



## Christmas Drive-Thru Party December 4, 2021



Ginny Grant and Kay Anderson organized and executed a phenomenal Christmas party for children in our area. Santa (Robert Hurt and Tim Anderson) and his elves (Key Club members) gave out huge bags of presents to children from Winchester, Frederick County and Clarke County schools. Kiwanians shopped, wrapped, attended the party, and donated money for wrapping paper. A special thanks goes to a donor for funds to increase the shopping amount spent on each child's gifts. It truly takes a village in order for this to be an incredibly successful event. Thank you for making this a wonderful Christmas for these children and families.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LYNNETTE EMBREE



Happy New Year Kiwanians!

Wow! Can you believe that we're already into the second quarter of this Kiwanis year?

December flew by! We did the children's Christmas (drive-thru) party – which is always a fantastic event due the hard work and dedication of Kay Anderson and Ginny Grant!! Of course, they had their elves (helpers) who

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Chris March	6-Jan
Steve Pettit	7-Jan
Deborah Guiffre	14-Jan
Travis Nesselrodt	21-Jan
Helen Zebarth	24-Jan
Mark Hillyard	24-Jan
Willie Murphy	24-Jan
Rod Bronson	25-Jan
Al Sibert	30-Jan

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

## CALENDAR

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

Jan. 12: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Pancake Day Presentations; 12-1pm

Jan. 13: Kiwanis Club of Hagerstown Interclub; Fountain Head Country Club; 11:45

Jan. 16: Soup and Sub Social; Pat Snapp's house; 2:00

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

Jan. 26: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

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

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



A new year can symbolize a new beginning. You may have sweet memories or worries from the past year. Hold those good memories in your heart and let go of the worries as we all look forward to a new start. What will your New Year's resolution be? What can you do to make yourself better throughout the year? What dreams do you have that have gone unfulfilled? It can be a big goal or something small. Whatever you choose, this new year can lead to success if you set your mind to it. As of today, you are on a path that can lead to many beautiful tomorrows. Happy New Year.



## 100th Anniversary Retrospective Women in Kiwanis

By Susan Corrigan, editor



In order to set the scene, using information from Kiwanis International (KI) ([www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)), I have created a synopsis of information about the history of Kiwanis and the inclusion of females as full members.

January 21, 1915: Even though gender was not mentioned at the first Kiwanis club that was established in Detroit, Michigan, it was implied that only males could be members.

1924: Specific requirements for Kiwanis membership, including being male, were established and inserted into the constitution and bylaws.

1973: Starting in the early 1970's, the House of Delegates heard proposals to amend the constitution and bylaws to include females at the annual KI conventions. Each year, the amendment gathered momentum, but still failed.

At the 1976 KI convention, it was proposed, but not passed, that females could be "honorary members." After this, females were admitted into two clubs: the Kiwanis Club of Great Neck, New York and the Kiwanis Club of Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado Springs. However, the Board monitored membership records and gave these two clubs 60 days to comply with the bylaws of gender or have their charters revoked.



Installation Banquet 1996;  
Transition from President to Past President

January 1984: In answer to the include-females issue, Kiwanis began to charter Kiwanianne clubs, a service group for wives and widows of Kiwanians. Within the first year, more than 1,500 females joined.



Birthday cupcake,  
1997

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## 100th Anniversary Retrospective Women in Kiwanis

August 1985: On behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood, New Jersey, attorney Marcia Baer, supplied by the American Civil Liberties Union, was given the task to bring a lawsuit against Kiwanis to strike down the men’s only policy.

June 24, 1986: The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees introduced its own amendment to allow females to join Kiwanis, which was co-sponsored by nine Kiwanis clubs. The amendment was defeated, receiving 47 percent of the vote.

July 7, 1987: Because more than 50 clubs openly admitted female members, Delegates at the 72nd Annual Kiwanis International Convention voted to amend the constitution and bylaws to allow females to join Kiwanis clubs, passed with a two-third vote. More than 3,000 females joined in the first six months and more than 6,000 by the 1988 convention.

April 5, 1989: Helen Zebarth joined the Kiwanis Club of Winchester (KCOW). A good friend of Helen’s, Bill Brockschmidt, asked her to become the first female member of KCOW. Helen understood the Kiwanis mission and their worthwhile projects, but asked Bill why she should become the first female in the club. He explained a strong woman would need to be first, and this describes Helen perfectly. Not all members were happy about including females into the club; in fact, Helen was not always treated very nicely. But, Helen’s strength as a female, a nurse, the Director of the Wilkins Wellness Center, and the founder of the Blue Ridge Hospice was needed to make this transition successful.



Camp Fantastic, 1997



Director of Wilkins Wellness Center  
SU Today, v9, issues 2, Fall 2004

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## 100th Anniversary Retrospection Women in Kiwanis



Past President Helen Zebarth presents the Distinguished Club Member Award to Greg Hulver, Doug Butler, and Joel Friedman, 1997

Shortly after becoming a member, Helen started to “run the chairs” to become the first female KCOW president from 1995-1996. Helen recalls going to the annual KI convention on the west coast and being told that she couldn’t vote. She stood strong and stated that she represented Virginia and would be voting. Her leadership skills led to her becoming a Lt. Governor from 2010-2011. This was a very busy year for her as she inducted officers and had to visit each club in our district quarterly.

As a member Helen established the purchasing of the Spinoza “Buddy Bear” for children in hospitals. These bears were cute and cuddly, but also had a tape player and speaker deep in the fur that played tapes which helped ill children relax and manage stress, and also encouraged positive communication and self-esteem. Helen was the CKI advisor at Shenandoah University for over 20 years, established the SU baseball and football teams helping at our Pancake Days, ensured CPR training took place for each Pancake Day, and was very active with the Key Clubs, instituting inviting Key Club members to our weekly lunch meetings. The Kiwanis Club of Winchester has been blessed to have a wonderfully active and strong leader as their “first.” Helen has had an extraordinary impact on children in our region, fellow members, and the entire Kiwanis International organization. Kiwanis benefited greatly the day they voted to admit females as members.

***Thank you so much for your service, Helen.***





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## Christmas Drive-Thru Party December 4, 2021



### THANK YOU to all that made this possible!

Christmas shoppers included: Ginny Grant, Kay Anderson, Pat Snapp, Craig Organ, Desiree Nowlin, Freda Roberson, Tim Anderson, Denise Weidele, George Johnson, Greg Hulver, Elaine Cain, Debbie Knotts, Christa Shifflett, and Ray Shifflett.

Christmas wrappers included: Key Clubbers, Ginny Grant, Kay Anderson, Jody Wall, Tim Anderson, Denise Weidele, Craig Organ, Pat Snapp, George Johnson, John Conrad, and Dan Starliper.

Christmas party attendees included: Ginny Grant, Kay Anderson, Jerry Chapman, George Johnson, Susan Corrigan, Larry Sullivan and Key Club members (Jayden King, Sarah Moss, Katie Schneider, Sami Stevens, Laken Whipkey, and Aubrey Grove).

Along with each child's wish list presents, they all received a box of crayons and a coloring book, a toothbrush and toothpaste, coupons from McDonalds, Chick-fil-A, and Dunkin' Donuts, and "Snowman Soup" (candy cane, hot chocolate, and marshmallows). Thank you Tom Gromling, Brenda Dodd, Scott Straub, Susan Corrigan, and Ginny Grant for donating these special treats.



## December Birthdays December 1, 2021



Delicious cupcakes and a Happy Birthday song help members with a December birthday celebrate their life.

- Lennie Wolfe
- Robann Riggelman (new member)
- Rick Brown
- Doug Butler

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## Handley Hilltop Singers Christmas Presentation December 8, 2021



The Kiwanis Club of Winchester was fortunate to have the Handley Hilltop Singers, under the direction of Gloria Law, serenade our lunch meeting with fun, lively, and beautifully touching Christmas carols. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our club!





## Holiday Social December 10, 2021

A wonderful time was had by all at the December social held at Pat Snapp's gorgeous house. The food was delicious, drinks were plentiful, the "thieves present exchange" was so much fun, and the camaraderie priceless. Thank you Pat for being such a gracious hostess!



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## Presidential Presentation December 15, 2021



Celebrating the Kiwanis Club of Winchester’s 100 years of service to the community, Scott Straub brought our history alive with a presentation on our 100 presidents. He created an amazing slide show with relevant documents, certificates, information, and pictures of 99 out of the 100 KCOW presidents. Scott animated the pictures enabling the presidents to move their heads, blink their eyes, and smile. Scott truly brought the past 100 years alive. The slide show was a touching reminder of our past, with many current members remembering those that have passed on.

Thank you for sharing these memories, Scott. You have given our club a magnificent gift.



## Interclub News

by Tim Anderson

An interclub with the Kiwanis Club of Old Town was held on December 13, 2021. They met at the El Centro restaurant on the Loudoun Street Mall at noon. A good time was had by the six members of our club who attended: Tim Anderson, Rick Ours, Jeff Smelser, Doug Butler, Travis Nesselrodt, and Scott Straub.

Our January 2022 interclub is tentatively scheduled with the Kiwanis Club of Hagerstown on Thursday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at 11:45 at the Fountain Head Country Club. Sign up with Tim Anderson to attend.

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## Donations to Fremont Street Nursery



Huge thank you to the Kiwanians that donated 15 packages of construction paper, 27 sanitizing wipe containers, eight barbies, and 18 trucks to support the CKI drive to benefit Fremont Street Nursery.

CKI President Mackenzie Pearson and Secretary Darby Pearson helped deliver the items to Fremont Street Nursery, along with donations of their own.







## Kiwanians Supporting the Community



Kiwanian Key Club advisor Ginny Grant supported the John Handley Key Club by volunteering at their Salvation Army bell ringing service project. Doug Butler stopped by to lend a hand ringing the bell.

Thank you for your service!

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Kiwanians Doug Green and Tj O'Connor support STARBASE, an elementary-aged science, technology, engineering and math program, by volunteering as guest speakers.

Doug (dressed as Superman, or rather Super Drupal) shared his expertise in software development with Drupal, an open-source web content management system. He taught the students how to create fun animated stories using computer programming.



Tj emphasized the importance of reading and education by sharing how every school subject is used in his career fields as an author and anti-terrorist expert. Students then worked in groups to write their own creative story by starting with an outline that includes plot, problems, resolutions, and characters (both protagonists and antagonists).

Thank you for sharing your talents with the children of our region.





## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

### January's Featured Kiwanian: Larry Sullivan

The Kiwanis Club of Winchester inducted Larry Sullivan as a new member on December 1, 2021. The club is fortunate to have this talented person choose our club to spend time giving back to the community. Larry is currently the administrator at the Winchester Moose Lodge, where we hold our weekly lunch meetings. He is very generous about the use of their space, even giving extra space when needed for events such as storing and wrapping Christmas presents for the children we provide for during the holidays. With COVID, we have not been able to hold our annual children's Christmas party during 2020 and 2021, but have been able to have a drive-thru pickup at the Moose Lodge for the children and their parents to pick up their presents and chat with Santa and his elves. Thank you, Larry.

**Birthplace** - Harrisonburg, VA

**Family** - Cookie (Lofton), son Corey, daughter Anne, and grandson Mark

**Favorite movie** - *The Longest Day* (go figure - read below why this is Larry's favorite)

**Favorite books** - Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* and *Tom Sawyer*

**Favorite music** - 50's and 60's (oldies)

**Quote from Larry** - "I'm not trying to save the world, just trying to help people."

**Interesting fact** - Larry knows 40 of the first 100 KCOW presidents.



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## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

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**Career/Accomplishments** - If the adage of “being in the right place at the right time” ever applied to anyone, it certainly does to Larry Sullivan. The beginning of a storied career in photography began at an early age while in high school. Larry was a paper boy for the *Daily News-Record* in Harrisonburg. After a few promotions, Larry found himself in the photo department, where he befriended both a news photographer and a news cinematographer for what is now WHSV. In 1961, with a draft still in effect, Larry took the entrance test for both the Air Force and the Navy to be a photographer. His high scores left him unable to follow photography like he wanted. He eventually became a member of the Army’s 532 Signal Company. While in France for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, he had the good fortune of walking onto the set of the classic World War II movie, *The Longest Day*, about the invasion. While on set, Larry took many photographs of famous and well-known people, such as Robert Mitchum.



Robert Mitchum in *The Longest Day*

After his service commitment, Sullivan took a job at the *Winchester Star* where he came to know Virginia’s Governor and U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, Sr. It was while at the *Star* that Larry would take probably his most iconic photo, which was of President Lyndon B Johnson kissing Harry F. Byrd, Sr.’s hand at the funeral of Byrd’s wife, Anne Douglas Beverly Byrd. By mid-afternoon that picture was splashed across most afternoon papers in the United States. As Larry said, “that picture won almost every award there was.”

### **Some of the notable people Larry has photographed -**

- \* Jack Dempsey, boxing legend



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## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

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### Some of the notable people Larry has photographed continued -

- \* Charles de Gaulle while in France
- \* Cyrus Vance, Sr., Secretary of State under President Jimmy Carter
- \* GEN Maxwell Taylor, Commander of the Army's 101st Airborne Division on D-Day



After being promoted to four-star general, GEN Maxwell Taylor took command of the U.S. forces in the Far East before being promoted to Army Chief of Staff.

- \* Sonny Jurgenson, Washington Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Fame quarterback
- \* Johnny "Golden Arm" Unitas, Baltimore Colts Hall of Fame quarterback
- \* Vince Lombardi, coaching legend for Green Bay Packers

Maybe the first selfie ever taken, note the reflection of Larry in the helmet



Welcome to the Kiwanis Club of Winchester, Larry. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you on our service projects.

*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, LARRY!**





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shopped, wrapped and helped on the day of the party. Many, many thanks to everyone who helped to make a child's Christmas much brighter!

The Christmas party at Pat Snapp's house was so much fun! Who knew that a pancake day hat and Fireball would be the two most popular gifts?!?! Pat – thank you for graciously opening your house to us (again). We are very grateful.

Scott Straub gave us a great presentation at our meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> showcasing all that he has done for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Thank you, Scott!

This is our year! Our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year! It's such a great time to be a member of this club. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration committee is working on our gala scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Shenandoah Valley Golf Club. We have some other ideas for celebration, too. If you have an idea that you want us to be aware of, please let me or a committee member know. This is the time to really increase our visibility in the community and maybe we can gain a couple of new members in the process.

Speaking of new members, we will be inducting some new members at the business meeting this month. It's really exciting to watch how our club is growing! Thank you to all that have sponsored a new member this year. Let's continue to reach out to folks that we know and ask them to participate with us in an event. Who do you know that you would like to invite? People join Kiwanis because they know someone in the club.

2022 is going to be a fantastic year for the Kiwanis Club of Winchester!! I am grateful to share this special year with each of you.

Happy New Year to each of you and your families!

*-Lynnette*

### **Board Members: 2020-2022**

Ginny Grant  
George Johnson  
Lennie Wolfe  
John Westervelt

### **Board Members: 2021-2023**

Rick Ours  
Freda Roberson  
Barry Swears  
Becky Starliper

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Past President—Tj O'Connor

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