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Highway Cleanup October 16, 2021



Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) chairperson Tim Anderson arranged for a new 2.18 mile section along Airport Road and Crossover Boulevard (SR896) for the Kiwanis Club of Winchester to maintain. Ten Kiwanians participated in the Saturday morning cleanup: Lynnette Embree, Jeph Embree, Scott Straub, Reid Hoak, Robin Doss, Lennie Wolfe, Susan Corrigan, Doug Butler, Greg Hulver, and Tim Anderson. The AAH program started in Virginia in 1988, our club has been participating in the cleanup program since 1992.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LYNNETTE EMBREE



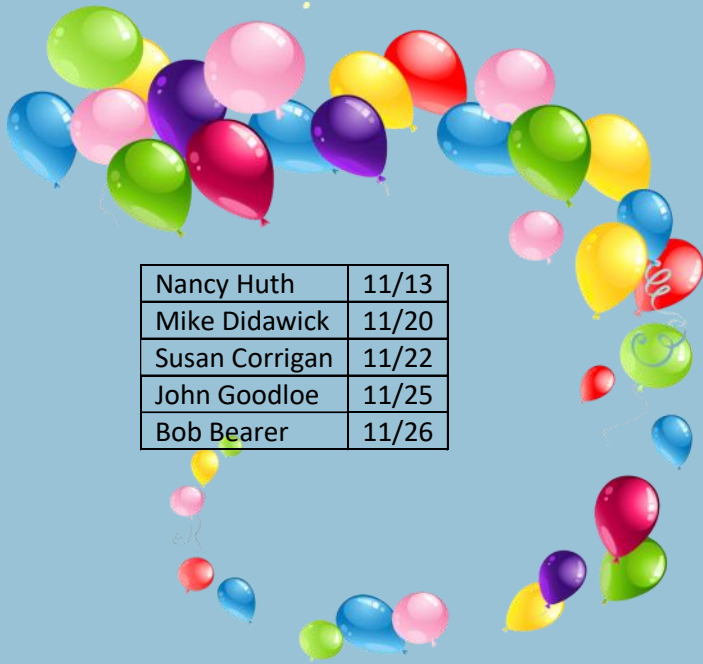
November 2021:

A month is gone! Just like that, thirty-one days of three hundred and sixty-five have flown by! Did it pass by that quickly for you?

We've done some great things already in the 2021-2022 year. Brenda Dodd, my husband Jeph and I walked in the Out of the Darkness walk while Ginny Grant volunteered at the donut table and Rick Ours was the public address system announcer. That walk was very humbling and so-
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Nancy Huth	11/13
Mike Didawick	11/20
Susan Corrigan	11/22
John Goodloe	11/25
Bob Bearer	11/26

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

CALENDAR

Nov. 3: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

Nov. 5: Set up for Pancake Day at the War Memorial Building in Jim Barnett Park

Nov. 6: Pancake Day at the War Memorial Building in Jim Barnett Park; shifts from 2:30am—5:30 pm

Nov. 10: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Sean O'Connor and Riggs from the Winchester Police Department; 12-1pm

Nov. 17: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Nancy Huth, history of Glen Burnie; 12-1pm

Nov. 18: Board Meeting at Winchester Airport Conference Room; 6pm

Nov. 24: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Patrick Barker, update on inline hockey rink at James Wood Middle School; 12-1pm



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bering. So many young faces on the signs along the walk. I hope that there will be more Kiwanians to walk next year.

Thanks to Tim Anderson's leadership, we did a new section of highway clean-up – Airport Road and Crossover Boulevard. The Crossover Boulevard section was fairly easy as the road had only been open for a month. As the road becomes more heavily traveled, I'm wondering if we might need to do our new roads three times a year instead of twice a year?

John Conrad and his Pancake Day crew have been in full swing getting ready for our semi-annual fundraiser. If you haven't put your name on the sign-up board, please do so ASAP. We need lots of help this year!

Scott Straub, Robin Doss and Lennie Wolfe have been cleaning headstones in Mount Hebron cemetery and Scott is hard at work on the history of our Club for the 100th anniversary celebration.

Brenda Dodd has had another terrific turnout for Bright Futures and I know they appreciate what we do on a monthly basis.

Tj O'Connor and the Nominating Committee have been hard at work to find a new Board member to fill the slot vacated by Randy Zook. I'm hopeful that we'll have that slot filled by the November Board meeting.

Jeff Smelser has had some outstanding speakers in October. Dennis Grubbs is thankful for the leadership of the Nut Lady, Debbie Knotts, so we can keep our membership fees low for our members.

We inducted a new member, Amanda Holsinger! Welcome, Amanda!

Tim Anderson put together an Inter-Club for us with the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge, VA.

I know I've missed a few folks so I will apologize in advance if I missed thanking you for your leadership.

Of course, none of you would be reading this without the excellent work of Susan Corrigan and her proof-reading crew! Susan – thank you for always doing an outstanding job on our monthly newsletter!

As we move into the holidays, I hope that we will all take a moment to say "thank you" to others and give thanks for the many blessings we have. We live in the greatest country on earth and have bountiful blessings that many other countries and their citizens don't have.

I am thankful for each of you! I am proud to be a Kiwanian and am blessed that you are a member of our Club!

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

-Lynnette



Guest Speakers



One of the jobs our President-elect Jeff Smelser has is to schedule guest speakers at our lunch meetings. Some fascinating guest speakers in October included J.P. Murphy and Diane Solenberger Kearns.

J.P. Murphy owns Murphy Beverage and also operates a ghost tour in Winchester called "The Apparition Trail." Quite a few ghost sightings have occurred in and around buildings in our Old Town area, which is not surprising considering the bloody history we have due to the Civil War. Major and minor battles caused Winchester to change hands many times over the course of the Civil War. A few of the locations that ghosts and strange occurrences have been seen are at Water Street Kitchen, Kimberly's, the building that held a music store where Patsy Cline bought her first guitar, and a law firm that housed a hospital during the civil war. Thank you J.P. for this ghostly discussion about the history in Winchester.



Diane Solenberger Kearns' family has lived in the Winchester area for five generations growing apples, exporting them to other countries, and now making cider. The family farm, Fruit Hill Orchard, encompasses over 2,000 acres and harvests over a million bushels of apples yearly. She gave a fascinating history of cider which was commonly seen as the drink of choice for the working man. Diane founded Winchester Ciderworks that resides in a building built in 1900 that was first used as a barn and then converted to an apple cold storage building. Thank you Diane for taking the time to share your family history and your passion for making cider.





Park Improvement Committee Jim Barnett Park

Barry Swears and Doug Butler have spent time at the Kiwanis area of the Jim Barnett Park maintaining, cleaning, and taking care of safety issues. They beautified the area by planting some gorgeous knockout roses around our three recently renovated shelter signs at the Kiwanis Pavilions. Barry and Doug were able to get these rose bushes donated.



A year-long project took place to ensure the safety of our area trying to remove an unused metal electric control box that had come loose from its anchors and was a danger to young children playing in our Kiwanis Area. This year of research determined the Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative did not own the box attached to their electric pole, but was owned and used by the Rotary Club in one of their Park events. This led to a discussion with the Rotary Club and the agreement the box could be removed. Notice the huge difference in safety and appearance in the "before and after" pictures!

Thank you Barry and Doug for keeping children safe and giving beauty to our community.





100th Anniversary Memorial

Kiwanians Robin Doss, George Johnson, Lennie Wolfe and Rick Balzhiser begin prep work on cleaning gravestones for a wreath laying ceremony being planned for Spring 2022. The central focus of the ceremony will be on Frederic Morton.

Morton was commissioned in 1923 by the Kiwanis Club of Winchester to write "The Story of Winchester in Virginia." The book was dedicated to KCOW and was published in 1925. Morton died, a pauper, the following year in 1926 and was buried in the Strangers Lot in Mount Hebron Cemetery.

In 1973, past president Garland Quarles asked KCOW to buy Morton a "proper" headstone and the Club complied. KCOW will be remembering Morton, Quarles and the first president Joseph Luther Maphis as part of ceremonies to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the club

The headstone looks like new, thank you for your hard work!





SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS



November's Featured Kiwanian: Jerry Kerr (Part 2)

This Spotlight article is a continuation from October. We wanted to share these fantastic vacation pictures of Jerry and his family.



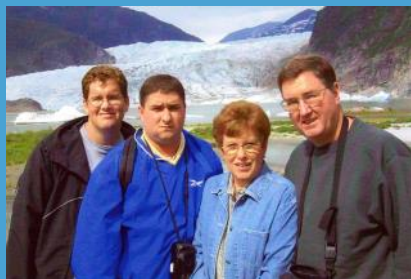
Jerry and his wife Carol on vacation in Rome, 1983



Jerry and his family on vacation in Rome, 1983: wife Carol and sons David and Greg



Visiting the Sydney Opera House in Australia, 1998: Jerry, Carol, and David



In 2000, the entire family went on vacation to Alaska: Mendenhall Glacier above and Hubbard Glacier on the right



Jerry and his sons at Disneyland in 1982



Spending time hiking the Outback in Australia, 1998: David, Carol, and Jerry





Words that Inspire

By Susan Corrigan, editor

Members featured in the monthly Spotlight are often asked what their favorite quote is or the best piece of advice they have received.

One of my favorites is a poem written by Max Ehrmann in 1927, called "Desiderata." Each stanza can stand alone as a positive statement on how to live your life and how to treat people. I wonder which stanza will speak to you the loudest?

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be. And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

By Max Ehrmann © 1927



Honoring Past Member Earl Zook



The Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge made a sizeable donation to the Kiwanis Capital District Foundation in the name of our past member, Earl Zook. The Capital District Kiwanis Foundation works to help children in our region by awarding grants for community service projects, giving donations to nine Pediatric Trauma Centers, and matching scholarships given to CKI and Key Club members. A huge thank you to the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge for honoring one of our phenomenal members and helping the children of our region.

This patch will be applied to our Kiwanis Honor banner.



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Ginny Grant
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Lennie Wolfe
Kim Wright

Board Members: 2021-2023

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