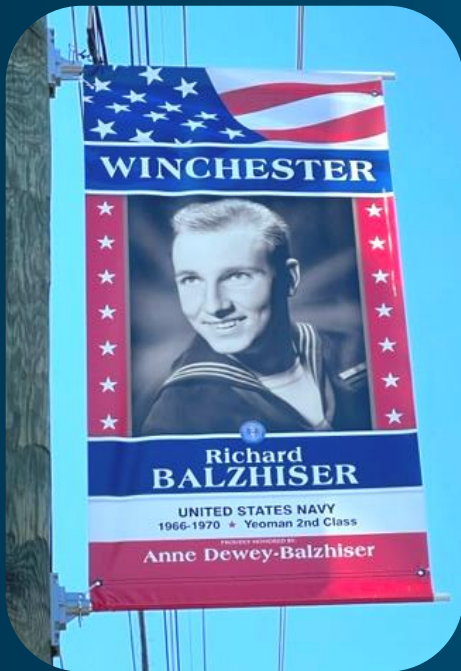




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On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress, which was our first governing body, voted in favor of independence. Two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence.

Today we may celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks, parades, and barbecues. During these celebrations, take a moment to remember our brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, for democracy and our country's independence. Being a veteran is an honor.

A Veteran — whether active duty, retired, or National Guard or Reserve — is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including my life." -Unknown author



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

JOHN CONRAD



Greeting Folks:

Thanks for the kind *Get Well* wishes that I received to encourage me to heal quickly and get back to my Kiwanis duties. Also, I need to include a special thanks to Mike Didawick and Brenda Dodd who made sure that the Kiwanis Club operation went smoothly and seamlessly while I stayed home and watched Soaps and ate Bon Bons!

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

CALENDAR

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Carmen Rio	07/13
Ryan Clouse	07/19
Reid Hoak	07/23
Rick Ours	07/25
Freda Roberson	07/29
Doug Thomas	07/30

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE

September 19: Installation Banquet
The George Washington



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our club's annual blood drive was held on Monday, June 3rd at the George Washington Hotel from 10:00 - 4:00. This drive was previously held in conjunction with the Relay for Life event at James Wood High School. Since COVID, the Relay for Life event has changed significantly, with this year's event being held indoors at Shenandoah University in March. After coordinating with the Red Cross, it was decided to have an annual Kiwanis Club of Winchester Blood Drive each June and not be affiliated with Relay for Life.



The Red Cross collected 32 units of blood, which was short of our goal. Family vacations and timing with the Virginia Tech blood drive in April decreased the available pool of donors. Ten members of our club showed up to donate. Thank you to John Hess, Chris March, Susan Corrigan, Pat Snapp, Craig Organ, Norm Black, Clay Perry, David Sunter, Jon Eye and Craig Morcom. A former Kiwanis Club of Winchester President, Sylvia Strauss, also showed up and donated. In addition, John Hess, Carmen Rio, Ginny Grant, Robin Doss, Becky Starliper, Ryan Taylor, Kay Anderson, and Tim Anderson were there to assist with the blood drive.

Mark your calendars for the next Kiwanis Blood Drive on Christmas Eve, December 24th. The Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge sponsors this drive with assistance from our club.





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SPRING PANCAKE DAY PRESENTATIONS June 19, 2024

The final numbers for the April 20, 2024 Pancake Day are amazing! Thank you to the Pancake Day Committee, Major Beneficiary, Kiwanis members, Key Club members, and anyone else that participated in this event. It takes a village to succeed, and we surely are reaping the benefits of our hard work. Thank you everyone for your support and help.

Pancake Ticket sales: A total of 6,221 tickets were sold. Our top ticket sellers were:

Doug Butler – 105 tickets
Allen Knotts – 110 tickets
Rick Brown – 140 tickets
Tom Gromling – 140 tickets
Dan Starliper – 151 tickets
Mike Didawick – 194 tickets
Pat Snapp – 400 tickets

Clay Perry – 105 tickets
John Westervelt – 115 tickets
Elaine Cain – 140 tickets
Tim Anderson – 144 tickets
Becky Starliper – 181 tickets
Kay Anderson – 288 tickets
George Johnson – 1224 tickets

Winchester Rescue Mission, our Major Beneficiary, sold 460 tickets.

Pancake Day Chair Clay Perry and Treasurer Becky Starliper present the net proceeds check of **\$42,401.59** to President John Conrad.





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Placemat Ad Team: The Placemat Ad Team sold 65 advertisements that were placed across four placemats. This team alone increased the revenue for the day by \$15,400! Thank you very much for your hard work Tim Anderson, Debbie Guiffre, Robann Rigglesman, Pat Snapp, Scott Straub, and Lennie Wolfe.

Major Beneficiary: Our major beneficiary for this Pancake Day was the Winchester Rescue Mission. The Rescue Mission works to help those impacted by homelessness. They “work to provide HEALING from the past, HELP for the present, and HOPE for the future - to those who are devastated by the causes and effects of homelessness.”

Chief Executive Lauren Clouse is very passionate about treating all people with dignity and respect. She believes that some people need a lot of help in order to fulfill their purpose and the Rescue Mission helps them transform their lives.

In order for a non-profit to become a Major Beneficiary, they must sell tickets, attend Pancake Day Committee meetings, and work on Pancake Day. The Kiwanis Club of Winchester supports the beneficiary by giving 20% of the net proceeds. The Rescue Mission volunteers did over and above what was required. They have even said they plan on coming back to help out on future pancake days. We truly appreciate their support in making our day a success.

Executive Director Lauren Clouse and members of the Rescue Mission Board are presented with a check for \$8,480.31 for their support of our event.



Pancake Day Committee Leadership: The Pancake Day Committee Chair Clay Perry did a phenomenal job leading this major fundraising project. As he steps down, he leaves the committee in great hands—Jim Coots will be taking over as Chair along with Co-Chair Carl Rio.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS DAY A SUCCESS!



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED

Kiwanian birthdays for the month of May and June were celebrated at the June 5th lunch meeting.

We wish them a wonderful birthday and many, many more!



SOCIAL NEWS

Robann Riggleman & Debbie Guiffre

A great time was had at the social on June 11th at the Piccadilly Brew Pub. The social is a great time to connect with other members, enjoying good food and friendship. Members that attended include Dave Sunter, Pat Snapp, Craig Organ, Becky Starliper, Susan Corrigan, and Tim Anderson with his guest, Mitzi Churchey.

The next social will be held at Piccadilly Brew Pub on July 9th at 6:00.





DOUG BUTLER MARKS 75 YEARS WITH KIWANIS



In the year of his 100th birthday, U.S. club member Butler reflects on his journey of service.

By Tony Knoderer

In the Kiwanis family, anniversaries are a big deal. It's not uncommon for clubs to celebrate 50, 75 or even 100 years. But how often do you hear about a *member* reaching those milestones?

Meet Doug Butler. A member of the Kiwanis Club of Winchester, Virginia, U.S., Butler has been a Kiwanian for 75 years — and he will turn 100 in December. (In fact, his club is only two years older than he is.) "In Winchester," he says, "I'm known as Mr. Kiwanian."

Like many men of his generation, Butler served in the military during World War II. When he came back, he started working in his family's business. For professional men, it was common to join a club like Kiwanis. And back then, like today, it started simply enough — with a club member inviting someone to attend a meeting.

"The guy who worked across the street, he said, 'Why don't you go to lunch with me?'" Butler recalls. "He was talking about going to his Kiwanis club. I went to the meeting and thought, 'This is pretty good for me.'"

Butler joined the club on January 1, 1949. "I got hooked on it," he says. "I said, 'I'll be here every Wednesday.'"

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Throwing his hat in the ring

Butler was eventually elected club president in 1955. That first step into Kiwanis leadership wouldn't be his last, but a lot of members would recognize his path into a new role: Fellow members encouraged him to give it a shot.

"Some of them were wanting to make sure that the club leadership was varied, and they were encouraging other people to seek out officer roles," Butler says. "They came to me and said, 'We'd like you to be president.'"

Butler chuckles at the memory. "I told them, 'Okay, I'll throw my hat in the ring,'" he says. "And darned if I didn't win."

The start of his leadership journey may have been unexpected at the time, but his increasing commitment to Kiwanis was no accident. Even at a relatively young age, Butler was contemplating life after his career.

"I always said I wanted to retire at 50," he remembers. "And I did. I walked out the door at 50. I started spending more time on Kiwanis projects."

That included projects beyond his own club. One of Butler's favorite memories, he says, is being governor of the Capital District. "I made it a goal to visit each club in the district. That's a great memory. I always ended up with something new. Every time I talked to a new club, they had a project they were working on — and they gave me details." Kiwanis International conventions are another source of fondness: "That's given me a lot of happy memories. I especially enjoyed going to locations all over the country over the years."

Always looking

But there was always plenty going on in Winchester, and it's going on still. Today, Butler belongs to two clubs in town — one of which, the Kiwanis Club of Old Town, he started in 1992. (His wife, Linda, is also a member of the club.)

"I was trying to get merchants and businesspeople," he says. "The club was convenient for people, and there are a lot of restaurants there. It worked out great." Opening clubs and growing membership have always been a central part of Butler's work as a Kiwanian.

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"They came to me one year and told me they'd like me to be the membership chair," he says. "I told them I'd try — and we ended up getting 32 members in one year. I got the president that year excited about (recruiting). I brought him with me when I talked to people, and he started looking forward to it himself."

Even now, Butler says it's one of his favorite things about belonging to a Kiwanis club. "I'm always looking for someone to hand an application to," he adds. "I say to people, 'It's important to be a part of the community.' I tell each person that the club has a roster, and you can see all kinds of people and professions on it, and most of them keep coming back."

Still getting better

Needless to say, Butler has seen a lot of change in his lifetime — both in his own clubs and throughout Kiwanis. And he's proud of that change. "Our club has gotten better," he says. "Especially with women coming on as members. In many cases they ended up being leaders, moving into committee chairs. And (our club) ended up with a lieutenant governor."

For his fellow club members, Butler has long been a Kiwanian to emulate, both for his leadership and his fellowship. And, of course, for his 75 years of changing children's lives.

Scott Straub, a member of the Winchester club, speaks for all his fellow members when he talks about Butler. "Whether it's Kiwanis Club Pancake Day, packing kids' lunches for Bright Futures, ringing the bell for Salvation Army, picking up trash on the highway or doing maintenance work on the Kiwanis pavilion at the park, Doug Butler always shows up and sets the example for others to follow. Thanks for being such a good role model for all of these decades since 1949, Doug!"

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One of the greatest accomplishments that occurred during my absence was Susan Corrigan's volunteering to make a giant step onto the ladder of Kiwanis Club's officers, in line to be the President of our Kiwanis Club. Thank you very much Susan, your active mind and organizational skills will certainly come in handy when you take over.

How about those Pancake Day results! Two records were broken in one Pancake Day: the highest net return for a Pancake Day and the highest award to a Major Beneficiary. The Committee and the Major Beneficiary have a lot to be proud of, but the members and volunteers certainly can enjoy the accomplishment of a well-executed Pancake Day. We could not feed thousands of satisfied customers without hundreds of workers all pulling in the same direction and paying attention to the committee leaders. Great Job Everyone!

We still have three months to go in this Kiwanian year. There are lots of goals unfinished, but they are doable! Our club bylaws will need a revision to clean up the ever-changing Kiwanian International landscape, and we still have a couple of leadership slots to fill. It would be great to start Mike Didawick's term with a full complement of leaders. And still to come is the Annual Picnic and the Installation of the Officers and Directors for 2024-2025.

Remember, July is "Bring a Guest to Lunch" month! Start thinking about who you will invite.

-John Conrad

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