



Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would you have to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles, and they can become your blessings.

~Author Unknown



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

JOHN CONRAD



Howdy Folks.

I've been the President for almost a month and have not been impeached! Is the honeymoon almost over? Thanks to all the members who have helped me follow the course and stay on track. We have our first Board of Directors Meeting on Thursday and I'm looking forward to new ideas and opportunities from the members.

Just in case you just landed from Mars and have not heard, Pancake Day is just 12 days away. Clay Perry and his team have accomplished marvel-
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Nancy Huth	11/13
Mike Didawick	11/20
Ryan Taylor	11/21
Susan Corrigan	11/22
Bob Bearer	11/26

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

CALENDAR

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

November 3 & 4: Pancake Day

November 8: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Don Hindman, Shenandoah Rail Trail; 12-1pm

November 14: Social; Chinatown; 6pm

November 15: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Harry Smith, Handley High School 100th; 12-1pm

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

November 29: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

November 30: Board Meeting at the Winchester Airport Conference Room; 6pm



GUEST SPEAKERS: SHENANDOAH VALLEY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

On October 20, 2023, the members of the Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board (SVWDB) visited our club to speak about the important resources they provide to community members looking for employment. Kiwanis Club of Winchester member Amanda Holsinger works at SVWDB as a career coach and she invited Paula Woods, Natalie Nelson, and Dave Wilkinson to our club to speak.



The SVWDB was established in 2000 to provide oversight and administration of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in the Shenandoah Valley. The SVWDB connects both employers and job seekers with the resources that they need. Collaboration is a top priority of the board and they provide a wide variety of services such as employment information, career development, training opportunities, job search, on the job training, work experiences, and other business services. The SVWDB is seeking businesses, youth, and adults who want to take part in work experiences (paid internships), on the job training, and registered apprenticeships. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these work based learning opportunities, please contact Natalie Nelson at nnelson@vcwvalley.com or by phone at (540) 887-9895.

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Work Based Learning Opportunities

with the Shenandoah Valley Workforce Development Board

Work Experience (WEX)

- Participant needs work experience to become job ready
- Employer of record is the SVWDB
- SVWDB provides a stipend to participant for hours worked for 1-2 months
- No employer commitment to hire at the end of the WEX

On the job training (OJT)

- Participant is job ready and may have past work experience or education
- Employer hires participant
- Employer provides wages and benefits and is reimbursed for up to 50% of wages for up to 6 months
- Employer continues to employ participant at the end of the training

Registered Apprenticeship (RA)

- Registered with the Virginia Department of Labor
- Participant is hired by employer who provides wages and benefits
- Participant receives related technical instruction
- Participant receives portable, industry recognized credential



GUEST SPEAKER: RABBI AARON STUCKER-ROZOVSKY

We had the privilege of hearing about “The Four Chaplains” by Rabbi Aaron Stucker-Rozovsky on October 18, 2023. Member Doug Green invited him to speak about an important piece of American history that is very relevant in today’s climate.



Rabbi Stucker-Rozovsky moved to Winchester to become the Rabbi at Beth El Congregation in 2020. In addition to his duties at the Temple, he has been in the military for more than 17 years and currently holds the rank of Major as the Plans and Operations Chaplain for the Army Corps of Engineers.



The Dorchester was a luxury liner used to take wealthy people from New England to Florida along the coastline. When WWII began, the Dorchester was converted into a U.S. Army Transport ship. On February 3, 1943 the Dorchester was carrying 902 servicemen, seamen, and civilian workers across the Atlantic to Greenland. Shortly after midnight a German submarine fired upon the ship striking it far below the water line. The explosion caused immediate panic and chaos amongst the passengers. Four heroic Army chaplains calmed the frightened soldiers, tended to the wounded, and helped people onto rafts. These four chaplains gave their own gloves, jackets, and life

jackets to soldiers that did not have any. As the ship sank, survivors saw the four chaplains with arms linked praying and singing hymns. They sacrificed their lives in order to help save lives. One survivor stated, “It was the finest thing I have seen or hope to see this side of heaven.”

- Lt. George Fox, Methodist
- Lt. Alexander Goode, Jewish Rabbi
- Lt. John Washington, Catholic Priest
- Lt. Clark Poling, Dutch Reformed minister

The Four Chaplain’s Medal, a special medal for extraordinary heroism, was authorized by Congress and awarded by the President on January 18, 1961.



Brinsfield, John (Jan 2014). Chaplains Corps History: The Four Chaplains. Found at <https://www.army.mil/article/34090/>



SOCIAL NEWS

Robann Riggleman &
Debbie Guiffre

Five Kiwanis members and two guests enjoyed a delicious dinner and wonderful camaraderie at IJ Canns American Grill on October 10th.

In attendance were members John Conrad, Tim Anderson, Debbie Guiffre, Robann Riggleman, Mike Didawick, and guests Boyd Hamman and Buddy Riggleman.

The next Kiwanis Social will be held at Chinatown Restaurant on Tuesday Nov. 14th at 6:00 pm. Plan to have a wonderful night out with friends before the holidays begin.

Robann Riggleman
Social Co-chair



INTERCLUB NEWS

Tim Anderson & Robin Doss

On Saturday, October 21, 2023, six Kiwanians traveled to Strasburg to attend the Kiwanis Club of Strasburg's Semi-Annual Pancake Breakfast. A special breakfast of fluffy pancakes with Crabill's sausage and sausage gravy, eggs, coffee and orange juice was enjoyed by all.



Kiwanians attending were: Pat Snapp, Craig Organ, Dennis Grubbs, Tim Anderson, Lynnette Embree and Jeph Embree. Tim Anderson's grandson, Asher Eye, also attended.

Thank you for supporting their event which will benefit their scholarship fund and youth projects in their area.

November interclub will be to the Kiwanis Club of ????????. More info about this at a later date.

Tim Anderson
Interclub Co-chair



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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEANUP OCTOBER 21, 2023

On Saturday, October 21, 2023, nine Kiwanians and one spouse participated in our fall road cleanup along Airport Road in order to have a small part in beautifying our community. We met at 8:00am and were finished by 9:15am. Fourteen bags of trash were collected.

Kiwanians participating were: Robin Doss, Carmen Rio, Lennie Wolfe, Barry Swears, Pat Snapp, Susan Corrigan, Craig Organ, Tim Anderson, and Norman Black. Norm's wife, Rose, was our 10th picker. Give that lady an application for membership!



Coffee and donuts were provided by Pat Snapp and Tim Anderson. Our next Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) event will be in April 2024.

Tim Anderson
AAH Coordinator





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ous things in their preparations for the big day, but there are still lots of holes that need to be filled on the sign-up board. It takes HUNDREDS OF WORKERS to put on an event like this and there are still many more needed. Some of our members have volunteered to work multiple shifts; this is the dedication that is needed to make the event happen. It was reported last week that the Olive Branch, our Major Beneficiary, has sold over 400 tickets. That is a record, and a major accomplishment. They were only obligated to sell 200! Way to go Olive Branch!

Our members are involved in a ton of events to improve the lives of folks in our area and one, fairly invisible activity, unless you are driving on Airport Road on Saturday at 8am, is the highway cleanup team. It is amazing how much trash this hard-working team will scavenge from the roadway and right-of-way. Thanks to Tim Anderson for organizing the event and for coordinating the cleanup with VDOT.

Just on the horizon, after Pancake Day, our committees will begin to organize the most fun event in the Kiwanis year, the Children's Christmas Party. This is a tremendous undertaking where specific gifts will be purchased for each child, and individually wrapped waiting for Santa to surprise them with what may be their only gifts for this year. It is heart-warming to see the excitement, but at the same time many of the kids will request a gift for their sibling. The kids are showing us unconditional love, and it will bring tears to your eyes. This party is the perfect kick-off for the Christmas season, and I can tell you that it easily converts me from Scrooge to Tiny Tim!

We all know how many directions we will be pulled during this season, but please remember the less fortunate who still need the bare necessities. Kiwanis is all about helping others all year long, and during the Christmas season those needs go into overdrive!

Thanks for all that you do to assist others,
John Conrad

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