



Children's Christmas Party December 13, 2023



What a fabulous Children's Christmas Party! A huge thank you goes to Ginny Grant and Kay Anderson for being the organizers extraordinaire of this fantastic event. So many things go into place to make this day so special. Guidance counselors are contacted to identify four children from each school, requested lists of gifts are provided, shoppers descend upon WalMart, wrappers make sure every gift is wrapped, members donate items such as toothbrushes, candy canes, and coloring books for each child, and the dining room is beautifully decorated. On party day, Santa and his elves show up to greet the children and pass out the plethora of gifts that have been chosen specially for each child. This is a huge undertaking, but one of the most rewarding, touching events of the year. Thank you to all of our members who ensure children of our region have a special holiday.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

JOHN CONRAD



Happy Holidays, Ho, Ho, Ho!

It's not fair, so many fun things happened in December that I will surely miss something. T

hen comes boring January and February and I'll have to fabricate stories to tell! Let me beat you to the punch; yes, I do that all the time!

The memories of the 73 kids who were our guests for the Christmas Party still make me smile and get tearful at the same time. The gifts that the Kiwanis

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Chris March	01/06
Steve Pettit	01/07
Debbie Guiffre	01/14
Travis Nesselrodt	01/21
Helen Zebarth	01/24
Mark Hillyard	01/24
Willie Murphy	01/24
Rod Bronson	01/25
Al Sibert	01/30

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

CALENDAR

January 3: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

January 9: Social at Piccadilly Brew Pub; 6pm

January 10: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

January 17: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

January 24: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm

January 25: Board Meeting at the Winchester Airport Conference Room; 6pm

January 31: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 12-1pm



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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WRAPPERS





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SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING



Eight members of the Kiwanis Club of Winchester raised \$433.20 when they rang the bell for the Salvation Army on Saturday, December 9th. Each member volunteered for a two-hour shift starting at 10:00 a.m. with the last shift ending at 6:00 p.m. It was a beautiful day and they enjoyed meeting people from our community who gave generously to the mission of helping others in need. Captain John Blevins thanked the club for our efforts on behalf of the Salvation Army.

The eight members who participated were: Fred Board, Carmen Rio, Robin Doss, Lennie Wolfe, Amanda Holsinger, Doug Thomas, Craig Morcom, and Tim Anderson. There was also a beautiful young bell ringer that wanted to help out.

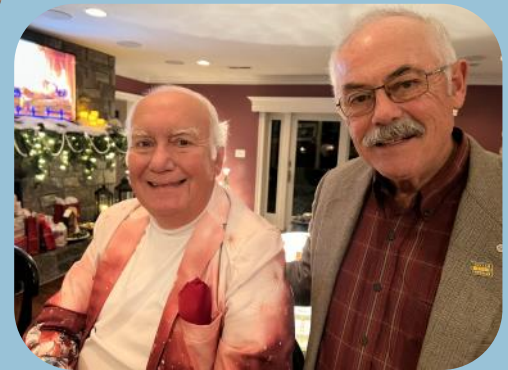
Let's try to do two- or three-days next year,
Tim Anderson





DECEMBER SOCIAL

Pat Snapp hosted a joyous holiday social at her stunningly decorated house on December 15th. The food was delicious and the fellowship was outstanding. The “thieves” gift exchange is always fun, with lottery tickets, candies, and decorative items up for stealing. Our hostess Pat had the first choice of gifts. Her gift was a beautiful decoration, which no one would dare steal away from her. Thank you Pat for opening up your home for the holidays.





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More fun pictures....our illustrious president had his gifts stolen more than anyone else!

Socials will be held monthly at 6pm on the second Tuesday at the Piccadilly Brew Pub for January, February, and March.





PANCAKE DAY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Community Pancake Day committee would love to have more members. They have a core team of 8-10 people that do all the planning and coordinating leading up to the actual event. They are a fantastic team, but they are also spread thin. They would love to have a few more members to come alongside these professional pancake day planners to learn the ropes and share the load. If there are two people at each position (e.g., Robann and Debbie G. on signup board), then it creates more flexibility and bandwidth for each core team member.

Below are the roles that need to be covered for each event....

- Treasurer & Ticket Control (Becky & Danny)
- Meeting Minutes (Open)
- Placemat Sales (Robann, Pat, Lennie, Tim & Debbie)
- People Power (Robann & Debbie)
- Publicity Print (George)
- Publicity Radio (Ernie)
- Procurement (Schenk's, Hood, National Fruit) (Clay)
- Sausage Order (Becky)
- Event Sign Installation (Will & George)
- Health Department (Pat)
- Contract Clean-Up (Pat)
- Suppliers (Amerigas, Allied Waste, Darling Ingredients) (Pat)
- Rubber Mats & Refrigerated Trailers (Allen)
- Table/Chair & Equipment Transfer (Jon & Jim)
- Inmate Pickup (John & Danny)
- Youth Volunteers (Ginny)
- Sports Team Volunteers (Jim)
- Major Beneficiary Support (Jim)

Regards,
Clay Perry
Pancake Day Chairman



HELPING BUILD CHARACTER

On Wednesday, December 6, 2023 members of the Kiwanis Club of Winchester Virginia Foundation presented The Kids Clubs of Northern Shenandoah Valley with a check for \$1,000. On hand for the presentation of the check to Sara Warren were Craig Organ, Foundation President, and Board Members John Westervelt, Tim Anderson, and George Johnson. The Kids Clubs serves children ages 6-13 in their youth program and ages 14 -18 in their teen volunteer program. Eighty-seven percent of the children served are living in poverty. The money provided by the foundation will be used to address the needs of the children in their after-school program.



Kiwanis Club of Winchester Foundation Financial Report

Total monies received to date (November 2021-November 2023)	\$32,317.02
Funds provided by the Kiwanis Club of Winchester	\$12,400.00 38% of total
Funds received as donations and memorials	\$19,605.00 61% of total
Interest income	\$312.02 1% of total
Expenses to date	\$1,456.46

Donated funds

Fremont Street	\$500
The Kids Clubs of Northern Shenandoah Valley	\$1,000



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shoppers bring back to be wrapped, and the speed that the wide-eyed kids go through the boxes will occupy my mind for much of 2024. I am so proud of our Kiwanis Club for what you do to give a child who may not have a Christmas, a special day in their life. But it's not just the kids who are excited to see Santa, I can see the delight in our members' faces. It makes me proud to be a member of this Kiwanis Club.

Ginny Grant and Kay Anderson are the engineers who move the Christmas Train down the tracks. Collecting information on the kids, making copious lists that would impress even Santa, shopping for gifts specific to each child, decorating the dining room, and organizing the distribution of the gifts. They didn't do it alone, they had lots of Kiwanian helpers, but the train would be stuck in the station without their guidance. It was a glorious day at the Moose!

Speaking of the Moose, one of their members thanked me for what we do to bring life back to the tired old building. He was referring to the Christmas Party, but also to singing carols led by John Westervelt during the lunch before Christmas. There were many of their members singing along with us! We have no idea how many people we can touch by kindness and thoughtfulness.

The Christmas Social at Pat Snapp's home is another example of unconditional giving. The decorated home is charming and a perfect setting for a holiday party. The hospitality that Pat and Craig bestowed upon us made that gathering the perfect kick-off for the holiday season.

Well, it's now 2024 and time for our resolutions that will mostly go unfilled; but I would like to suggest that we keep one promise to ourselves with a renewed commitment to increase our participation in Kiwanis events. We enjoy your company, if you cannot attend weekly, how about twice a month, or even once a month? The socials are casual and include food and libations. What could be better?

Hope to see you many times during 2024,
John Conrad

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