



Shenandoah University Basketball Camp



Students proudly wear their basketball camp t-shirts sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Winchester. Our logo can not be seen, but it is on the back of each shirt. The camp provided over 115 students exceptional coaching from college coaches and players in the mechanics of basketball. Students also had the opportunity to receive individual instruction from SU players and coaches. More importantly, the camp focused on life skills, such as teamwork, determination, communication, and responsibility. And this was all done in a FUN environment. In addition to basketball, the students were able to interact with a K-9 unit, had a magician present magic tricks, and ate snow cones in the hot weather.

We are honored to work with Shenandoah University. They want to instill an environment of inclusivity by working with families that do not have the financial means to make sure all children are able to participate.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

LYNNETTE EMBREE



Dear Kiwanians,

It seems like I write the same beginning for each newsletter . . . How can it be (fill in the month) already?!? Time seems to fly these days.

I want to share something with you that I've heard or read recently and that is the reason organizations (clubs) fold because members don't step up for leadership positions. This seems to be true in our organization, locally and on the District level.

As you know, we have been searching for a Vice-President for Mike Didawick for a few months. Mike has asked some folks if they would consider the

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Jody Wall	08/01
Dennis Grubbs	08/01
Allen Knotts	08/20
Beth Smelser	08/26
Matt Kilmer	08/31

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

CALENDAR

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

August 9: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Delegate Bill Wiley; 12-1pm

August 16: Annual Club Picnic, Jim Barnett Park, 5pm

August 19: Camp Fantastic; 4-H Camp in Front Royal; 7am

August 23: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Brandon Thomas, Winchester Rescue Mission; 12-1pm

August 30: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Dennis Baugh, Kiwanis Children's Fund; 12-1pm

August 31: Board Meeting at Winchester Airport Conference Room; 6pm

SAVE THE DATES

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



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position and the answer has been "no". We have four new folks coming on the Board of Directors on October 1 – two have served on the Board previously and two are new. It will be nice to have new blood and, possibly, fresh ideas on the Board.

A couple of Sundays ago, John Conrad, Brenda Dodd and I represented Division 8 on the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation call to elect someone to serve on the CDKF Board of Directors for the new Blue Ridge region. NO other Club in Division 8 participated! I'm not sure what that means. Does it mean that they didn't get the message about the Zoom meeting from the Regional Trustee or Lt. Governor? Does it mean that no one from their Club was interested in participating in the Zoom call that lasted ten minutes? Did some members think other members were attending so they didn't need to attend? I'm really not sure. Not everyone can do everything; however, everyone can do something.

This past week I have been doing an e-course for my coaching business and Pareto's Principle was discussed quite a bit in this course. I asked several people if they knew what Pareto's Principle was and they did not. If you don't know who Pareto was or what the Pareto Principle is, I would encourage you to research them. The concept is actually very well known, we simply call it by another name.

When thinking about Pareto's Principle, I would ask you where you see yourself. Is there more that you can or want to do? Are there ideas you want to share with an Officer or Board member and are hesitant to speak up because you might hear "That won't work because we've always done it THIS way." Maybe THIS way isn't working so well for us any longer. Can we begin to think differently and/or out of the box?

Our Club is on the verge of dipping below the 100-member mark. Does this concern you? Why or why not?

We all lead busy lives. Between my involvement with Kiwanis, the Frederick County Electoral Board and my business, my days are full. Is there something I'm willing to give up in order to do something else? There could be. I don't know the answer yet.

We need a Vice-President and we need more involvement from our members. Brenda Dodd suggested to the Board at the June meeting that we discontinue our involvement with Bright Futures for the coming school year because it was difficult getting members to commit to helping. We, therefore, will not be helping with Bright Futures for the 2023-2024 school year. Susan Corrigan has had difficulty getting students interested in CKI. There may not be a CKI at Shenandoah University for the 2023-2024 term if more students don't get involved.

As a small business coach, I often ask my clients where are they spending their time and where do they WANT to be spending their time? Are the answers the same or are they different? If the answers are different, what needs to change? Are they willing and able to make that change? I'll ask the same of you. Are you as involved with Kiwanis as you want to be? If not, where do you want to help? We can either find a spot for you OR we can create an opportunity for you to be more involved! The decision is yours.

As of this newsletter, I have a short two months left as President. Then I will transition to Lt. Governor for Division 8. What comes after that? Maybe nothing. Maybe something. I'll wait for some nudges from the Universe to see what happens next.

WE NEED YOU! Please let us know where you want to serve because we truly do need all hands-on deck.

See you soon!

Lynnette



Annual Picnic August 16th, 5:00pm

It is that fantastic time of year...join your fellow Kiwanians for yummy food at the annual picnic at Kiwanis Shelter #1 in Jim Barnett Park.

Cost: Kiwanians: FREE!

Guests: \$15

Menu: Pulled Pork BBQ, Alabama Pulled Chicken, creamy macaroni and cheese, baked beans with brown sugar and bacon, cole slaw, cookies, double chocolate brownies, sweet tea, and lemonade. Catered by Jordan Springs Market who has been awarded the "Best BBQ in the Valley since 2010."



REMEMBER...there will **not** be a noon lunch meeting at the Moose Lodge on this day.

Sign up with Mike Didawick at the lunch meeting or send him an email at mdbrac@msn.com.

SOCIAL NEWS

Robann Riggleman & Debbie Guiffre

John and Suzanne Conrad, Debbie Guiffre, Boyd Hamman, and John and Peggy Hess had a great time at 50/50 Taphouse for the July social. They enjoyed good food, drinks and wonderful fellowship.

There will not be an August social since the annual picnic will be taking place on the 16th at 5pm. The next social is scheduled for September 15th at the extraordinary Pat Snapp's house for a Firepit Friday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Debbie Guiffre
Social Co-Chair





Reading Buddies

The partnership between the Kiwanis Club of Winchester, the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, the Handley Library, and the Kids Clubs of the Northern Shenandoah Valley this summer has been very successful. Eleven Kiwanians signed up to read with young children in order to develop a mentorship relationship and to support literacy. A huge thank you goes to Craig Organ, Sally Fish, Jody Wall, Brenda Dodd, Debbie Guiffre, Beth Smelser, John Hess, Tim Anderson, Susan Corrigan, Rick Balzhiser, and John Conrad. Their dedication to inspiring our youth has been inspiring.

Director, Heather Forman, has asked if we would be willing to continue the Reading Buddy program through the school year. If you would like to participate, please contact Susan Corrigan or Craig Organ. You will gain as much from this mentorship program as the children!

Two of the Reading Buddies, Sally Fish and Craig Organ, were recently featured in the *Winchester Star*. Sally is reading "Never Say Ugh to a Bug" and Craig is reading "Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide to Life."



Brehm, Brian. Kiwanians helping local kids develop a love of reading. *Winchester Star*, June 27, 2023, p. A4.



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It is Ducky Derby Time!

This year Ducky Derby Tickets are being sold on-line, rather than in-person. You can scan the QR code above or visit the link to buy your tickets.

The money raised is used to support pediatric trauma centers in our district. This raffle is our district foundation's biggest fundraiser.

You may be the person to win one of the three large cash prizes or a \$50 gift card.

Talk to Mike Didawick if you have any questions.



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Olive Branch Food Pantry Fundraiser

For only a \$5 donation, you can have a night of fun, food, and fellowship while supporting a local food pantry.

Olive Branch Food Pantry is an outreach ministry with Victory Church. Every Wednesday, over 100 families are provided with food, paper goods, and cleaning products. If you are not able to attend, please consider sending money for this worthwhile mission.

Contact information is below.

VICTORY CRUISE IN

SATURDAY | AUGUST 12 | 4 -7 PM

ENJOY A NIGHT WITH ALL BENEFITS GOING TO THE OLIVE BRANCH FOOD PANTRY!

SUGGESTED \$5 ENTRY DONATION FOR EACH CAR. FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

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...to help change the world, one child at a time.

There are many service opportunities: Vice-President, Board Member, SLP advisor, Reading Buddy, Pancake Day, organize a collection drive, Camp Fantastic, Annual Christmas Party, help on one of committees, OR initiate a new project.

EVERYONE can help a little to make a HUGE difference!

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