

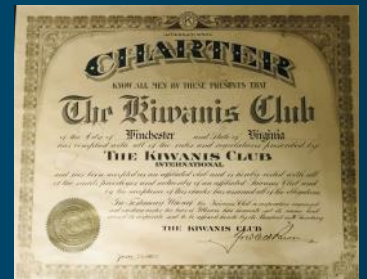


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100th Anniversary Celebration June 18, 2022



Pictures by John Westervelt

On June 23, 1922 the Kiwanis Club of Winchester was chartered. Kiwanians, past and present, recently gathered to celebrate this milestone event at the beautiful Shenandoah Valley Golf Club. With the gorgeous view, good food, friends, and family we saw and heard from past presidents and had the opportunity to peruse a variety of memorabilia gathered to remember and honor our past 100 years. Thank you to President Lynnette Embree, Scott Straub, and the 100th Anniversary Committee members for making this a special night.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LYNNETTE EMBREE



Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

WE DID IT!!! What an evening to remember celebrating our 100th Anniversary!

The weather was beautiful. The memorabilia table set up by George Johnson and Jeff Smelser along with the video produced by Scott Straub was fabulous. Pat Snapp did a great job with the decorations. We had a very nice sized crowd with several past presidents and folks from both Division

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Sally Fish	6-Jul
Carmen Rio	13-Jul
Ryan Clouse	19-Jul
Reid Hoak	23-Jul
Rick Ours	25-Jul
Freda Roberson	29-Jul
Doug Thomas	30-Jul

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

CALENDAR

July 6: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

July 13: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Ashley Sonntag, Cedar Creek Battlefield; 12-1pm

July 19: Monthly social; location TBD; 6:00

July 20: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Pancake Day check presentation; 12-1pm

July 27: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Law Enforcement Appreciation; 12-1pm

July 28: Board Meeting at Winchester Airport Conference Room; 6pm

SAVE THE DATES:

August 10: Annual Picnic, Jim Barnett Park

September 30: Installation Banquet



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A huge thank you to the 100th Anniversary Committee for planning and executing a special evening to remember 100 years of service to our community. Committee members Lynnette Embree, Pat Snapp, Ginny Grant, John Westervelt, Helen Zearth, George Johnson, and Les Veach worked hard to ensure we had a night to remember. Memorabilia gathered by Scott Straub was displayed, along with the animated 100 Presidents slideshow that Scott created, was a special reminder of the people behind the 100 years of service. We are looking forward to another 100 years in Winchester.



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Key Club Scholarship and Awards June 8, 2022

The Kiwanis Club of Winchester presented scholarships to these extraordinary young leaders: Christopher Jose Linares of James Wood High School; Marisol Inez Aquila from Millbrook High School; and Virginia Talley Sublett from John Handley High School. Youth Services scholarships were presented to: Bianca Linares from James Wood High School; Abby Rodriguez from Millbrook High School; and Nicholas Machado from John Handley High School. The Teenager of the Year award went to Hayden Boyd Martin from John Handley High School. A heartfelt congratulations and best wishes go out to these young people who spent significant time and talent working towards making Winchester a stronger community.



Nicholas Machado, Hayden Martin,
and Virginia Sublett, JHHS



Bianca Linares and Christopher
Linares, JWHS



Marisol Aquila, MHS



Scholarship winners and their parents



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Collection Drive for ChildSafe - CAC

Kiwanis Club of Winchester members collected items to benefit the non-profit ChildSafe this past month. These items will help children and families in need as they go through the process of reporting and healing from abusive situations. Thank you to all members that contributed items.



Jim Barnett Park work



Doug Butler adjusts a load of brush after cutting down three dead trees in the Kiwanis area of the park, along with fellow Kiwanians Barry Swears and Greg Hulver. The cherry trees donated by club members are doing great and park management has praised our club for the interest and money we have put into the park. Trevor Grim, an employee of the Facility Maintenance Division, paints the end panels of Kiwanis Shelter No. 1 to complete the renovation of this shelter. The original shelter was built by the Winchester Kiwanis Club in 1955 and was due for a major overhaul. A number of projects are planned and everyone is welcome and encouraged to help. Please contact Doug or Barry if you are able to assist.





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American Red Cross

On Friday, June 17, 2022, our club sponsored the Relay for Life Blood Drive at the George Washington Hotel. The drive ran from 9:00 to 4:00 and 107 persons signed up to donate. Our goal was to collect 100 units in honor of our 100th anniversary as the Kiwanis Club of Winchester. We collected 76 units of blood with twelve members of our club donating: David Sunter, Craig Organ, Pat Snapp, John Hess, Tim Anderson, Travis Nesselrodt, Mike Didawick, Scott Straub, Brenda Dodd, Greg Hulver, Susan Corrigan, and Will Lawrence. Additionally, former member and past president, Sylvia Strause, and two members of the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge, Kyle Homan and Pam Fishback, donated blood. Two additional members of our club attempted to donate but were deferred.

In addition to the donors, we had nine members volunteer their time to make the drive a success: Robin Doss, Jeff Smelser, Ginny Grant, Tim Anderson, Rick Ours, Carmen Rio, Fred Board, Brenda Dodd, and Barry Swears.

This act of service helps save lives, thank you to all that participated.

-Tim Anderson, Blood Drive Coordinator





SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS



July's Featured Kiwanian: Jeff Smelser

Birthplace - Jeff was born in Winchester being the first of five children and grew up in the White Hall and Clear Brook areas of Frederick County.

Family - Jeff met his wife, Beth Anne Taylor, while both were students at James Wood High School. They graduated together in the Class of 1977. They married June 21, 1981, in Brucetown. Jeff and Beth Anne raised two children. Jeff is proud of both as they became caring and accomplished adults and parents.

Their son, Bryan, lives nearby in the Sovereign Village neighborhood of Frederick County with his wife, Amber. The couple's two daughters are Avery, age 11, and Alea, age 22.

Laura, their daughter, resides in Traverse City, MI with her Coast Guard husband John Axelson and their daughter, Ivy Mae, age two and a half, and newborn son, Bodhi. Needless to say, they travel to Michigan a lot.

Favorite movie/holiday - Jeff's favorite movie is "It's A Wonderful Life". His favorite holiday is Christmas, and his greatest joy is sharing it with his family and friends. A night is always set aside for the family to watch the uncensored version of "Christmas Vacation" and enjoy his son's homemade eggnog. Everyone knows someone that is like the members of that cast of characters!

Career - Jeff worked for 30 years as an analyst, auditor and supervisor with the National Association of Letter Carriers Health Benefit Plan in Ashburn, VA. He retired in January 2016. Jeff became a part-time member of the guest services staff at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley in 2017.



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Interesting fact - One thing Kiwanians probably do not know about Jeff is he loves to play Santa Claus. He's donned the red suit many times over the years. Jeff had the honor of playing Santa for fellow employees and their children and grandchildren for a number of years before retiring. This was valued by Jeff as much as a promotion.



Favorite pastime - One of Jeff 's favorite pastimes is duckpin bowling. He began at age 10 and still bowls regularly in leagues. After the Health Center Lanes on Kent Street were razed in 1987 to build the Joint Judicial Center, he began bowling at Pikeside Lanes in Martinsburg. He has a competitive streak.

Why Jeff became a Kiwanian - After retirement, Jeff wasted no time in getting in touch with a civic organization he had admired for years. Jeff became a member of the Kiwanis Club of Winchester in April 2016.

Jeff saw many dedicated folks hard at work at every Pancake Day for 40 years. He shared a story during his membership interview in which he became a dad on November 2, 1984, upon the birth of his son Jeff went to the Pancake Day early the next morning with cigars for friends.



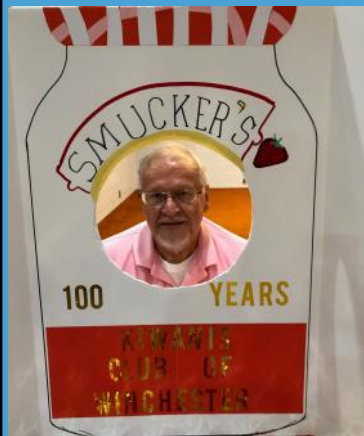
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Most interesting place visited - One of the most interesting places Jeff has been able to visit is Alaska. Jeff and his wife flew to Kodiak to visit their daughter 3 times. On one visit, the three of them boarded a ferry with a car and traveled 9 hours on the water to the mainland. They drove from Homer to Seward, Anchorage, and Fairbanks. They saw Kodiak bears, visited a dogsled farm, and climbed a glacier. But one of the favorite places visited was the town of North Pole, AK. They visited Santa's Workshop and talked with Santa, who happened to be the town's mayor.



Jeff will be inducted as President of our Club for the 2022-2023 year. He looks forward to leading the Club into the first of the next 100 years.



Jeff with his children, 1989

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, Jeff!



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8 and the Capital District. Art Riley, our Kiwanis International Immediate Past President gave a spectacular talk. And we were home before dark!

At some point in the future, Delegate Bill Wiley will join us to present the proclamation put before the General Assembly recognizing our 100th Anniversary. Mayor David Smith had already done a proclamation from the City of Winchester, and it was read at our banquet.

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate and those on the 100th Anniversary committee who helped to put the evening together.

It's not time to rest on our laurels. We have work to do! In the event you hadn't noticed, none of us are getting any younger! We need to be sure that we have sustainability for the next twenty-five or fifty years by bringing in new, younger members. Who have you invited recently?

Finally, I want to give a special shout-out to Mike Didawick for coming forth to be our next Vice-President. Mike will be our first member to go through the chairs TWICE. Many clubs and organizations cycle through officers on a regular basis. We haven't had to do that. Thank you, Mike, for bringing your wisdom and energy to the leadership of the Club!

I wish each of you a very Happy 4th of July! It's a time of celebration for all the freedoms that we have in this country. Enjoy the time with your family and friends!

Yours in service,

-Lynnette

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Ginny Grant
George Johnson
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