



Be a Superhero for Children



Kiwanian Jody Wall (top left) brought Hulk to the April 13, 2022 lunch meeting to share with the membership that April was Child Abuse Awareness month and wanted to say that we can all be superheroes to children experiencing trauma in their lives. Other members took pictures with Hulk to show their support for children and the ChildSafe - Child Advocacy Center in Winchester that our Kiwanis club partners with. Rick Balzhiser (top right) makes a superhero pose and Lenny Millholland and the Mayor of Middletown, Charles Harbaugh, IV (bottom) show their support. Learn more about ChildSafe - CAC and a collection drive that will take place in May to support this organization on page 4.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LYNNETTE EMBREE



Dear fellow Kiwanians,

Spring has sprung! Hooray!! A sure sign that spring is here is the annual Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival!

Our 100th anniversary celebration is less than sixty days away! Can you believe it? I hope that you will join us for this event. Seating is limited to 216 so please be sure to R.S.V.P. quickly.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Jim Coots	3-May
Lynnette Embree	5-May
Les Veach	6-May
Jon Eye	10-May
Jerry Chapman	14-May
Kari Dorsey	17-May
Jeff Kenney	19-May
Lenny Millholland	24-May
Jerry Kerr	26-May
Mark Dunford	29-May
Debbie Knotts	30-May

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

CALENDAR

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

May 11: Wreath laying ceremony at Mt. Hebron Cemetery; meet at 11:30 in the Moose Lodge parking lot to carpool over

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May 17: Social at Ellie's Irish Pub; 5:30pm

May 18: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; PCD Do's & Don'ts; 12-1pm

May 20 and 21: Pancake Day set up and drive through

May 25: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Don Ratcliff; 12-1pm

May 26: Board Meeting at Winchester Airport Conference Room; 6pm

SAVE THE DATES:

June 18: 100th Anniversary Celebration

September 30: Installation Banquet



Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser Katie Teets Bradshaw Comfort House

Pat Snapp spearheaded a cinnamon roll fundraiser through the Katie Teets Bradshaw Comfort House nonprofit. Kiwanians signed up to purchase 174 boxes of six huge cinnamon rolls and to help make these delicious pastries. On Saturday, April 2nd, Pat, Craig Organ, Lynnette and Jeph Embree, Jeff and Beth Smelser, Mike Didawick, Becky and Danny Starliper, and Brenda Dodd spent hours making and baking these yummy rolls. Some Kiwanis members purchased multiple boxes to take home, share with friends, and to their workplace. Les Veach purchased 18 boxes that all went to first responders! The Kiwanis Club of Winchester made a profit of \$4,000 on this fundraiser, which will be used to offset some of the cost of the 100th anniversary celebration. Thank you to all of the Kiwanians who purchased and helped make the cinna-



mon rolls, it is through your generosity and service that this fundraiser was such a huge success. And, of course, this would not have been possible without the selfless leadership of Pat Snapp, and the many hours she spent planning, organizing, baking, and passing out the rolls. Thank you!





ChildSafe - CAC Collection Drive May 4, 11, 18, and 25

The Kiwanis Club of Winchester is proud to support ChildSafe - Child Advocacy Center. They practice a "Child First" collaborative approach in response to child abuse. Instead of children having to repeat details of their abuse to school officials, police, social service workers, and professionals not trained in working with children, ChildSafe provides a safe and child-friendly environment for children who have suffered abuse. A multi-disciplinary team of professionals will interview the child, investigate the abuse and provide therapeutic treatment programs to reduce the symptoms caused by trauma.

Collection Drive: We will be holding a collection drive for the month of May, please bring an item from their wish list to a lunch meeting and give to Susan Corrigan or Jody Wall. If you are unable to make it to a meeting, give Susan a call and she will pick it up from your house.

Wish List:

Single serving lunch type snacks

Granola bars

Bottled water

Juice boxes

Small soda (for adult clients)

1" 3-ring binders

Blank DVDs (to record children's statements)



Other ways to be a superhero for these traumatized children:

- ◆ donate money (go to www.childsafecenter.com)
- ◆ volunteer (call Kelly Bober, Executive Director at 540-665-4426)



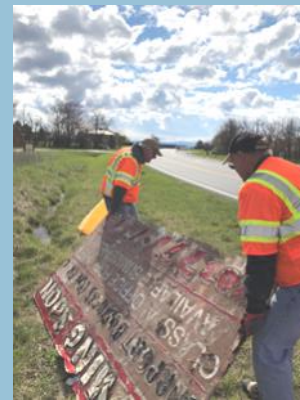
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Highway Cleanup Crew April 9, 2022

A dedicated crew of 10 Kiwanians showed up early on a beautiful Saturday morning to help keep our community clean: Carmen Rio, Randy Zook, Jim Coots, Scott Straub, Lennie Wolfe, Brenda Dodd, Susan Corrigan, Dan Starliper, Barry Swears, and Doug Butler. Many bags of trash were collected, including construction materials and a large sign that had been discarded along Airport Road and Crossover Boulevard. After spending hours cleaning, Jim discovered hundreds of empty plastic fertilizer bags along a stretch that had just been cleaned. Jim called for help and Scott, Lennie, and Randy came back and collected seven more large trash bags filled with these fertilizer bags. If they had not returned to clean up these bags, they would have been blowing all over Winchester. A huge thank you to this group for giving of their time keeping our world beautiful.





Sean Devolites New Member Inducted



Sean Devolites, the pastor of First United Methodist Church of Winchester, was inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Winchester on April 6, 2022 by Rick Balzhiser and Becky Starliper. Becky graciously stood in for Tim Anderson, Sean’s sponsor, to induct Sean into our club. We look forward to getting to know Sean and work with him on one of our many service projects.

CKI—Shenandoah University April Activities



CKI members of Shenandoah University had a busy month, even in the midst of mid-terms. They set up a Kiwanis table at the student center and passed out donuts to fellow students, packed 304 bags of food and sorted school supplies at Bright Futures, and held a fun game night with pizza, of course, for members and prospective members. We are proud to have this dedicated group of young adults as part of the Kiwanis family.



April Guest Speakers



Local historian and author Mike Robinson gave a fascinating talk about some of the history of Winchester. The four books he has written, *Winchester Tales I, II, III, and IV*, contain many short pieces about our rich

history. These really give a good perspective about our community. He has also collaborated with ghost hunting organizations on some of our “haunted” buildings in our region.



Charles Harbaugh IV, the mayor of Middletown, VA and the Executive Director of Access Independence (Ai) shared excellent information about his careers. Access Independence provides an array of equipment and opportunities for people with disabilities. The support can range from free walkers and ramps to assisting transitions from school to work to independent living. As the mayor of Middletown, he stressed the importance of controlled growth while maintaining the small-town atmosphere.

Brad Parkes started on his current career path by wanting to create a healthier, natural option in alcoholic beverages. This led to the development of Masq Hard Tea. The drink starts with a green tea base and adds fruit juice, blue agave nectar, and other natural ingredients. The hard tea is light, flavorful and refreshing. The upcoming Apple Blossom Festival inspired Brad to create an apple blossom seasonal flavor by mixing grapefruit and raspberry.





Kiwanis Shelters at Jim Barnett Park

The Kiwanis No. 1 Shelter has finished being rebuilt and is up to code now. Instead of just focusing on safety, Winchester City Parks & Rec also added a very nice sign on the side of the shelter. We appreciate their hard work and look forward to using the shelter for our annual summer picnic.



Barry Swears and Doug Butler renovated an old bulletin board at Kiwanis Shelter No. 2 and was able to place one of our Kiwanis emblem signs in the space.

Doug Butler: Man About Town

Kiwanian Doug Butler, a young at heart 97-year old was recently seen driving his beautiful 73-year old 1949 Willys-Overland Jeepster through town and he was stylin'! We are fortunate to know Doug, he is an inspiration to us all!





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SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS

May's Featured Kiwanian: Jim Coots



Birthplace - Arlington, Virginia

Career - Jim spent 40 years in the construction industry. The last 25 years was as a Superintendent and Safety Officer. Two years ago, Jim changed career paths and became the Superintendent at Mount Hebron Cemetery

What do you like to do for fun? - Hanging out with good natured people that enjoy life.

Hobbies - Fishing, Relic/treasure hunting

Favorite place to visit/like to visit - Anywhere warm, when it is cold.

What makes you unique - "I would like to be able to say that I have six toes on one foot and seven on the other. But I can't."

Accomplishment most proud of - Having been able to provide a comfortable life for his wife and raising five kids to independent adulthood.

Favorite memory - The many fishing trips Jim spent with his wife in some of the most awesome places.

Something most people don't know about you - Jim is good about keeping his secrets secret.



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, JIM!



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We were able to keep our costs for the 100th anniversary gala down due to our cinnamon bun fundraiser. A tremendous "Thank You" to Pat Snapp, those who purchased cinnamon buns and, most especially, and the Teets family for opening their home to us to make these delicious treats!

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching. COVID has not been our friend in working with our SLPs. We need some folks to help our sponsored youth programs in 2022-2023. If this is you, please see Ginny Grant. Our children are our future, and they need our help right now. As I often see in various Kiwanis publications, kids need Kiwanis.

Our annual meeting to elect a Vice-President and Board members will be on May 4, 2022. Please plan to attend that meeting. At this time, we do not have a nominee for Vice-President. This position would be VP for 2022-2023, President-Elect in 2023-2024 and President in 2024-2025. Our Board member nominees are: Amanda Holsinger, Bud Stiles, Les Veach and John Westervelt. Nominations will be taken from the floor on May 4th.

I will practice my best Uncle Sam speech . . . WE NEED YOU! We need volunteers for Pancake Day on May 21st. The Pancake Day committee has worked very hard over the past month to give our community a great experience. They can't do it all so please do sign up to work on May 21st. John Conrad will be happy to give you a shift to work!

There are lots of opportunities for folks in our club. SLPs, Pancake Day, VP, and Public Relations Committee Chair. We really do need people to step up – even if it's a small part. I hope you will help in some capacity. Have a terrific Apple Blossom weekend, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. We are blessed to be a part of this Club, this community, and this nation. *-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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Vice President—John Conrad
Secretary—Brenda Dodd
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