



# Handley Hilltop Singers



The John Handley High School Hilltop Singers visited and put on a spectacular production on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at our lunch meeting. The talented students sang memorable songs including *The Greatest Showman*, *Night Fever*, and *Bad Romance*. Choir director Gloria Law does a phenomenal job with this group of gifted, young musicians. In addition to singing a variety of catchy songs the students engaged the audience with their intricate dance steps. We appreciate Ms. Law and the choir sharing their time and talent with us; it was a special treat.



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LYNNETTE EMBREE



Dear Kiwanians,

Welcome to June! This month is our 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary!

Once again, I'd like to thank Debbie Knotts for rising to the occasion to be Spring 2023 Pancake Day Chair! All indications are that it was a very successful fundraiser!

Thank you to everyone on the Pancake Day committee for a job very well

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To Our Members!



<b>Robin Doss</b>	<b>06/11</b>
<b>John Westervelt</b>	<b>06/16</b>
<b>Ginny Grant</b>	<b>06/16</b>
<b>Will Lawrence</b>	<b>06/19</b>
<b>Randy Zook</b>	<b>06/20</b>
<b>Sean Dudley</b>	<b>06/22</b>
<b>Jim Sparrow</b>	<b>06/25</b>
<b>Scott Straub</b>	<b>06/29</b>

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

## CALENDAR

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June 7: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

June 9: Sponsored lunch at The Kids Clubs; 11:30am

June 14: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

June 21: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

June 22: Board Meeting at Winchester Airport Conference Room; 6pm

June 28: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

### SAVE THE DATES

August 16: Annual Club Picnic

September 29: Installation and Awards Banquet at the George Washington Hotel

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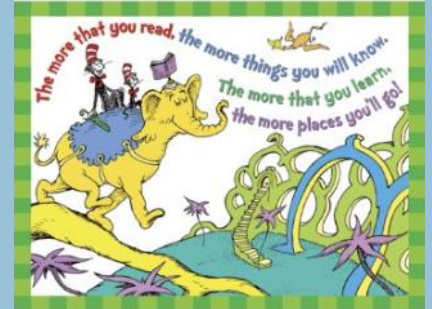
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## Literacy Mentors

We will be piloting a special literacy initiative this summer to coincide with the Capital District of Kiwanis International’s literacy project. The Kiwanis Club of Winchester, The Kids Clubs of Northern Shenandoah Valley, and the Handley Regional Library will be working together to improve the literacy skills of elementary-aged-children. Eleven awesome Kiwanians have signed up to be a one-on-one Reading Buddy with a child who needs some help in reading and understanding a variety of literature.



The Kids Clubs is a safe and nurturing environment where children can go after school or during the summer. Director Heather Forman ensures a variety of programs are offered that help children improve their academic performance, along with their social development. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Kiwanis Club of Winchester is sponsoring an 11:30am lunch at The Kids Clubs located at 2400 Roosevelt Blvd. All members are invited to attend the lunch and get to know some of the children who attend this special program.

We welcome more members to join in this worthwhile project. Contact Susan Corrigan or Craig Organ if you would like to make a difference in a child’s life.

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## Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a national holiday to honor those who have died in service for our country. This day began after the Civil War and was called Decoration Day due to General Logan’s call to decorate the graves of comrades who died in defense of our nation. On the first Decoration Day flowers were strewn over the graves of 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried at Arlington Cemetery.



Winchester has beautifully decorated our town with flags in front of Handley High School and with banners of local citizens who served in the military. Kiwanian Carmen Rio is a military veteran and can be seen “hanging around” Winchester.

Many of our club members are veterans, and we would like to thank them for the incredible service they gave to our country to ensure freedom and democracy for all.





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## INTERCLUB NEWS

### Tim Anderson & Robin Doss

On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, nine members of our club traveled to Strasburg to enjoy the Pancake Breakfast put on by the Kiwanis Club of Strasburg. They started their Saturday off with delicious fluffy pancakes, eggs, sausage, and sausage gravy.

Members attending were: Doug Butler, Lynnette Embree, Jeph Embree, Dennis Grubbs, Susan Corrigan, John Conrad, Barry Swears, Ginny Grant, and Tim Anderson.

*Tim Anderson*  
Interclub CoChair



## SOCIAL NEWS

### Robann Riggelman & Debbie Guiffre

Kiwanians Debbie Guiffre and Rick Balzhiser, and their guests Boyd Hammon and Anne Balzhiser, enjoyed a delicious dinner at Sabai Thai for the May social.

The next socials are scheduled on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Vibrissa Beer & Kitchen and July 11<sup>th</sup> at 50/50 Taphouse.

Come enjoy food and camaraderie with your Kiwanis family.





## Landscaping in Jim Barnett Park

It is that time of year when it is important to maintain the beauty of our Kiwanis Shelter in Jim Barnett Park. Kiwanians are showing up to help with all the necessary landscaping jobs. Contact Barry if you are able to lend a helping hand.



Barry Swears places a new American flag on Kiwanis Shelter #2.



Doug Butler digging around the sign and rose bushes to encourage growth with Barry's dog Ruby looking on.

Barry fertilizing the roses and allowing his sweet Ruby to smell the beautiful flowers.



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## Ginny Grant with the Apple Blossom Queen

Ginny had the pleasure of meeting with the Astin family at the 96<sup>th</sup> Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival. Ginny had originally met the family in 2014 when the oldest daughter, Ali, was crowned queen. In 2018 Elizabeth had the honor to be queen and Bella, the youngest daughter, was crowned this year. Amazingly, Bella remembered meeting Ginny in 2014! Ginny is an unforgettable, dynamic woman!





## Remembering George Caley



We are heartbroken to have lost an amazing, caring, and giving man, George Caley. George was born in North Dakota leaving when he joined the Navy after high school graduation. It is while being stationed at Virginia Beach that he fell in love with Virginia and decided he would return. After leaving the Navy he went back to North Dakota to Dickinson State University and earned degrees in Biology and Secondary Education. George then earned a Masters in Hospital Administration at the Medical College of Virginia and stayed in the area working at the Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley. After a few years, he had the wonderful opportunity to move to Winchester as the Assistant Administrator at

our hospital. He spent the rest of his career in Winchester, moving up to become the President of the Winchester Medical Center. After George retired, he stayed very active helping many worthwhile organizations in our area.

George joined the Kiwanis Club of Winchester in 1979 in order to stay involved in the community and connect with a major civic club. Of course, his leadership skills led to becoming the President of Kiwanis in 1988 and a Hixson fellow. You can see George in the 1980's decade picture of Kiwanis Presidents put together for our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, being part of the "over 100 Pancake Day tickets sold" group, enjoying doughnuts before getting to work at Pancake Day, and at our annual picnic.





## Remembering George Caley

George’s community service did not stop at Kiwanis. He was a board member at the Timber Ridge School, a founding board member of Blue Ridge Hospice, chaired the Winchester Medical Center Foundation, the capital campaign chairman for the Red Cross, and the President of the Chamber.



George was not “all work and no play.” He had a great life and ensured a positive work-life balance with his wife and children. George and his wife, Linda, loved to travel and went to so many fascinating and exotic locales over the years: throughout Europe, Egypt, Morocco, South America, China, Iceland, and the Galapagos Islands. George was an avid golfer and bridge player. He was obviously very talented at both as he shot a hole-in-one at Rock Harbor and achieved the rank of Silver Lifemaster in bridge.

The founding of the Blue Ridge Hospice in Winchester helped create a lasting legacy for George. Our own Helen Zebarth, a Registered Nurse, had visited England in the 1970s and saw how hospice care affirmed life and treated dying persons with respect and compassion. She saw terminal patients who were alert, engaged and comfortable. She felt terminally-ill patients in the U.S. experienced a much poorer quality of life than those she saw abroad and in 1979, she approached George about the dire need for quality care for the terminally-ill in our area. Her determination and passion for bringing hospice to our area convinced George and he became involved as a founding member of the Blue Ridge Hospice board of directors.



“George Caley was blessed with a long, happy life. He had a deep love for his family and he departed this earth with no regrets.”

George, you will be missed by all.

Information in article was gathered from a variety of sources: previous Kiwanis Courier Spotlight article, Winchester Star article and obituary, and Blue Ridge Hospice website.



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This past month was a reminder to me that life is so very short and fragile. We mourn the loss of Lucia Thomas and George Caley. We pray for a speedy recovery for Doug Butler, as well as prayers for those dealing with health challenges.

We also have a lot to look forward to. Our annual picnic is on August 16<sup>th</sup> and the Installation and Awards Banquet is on September 29<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you will be able to attend both as it's a good time for fellowship and celebration. More information on both events will be forthcoming.

Congratulations to the following new Board members for 2023-2025: Susan Corrigan, Jeph Embree, Robann Riggelman and Lennie Wolfe. I believe it's a good mixture of new members and veteran members. Congratulations to all!

Thank you to everyone for all that you do for the Kiwanis Club of Winchester. We are indeed blessed to have such a wonderful, caring Club. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
*Lynnette*

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

Rick Ours  
Freda Roberson  
Becky Starliper  
Barry Swears

### **Board Members: 2022-2024**

Amanda Holsinger  
Luther (Bud) Stiles  
Jim Coots  
John Westervelt

### **Officers**

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