about a third or more of the Kiwanians were also Jewish because Mike did a lot of recruiting!

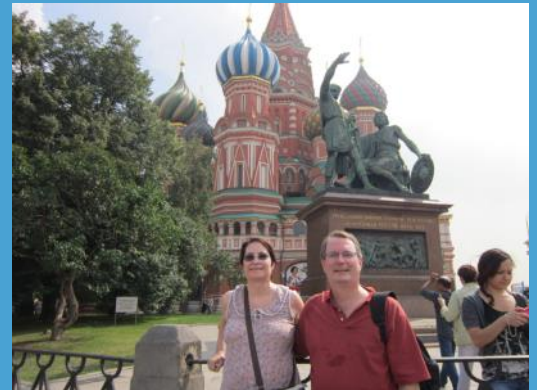
When Doug moved to Winchester, he had already been a member of Kiwanis for 10 years and it was natural to continue here.



On the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland with Barbara



On his EliptoGO bike before the Katie Ride in Amelia Island, FL



Saint Basil's Cathedral in Moscow on the edge of Red Square

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

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER OF KIWANIS CLUB, DOUG!**



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If you haven't heard, we have a new Public Relations Chairperson, Jeph Embree. He is doing an outstanding job with our Facebook page, working on the website, getting information to the Winchester Star about our programs and will now start working with the Top of Virginia Regional Chamber to promote our events with them and their members. If you are interested in public relations and helping Jeph spread the word about Kiwanis, please let him know. His committee is rather small and he could use some help.

The Board is in the process of looking at all of the committees within our Club and deciding which are standing committees and which are ad hoc committees. If you are NOT on a committee (which we ask every member to be on a committee), please let a board member, an officer or me know so we can help you find the right committee for you.

If you have an idea for fundraising, please let an officer or me know that, too. While we did a dine-in Pancake Day, I'm not sure that we will make the money we did pre-pandemic. Therefore, we are exploring other possible fundraising opportunities. Ideas? Suggestions? Please let someone know.

I wish each of you a very happy, healthy and successful New Year 2023!

-Lynnette



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