



Officers 2022-2023



Past Lt. Governor Mary Anton attended the lunch meeting on October 5, 2022 to install Jeff Smelser as President for 2022-2023. The slate of the executive team (from left):

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| Past President: Lynnette Embree | President-elect: John Conrad |
| President: Jeff Smelser | Secretary: Brenda Dodd |
| Vice President: Mike Didawick | Treasurer: Dennis Grubbs |

We look forward to a wonderful year with this leadership team. Thank you for your service.



KIWANIS KOURIER



KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER, VA * Serving the Winchester/Frederick County Community NOVEMBER 2022

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LYNNETTE EMBREE



Dear fellow Kiwanians,

Who knows what day it is? It's Groundhog Day!! Déjà vu, all over again!

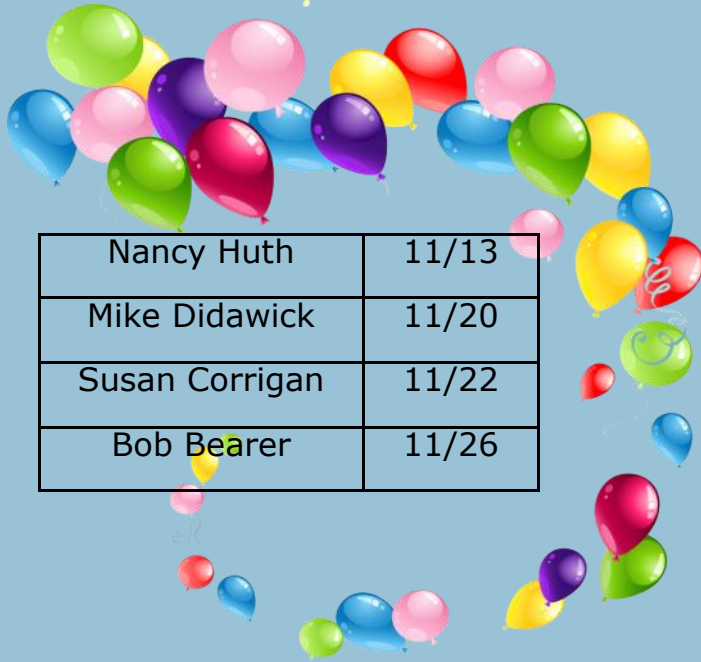
I hope by now that members know that Jeff Smelser has requested a leave of absence. We certainly miss Jeff at our meetings and look forward to his return.

Pancake Day will be here in just a few days! Who's ready for some great

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



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

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

CALENDAR

Nov. 2: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

Nov. 4 and Nov. 5: Pancake Day

Nov. 9: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

Nov. 10: Social at El Centro; 6pm

Nov. 16: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

Nov. 17: Board Meeting at the Winchester Airport Conference Room; 6pm

Nov. 23: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

Nov. 30: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

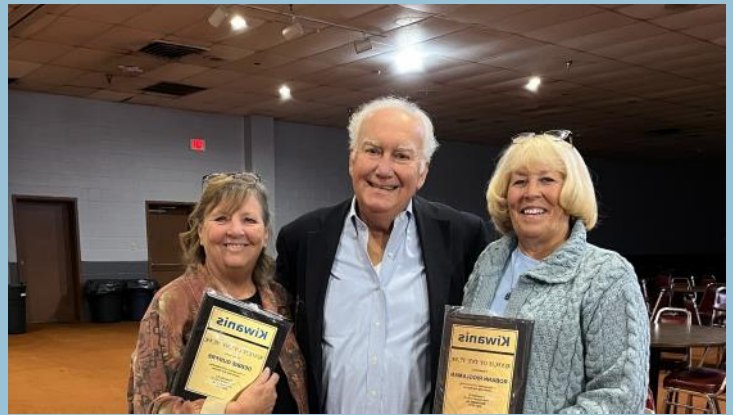


Rookie of the Year Awards

Rookie of the Year awards were presented by Lynnette Embree to the dynamic duo Robann Rigglesman and Debbie Guiffre for their outstanding work this past year. These two truly deserved this honor as they immediately jumped in and became active with the club. Both of them joined the Pancake Day Committee and initiated a corporate volunteer effort with various companies around the area, they are both on the Social Committee with Robann becoming the co-chair, and Debbie is helping with the newsletter. Members like these are what make our organization successful. We look forward to working with these two energetic and creative women for years to come.



Robann, Lynnette, Debbie



Debbie, Sponsor Mike Didawick, Robann

Installation of Jeff Smelser by Mary Anton





Supporting Kiwanis Club of Hagerstown

By Doug Butler

The Hagerstown Kiwanians want to thank all the great Winchester Kiwanians that purchased 30 dozen red roses for the Kiwanis Club of Hagerstown "ANNUAL ROSE SALE." They will be reciprocating by supporting our Pancake Day next month.

Thank you!



Pancake Day November 4 & 5, 2022



Just a few short days away!!!

November 4: set up (takes a lot to set up for an in-person event)

November 5: three shifts to sign up for, are you an early bird or night owl?

Sign up for one or more shifts, it truly takes a village to make this event a success. You can also ask friends and family to help out. The children of our region are counting on us!

Thank you and HAVE FUN!



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Highway Cleanup October 22, 2022

Nine Kiwanians gathered on a Saturday morning to make a small part of our community clean and beautiful. Jim Coats, Lennie Wolfe, Norm Black, Robin Doss, Doug Butler, Susan Corrigan, Tim Anderson, Randy Zook, and John Conrad worked as a team to collect over a dozen bags of trash that had been thrown along Airport Road and Crossover Boulevard. Tim brought doughnuts and coffee to make the morning sweeter, and Doug drove members to their assigned stretch of road and collected all the full bags of trash from members. Thank you for giving of your time to our community.





SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS



November's Featured Kiwanian: Les Veach

Birthplace - Les was the middle child in his family, born and raised in the hills of Petersburg, WV. The town was so small they had one stop-light, and Les had only 98 students in his graduating class.

Family - Les' immediate family includes his best friend and soulmate of 29 years, Sabra Ganoë. Cassidy Ann, 27, is their oldest daughter working in Atlanta. Their daughter Callie Annika, 25, just finished her MBA (anyone hiring, let Les know!) Their youngest is their son Cameron Andrew who is finishing a Math degree (after an Acting education at UVA and SU – help Les understand what they have in common?). And their recently deceased labradoodle of 17 years "Cocoa" helped raise and teach all of their children.

Favorite movie - Growing up, when Les' family could get reception from the one station around, Sunday evenings were spent watching Disney movies like "Where the Red Fern Grows" or "Old Yeller." But this was only if the aluminum foil on the antenna was set just right. As we all have seen a lot of good movies that can generate emotion, the one Les looks forward to the most each year is "It's a Wonderful Life."

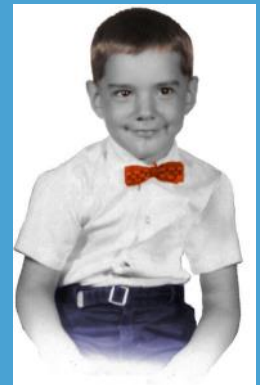
Favorite books - Les' favorite book is the one in his hands at the time. As a child, his Mom encouraged him to read anything and everything. He remembers during high school lying on his back reading. But when he fell asleep, the book would fall and hit him in the face. Now awake, he would read more, until his parents made him turn off the light. Of course, then he resorted to a flashlight and hiding under the covers to read!



Sabra, Cocoa & Les



Cassidy, Callie & Cameron



young Les liked bowties



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Best advice - Some advice Les got from his parents:

- If you are not early, you are late
- Try to do your absolute best in all things no matter how minor it appears
- Return borrowed items in better condition
- Try to love all things and people unconditionally
- Say what you are going to do, then do what you said

Favorite quote - "Those that have the ability to make a difference have the responsibility to do so." by Thomas Jefferson

Most interesting place visited - Les has climbed many mountains in numerous States including in the Rockies, but none so breathtaking as those in Austria. "To sit on top, deep breaths of the fresh air, see the views for what seems forever and then close your eyes and feel nature is close to heaven!"



Montana, -27° F
That is a little chilly!



Les and Sabra, THEN



and NOW!



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Career/Accomplishments - Les worked for IBM for seven years, then State Farm for 31 years. The most fun Les had was in Grad school working on his MS in Civil Engineering degree. He was part of a team that built a remote control robot that had to meet the federal specs to explore the lower levels of Three Mile Island after the nuclear plant meltdown! Now that was fun!

Funniest/Most interesting thing that has happened - "OMG! I am in tears laughing at all the things that have happened to me." Picking the funniest and most special thing that happened to Les took place in 1991 when he was working 80+ hours a week in Arlington starting his new business. Sabra worked in Winchester. Les' stepmother saw her and said "you would be perfect for my stepson." Sabra's criteria was taller than her and facial hair! They talked on the phone (and no, not cell phones) for five months before they met in Manassas. He was 45 minutes late but she was still there! Since they had spoken for five months, Sabra hugged Les, but his arms hung down by his sides since he had never met her. They went to a swanky restaurant overlooking the Potomac River. They were WAY underdressed and people were laughing at them, but they had a great time and laughed at them for being overdressed. It was a match made in Heaven.



chosen "Best All Around" in high school



Les serenading Sabra



"Split Personalities"



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Unique characteristics/accomplishments - Les' mom taught him about academics and inside the house. His Dad taught him more on being logical and everything outside the house. Both created in Les this insatiable need to learn ALL he can. Les has honored his parent's teaching, he has: studied karate, boxed in Maryland, earned a BS in Chemical Engineering, earned a MS in Civil Engineering, modeled in NYC, went to cooking school in NY, was a fitness instructor in NY, was a doorman at dance clubs in NY and Pittsburgh, can sew, charcoal draws, has done home design/plans for numerous homes, loves his azalea garden, and more. And Les is usually up between 3am and 3:30am daily WITHOUT AN ALARM!

According to Les - Enjoy life, you only get one ride!



Les enjoying life, Captain America and Wonder Woman



Beverages, anyone?

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, LES!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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pancakes and that delicious Gore's sausage?? I am!

Then, in just a few weeks, we will have our children's Christmas party! Who's ready to see our children back and having a great time?? I am!

Shortly after that comes Hannukah, Christmas, Kwanza and New Year's!

First, though, let's celebrate Thanksgiving and all for which we are grateful. Personally, I am grateful for this Kiwanis Club and the resiliency of the members. You all continue to inspire me with overcoming some of the challenges we've had in the past few years, like a pandemic, health issues of our members, pancake day drive-thrus, etc.

This Thanksgiving let us remember to give thanks for all of our many blessings.

I look forward to seeing you at a Wednesday meeting, Pancake Day, a Board meeting or just around town.

-Lynnette

Board Members: 2021-2023

Rick Ours
Freda Roberson
Becky Starliper
Barry Swears

Board Members: 2022-2024

Amanda Holsinger
Luther (Bud) Stiles
Les Veach
John Westervelt

Officers

President—Jeff Smelser
President-Elect—John Conrad
Vice President—Mike Didawick
Secretary—Brenda Dodd
Treasurer—Dennis Grubbs
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