



Honoring Years of Service



The Kiwanis Club of Winchester was honored to be recognized by the Virginia House of Delegates for “improving the world, one child and one community at a time” through a variety of service projects over the past 100 years. In addition to recognizing the service we provide to the community, they commended our club for promoting positive role models and community leaders. President Lynnette Embree holds the framed resolution presented by the Virginia General Assembly. The resolution will be housed in the Stewart Bell Jr. Archives Room at the Handley Regional Library, along with a plethora of historical artifacts collected and organized by member Scott Straub. Scott was awarded a Distinguished Service Award by President Embree for his significant contributions to our club over the past few years in ensuring the history of our club is documented and maintained. Thank you for all of your work, Scott.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER, VA * Serving the Winchester/Frederick County Community FEBRUARY 2023

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LYNNETTE EMBREE



Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

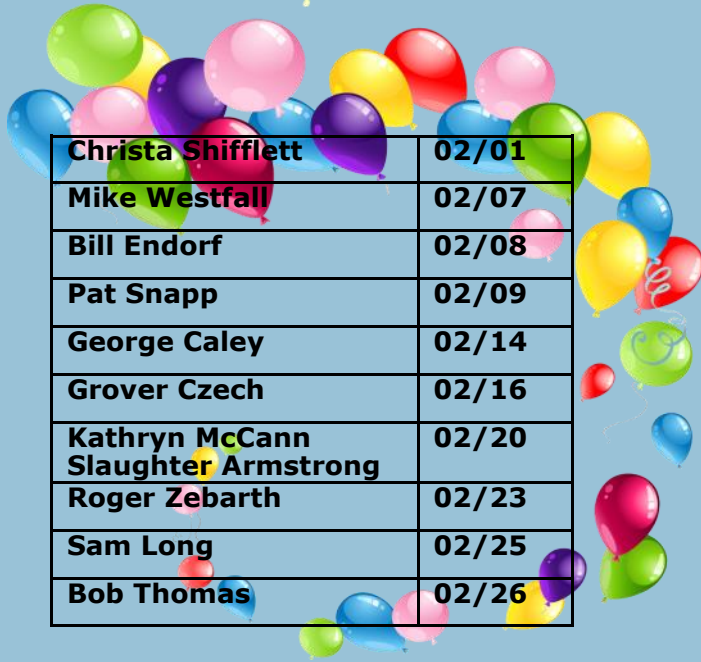
It's February! Wow! Time seems to keep on flying by!

Before you know it, it will be Pancake Day time again! Pancake Day is our largest fundraiser for our Community Services fund. This is the fund from which we give A LOT of money to organizations and, occasionally, a person in our community. Can you imagine not giving to our community or not being able to give to most organizations who ask us for help? Yes, me, nei-

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Christa Shifflett	02/01
Mike Westfall	02/07
Bill Endorf	02/08
Pat Snapp	02/09
George Caley	02/14
Grover Czech	02/16
Kathryn McCann Slaughter Armstrong	02/20
Roger Zebarth	02/23
Sam Long	02/25
Bob Thomas	02/26

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

CALENDAR

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

Feb. 8: Lunch meeting at the Winchester
Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

Feb. 15: Lunch meeting at the Winchester
Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

Feb. 22: Lunch meeting at the Winchester
Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

Feb. 23: Board Meeting at Winchester Airport
Conference Room; 6pm



KCOW ARTIFACTS PLACED IN ARCHIVES

Scott Straub has been compiling many historical documents and artifacts that have been donated to our club by members and past members. He recently took the items to the Handley Regional Library to preserve our history in the Stewart Bell Jr. Archives room. The Archives room will be able to correctly display these items for all to see the good works our club has accomplished over 100 years of service.



50th Anniversary Silver Plate, donated by Lew Ewing; 50th Anniversary KCOW President's Gavel Plaque (1972), donated by M. Lee Boppe; A Hixson Fellow Ribbon, Medallion & Pin, with assorted membership anniversary pins, donated by the Ross Knee Family (Ross passed in early 2021)

Assorted KCOW Banquet programs from 1939, 1940, 1942-49, a Membership Roster (1951), KCOW Bylaws (1944) and a Capital District Club Directory (1946), property of Dr. Ancel B. Groves (KCOW President 1940), donated by Professor Keith Yoder.





Fall Pancake Day Major Beneficiary Presentation



Michael, Brandon, and Julie Teets were presented a check for \$4,582.31 for their hard work as the Major Beneficiary of the November 5, 2022 Pancake Day. Major beneficiaries receive 15% of the net proceeds from PCD and are chosen based on the organization's mission, their ability to attend PCD planning sessions, sell at least 200 tickets, and work at least 50 hours on setup and serving guests.

The Teets family set up a nonprofit with the mission of building and supporting the Katie's Comfort House to honor Katie Teets Bradshaw, their sister and daughter that lost her life to breast cancer. The Comfort House will be "a place where families can spend their last moments with their loved ones in a private setting, with all the accommodations that make a house feel like a home." Besides working hard at the Kiwanis Pancake Day, the family has put on antique car shows and transformed their basement into a professional kitchen to make giant, delicious cinnamon rolls for fund raising.

Upcoming fundraisers include:

April 1: the Jokers Wild Motorcycle Club will be holding a cash party for Katie's Comfort House

May 5: Sponsor of the Bloomin' Fiesta at El Centro

May 19: Concert at the Backseat Event Center with 49 Winchester, Taylor Hunnicutt, and Low Water Bridge

May 27: 2nd Annual Kickball Tournament

September 23: Antique Car Show

The community has been so supportive they are going to be able to break ground on Katie's Comfort House sooner than expected.

Go to their website: <https://katiescomforthouse.com> to see how you can help this worthy organization.

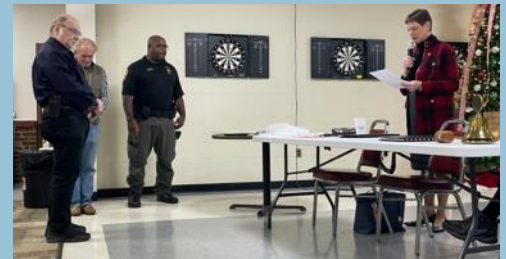


NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED



Sheriff William Sales was inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Winchester on January 4, 2023 by Membership Committee Chair Rick Balzhiser and Sponsor Rick Brown. We are honored to have Sheriff Sales join our club as he is a vital community leader that has lived a life of service. He moved to Winchester in 2001 to take a position as an officer with the Winchester Police Department. He transitioned to the Winchester City Sheriff's Office in 2021 and

was appointed as Sheriff in 2022. We look forward to getting to know Sheriff Sales and working with him on our many community service projects.



Ryan Taylor was inducted on January 18, 2023 by Membership Committee Chair Rick Balzhiser and Sponsor John Conrad. Ryan has worked for First Bank for 1.5 years as a Commercial Loan Officer. Even though Ryan lives in Shepherdstown, he wanted to join a service organization in Winchester because this community has been so welcoming to him since he started working here and wanted to give back. He feels fortunate that he works for a company that promotes commu-

nity service and encourages him to take time out of his week to be a part of Kiwanis. A fun fact about Ryan is that he married his wife, Ashley, last October. We wish the newlyweds many years of joy together. We appreciate Ryan giving of his time and talents to the members of our community and look forward to getting to know him.





SOCIAL NEWS

Robann Rigglesman & Debbie Guiffre

The Social Committee hosted the January social at El Centro. Five members and three guests had a great time eating a delicious meal, chatting, and celebrating Debbie's birthday. Attending members included Mike Didawick, Rick Balzhiser, Susan Corrigan, Debbie Guiffre, and Robann Rigglesman. A three-question survey was created and presented at the January 18th meeting to allow members to have input on the location and dates to hold socials. The information gathered from these surveys will be used in the planning process.

Thank you,
Robann and Debbie
Social co-chairs



INTERCLUB NEWS

Tim Anderson & Robin Doss

The January interclub was held at the Kiwanis Club of Old Town on Monday, January 9th. Four members of our club attended the meeting held at El Centro on the Loudoun Street walking mall. Attending members included Doug Butler, John Conrad, Rick Brown, and Tim Anderson.

Our February interclub will be at the Kiwanis Club of Front Royal on Wednesday evening, February 15th. This is their monthly social meeting held at 6:00pm at Houlihan's located at 101 Hospitality Drive, off 522 north of Front Royal. If you would like to carpool, members will be meeting at the Moose Lodge parking lot and leaving at 5:15pm. Houlihan's needs a head count, contact Robin Doss if you would like to attend.

Tim Anderson
Interclub co-chair





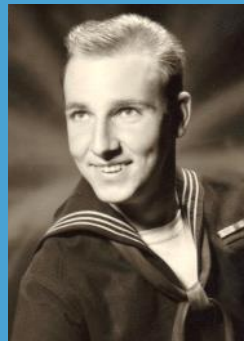
SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS



February's Featured Kiwanian: Rick Balzhiser

Birthplace and family - Rick was born and raised on the south side of Chicago along with his mom and dad and his younger sister, Sharon. His father was a police officer who rose to the rank of Sergeant and his mother was a stay-at-home mom. Rick lived at home until he was 19 years of age at which point he joined the United States Navy in 1965. He spent four and a half years in the Navy and served from 1965 to 1970, with two tours in Vietnam. The first was on a guided missile destroyer, the USS Richmond K. Turner (DLG-20) in the Gulf of Tonkin and the second tour was on the U. S. military base in Da Nang. His last tour was at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. Upon his discharge from active duty Rick loved the Washington, D.C. area so much he decided to stay in the area and put down his roots.

Rick raised four children with his first wife Anne, her identical twin daughters Amy and Rita who are now 55 years of age, and their sons Alec and Chris. Amy is a traveling surgical nurse who resides in Northern California, and Rita is a guidance counselor who works mainly with youth and young adults. His son Alec is 44 years old and is a surgical technician who lives in Martinsburg and works at the hospital in Hagerstown, Maryland. His youngest son Chris is 39 and is a video game designer for a subsidiary company of Electronic Arts, the largest video game company in the United States. Rick met his second wife Anne (do you see a theme here?) in 1998 and they have been together ever since. Her three children joined the blended family: Lucas (now deceased) developed and ran a company that provided genetic ancestry testing and interpretation, Andrew just received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology, and Meg has provided counseling in higher education in Okinawa, Japan. Rick has 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Rick with his parents and sister, Sharon; Rick at 19 years old; Rick with his sons, Alec and Chris; and Rick and Anne at Ship's Reunion

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Favorite movie - Rick has several favorite movies which he will watch anytime they are on. Among them are: *Sound of Music*, *War of the Worlds* (the original one from 1953), *The Shawshank Redemption*, and *Gladiator*.

Favorite books - Rick likes to read biographies, sports themed books, and science fiction. He loved C. S. Lewis' outer space trilogy.

Best advice - The best advice that Rick ever received was from his father. In 1965 he was about to be drafted and sent to Vietnam. His dad was a World War II veteran who served in the Navy. He convinced him to join the Navy even though it would be four years as opposed to two. It turned out to be a wise decision. He learned skills that would be with him the rest of his life. He traveled the world and saw many exotic and wonderful places and enjoyed his time in the Navy. It taught him leadership skills and helped him to turn from a teenage boy into a man.

Favorite quote - Rick's favorite quote is from one of his bosses and mentors in the oil business. He told Rick that, "There are two kinds of people in the world, talkers and doers. Be a doer."

Interesting place visited - One place that Rick visited while in the Navy was Australia. It was in December of 1968 which would have made it summer there. They crossed the equator which meant a three day ceremony in which they were transformed from lowly "Pollywogs" into mighty "Shellbacks". This is a BIG deal in the Navy. They spent four days in Brisbane and five days in Sydney. The world famous opera center was in the process of being built. Rick and three shipmates rented a car and drove down to the Gold Coast. Having never driven on the other side of the road before, Rick had all three of them ready to bail on him during the first half hour of that adventure!



With friends at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego; sunset at Topsail Island, NC; and the Grand Canyon in all it's glory.

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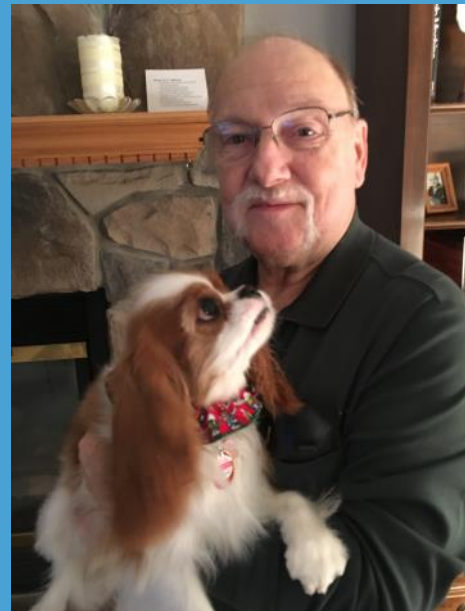


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Career/Accomplishments - Rick spent over 48 years in the corporate world before he retired in 2012. Thirty-three of those years were spent in the oil industry in sales and marketing which he loved. He loved marketing and to him it was not even like working. He even loved "cold-calling" on potential customers which most sales people hate. The last nine and half years prior to retirement were spent as a Property Manager for a Property Management firm in Northern Virginia. He managed nine residential communities of condominiums and townhomes and one commercial property. Rick also has spent a few years in the working world doing a number of jobs that were out of the ordinary. He spent two and a half years as a D. J. working on weekends as a side gig to make extra money. He was known in those days as "Rockin Ricky". He still owns almost 3000 45 records. He also worked one year as a court recorder and a year as a substitute teacher in Fairfax County.

Interesting event - An interesting event that Rick can recall happened when Rick visited Grinnell University in Iowa along with his daughter Amy, who was interested in going there. Their campus guide kept staring at them and finally asked their names and where they were from. It turns out that she used to be Amy and her twin sister's babysitter when they were very young and lived on the same block as they did. Talk about a small world.



Rick and Anne at a Blackhawks game in Chicago; Rick and Lady

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Hobbies - Rick has a couple of hobbies that keep him occupied. He is an avid coin collector and has been doing this hobby since he was 12 years old. He also collects comic books as an investment, currently he has 45 boxes of comics with each box holding about 150 books. His wife accuses him of being a hoarder, which he does not deny. He also bowls in a league and has been singing in church choirs for over 30 years.

Why joined Kiwanis - Rick joined Kiwanis in 2015 and has been a member for just over seven years. He joined because he has always loved working with children. He calls them the "salt of the earth". He was an adult youth leader in his church for many years mostly with the teen groups which involved spiritual development and attending religious retreats and other events. He also coached CYO youth boys basketball for six years which included kids in fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. One of his teams even won a league championship which his oldest son Alec, who is now 44, still talks about. The deciding factor in joining our club was the annual Kiwanis Children's Christmas party.



Rick sitting in the King's chair at the historic Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, CA



Rick with Kiwanis International Past President Peter Mancuso

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, Rick!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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ther. This is part of the reason that it's so important that each of us does our part in helping with Pancake Day.

What if you aren't able to work a four-hour shift or sell thirty-five tickets? What can you do? Could you help on Friday cutting sausage or setting up the grills or tables and chairs? Could you help sell placemat ads? There are lots of jobs that are essential to Pancake Day and if everyone does their share, it makes the burden lighter.

The Officers and the Board of Directors are working to get all of our Kiwanis "stuff" under the direction of the Officers. We had a little snafu earlier in the year when we realized that information for the Club was under the personal email address of a member who is no longer a member of our Club. We scrambled and got the situation taken care of; however, it prompted the Officers to ask what else is under someone's personal email or telephone number? If you have something that is the Club's and under your name/email address/ phone number, please let us know so we can get that under the Club's name.

Finally, I was honored to be named Member of the Month for December by the Capital District. Our Lt. Governor, Seth Thatcher, nominated me and I am told that the competition was strong. I enjoy working with our Club, its members and the District to help the Club be a civic organization that others would want to participate in.

Happy Valentine's Day to you and yours!
In service,
Lynnette

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