



## Child Abuse Prevention Month

Superheroes President  
John Conrad and Thor



**All children need a hero  
But abused children  
need a SUPERHERO**

Child abuse is a very difficult subject to discuss and to hear about. But abuse is real, and we need to help the children of our community. Nationally, five children die from child abuse every day. Neglect is the most common form of abuse, followed by physical abuse, then sexual abuse. However, nearly two-thirds of the abuse cases handled by the Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) across the country involve child sexual abuse. CAC centers help victims of abuse recover by providing counseling and therapy services. These services help children recover from their trauma and avoid the lifelong impacts of the trauma. To stop abuse from occurring, abuse prevention education is provided to more than 1.5 million people annually. Fortunately, Winchester has the ChildSafe Center – CAC to help children who have suffered from child abuse in our area.

The Kiwanis Club of Winchester is supporting the ChildSafe Center – CAC by choosing them to be our fall Pancake Day beneficiary. We look forward to working with these amazing people who spend every day helping children that have undergone horrific abuse.

If you would like to support the ChildSafe Center – CAC, consider participating in their family friendly 5K Walk/Run with a Superhero theme. The event will be held the morning of Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. It will also include a 1-mile race and a 50-yard dash for younger kids. Since April is Child Abuse Prevention Month the Superhero race is being held to bring attention to this serious issue and to the center.



# KIWANIS KOURIER



KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER, VA \* Serving the Winchester/Frederick County Community April 2024

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

JOHN CONRAD



Our club is shedding the boredom of winter with a bang! If you were wondering what you were going to do with your idle time; let me give you some suggestions:

The eight-hundred-pound gorilla in the room is **THE COMMUNITY PANCAKE DAY THAT OCCURS ON APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>**. This is an all-hands-on-deck gathering where we feed over 6,000 of our neighbors. The sign-up board

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Dave DeWarf	04/04
Sean Devolites	04/04
Johnny Craig	04/13
Vince DiBenedetto	04/26
Bill Orndoff	04/28

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

## CALENDAR

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

April 4: The Village at Orchard Ridge Civic Club Mixer; 5-7pm

April 9: Social at Piccadilly Brew Pub, 6pm

April 10: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Pancake Day program; 12-1pm

April 17: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; John Warick and service dog Buddy; 12-1pm

April 19 and 20: Pancake Day

April 24: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Jason Parsons, Blue Ridge Hospice; 12-1pm

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

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## “COMMUNITY” PANCAKE DAY

We are less than one (1) month away from our Spring Community Pancake Day, and I hope everyone has time blocked off on their calendar for April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>. It is essential to have full participation to make our biggest fundraising event a huge success. Thank you in advance.

Although many people refer to our event as “Pancake Day,” the true name is “Community Pancake Day” because our fundraiser is all about supporting and engaging our community. Our event brings people from all over our community together to enjoy a wonderful meal that in turn provides money to support organizations throughout our community. It is an all-round “community” event in every sense.

Our obvious community support is shown through our major beneficiary that receives 20% of our net proceeds. And the less obvious support is the remaining 80% of our proceeds will be going to over 70 community organizations throughout the year. In 2023, over \$65,000 in net proceeds was raised and distributed into the community.

This year our major beneficiary will be the Winchester Rescue Mission (WRM). WRM provides shelter to men and women who are experiencing homelessness, and they work hard to transition their clients out of homelessness. Official statistics put the homeless count around 325 people in our area, but WRM estimates this number is actually around 500 people. WRM currently houses approximately 40 people so they are unable to provide services to 90% of our homeless population. Any and all monies they receive from Kiwanis will be greatly appreciated and put to immediate use.

I look forward to serving with each of you in April as we band together to support a very important charity while also having a wonderful time engaging our community, friends, and family.

Regards,  
*Clay Perry*  
Chair, Kiwanis Community Pancake Day





## BRING A BUDDY CHALLENGE

I joined Kiwanis just a couple of years ago, and I looked forward to serving with so many giving and capable people. Since joining, I have experienced how great our membership is at serving our community. But even with great people serving, our membership growth is not keeping pace, and our ability to cover the volunteer hours needed at our Community Pancake Days has become a struggle.

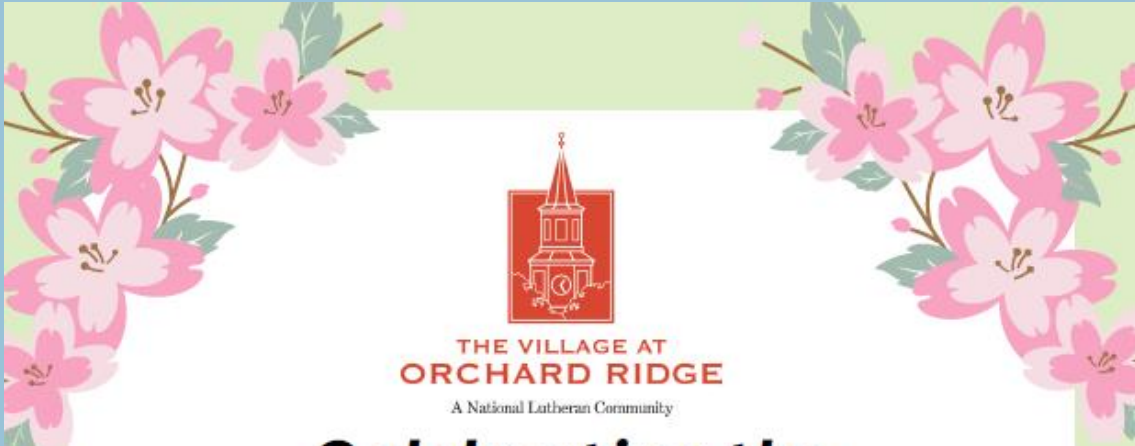


I am challenging each member to "Bring a Buddy" to serve alongside them at our Community Pancake Day on April 19-20. Bringing a buddy has so many benefits. First, it helps us cover the volunteer hours needed for a successful event. Second, it is a wonderful way to spend time with a friend serving our community. But most importantly, it is an opportunity for us to show others how wonderful it is to be a Kiwanian.

Please join me to Bring a Buddy to our Community Pancake Day. I look forward to meeting a lot of new people in April.

Regards,  
*Clay Perry*  
Chair, Kiwanis Community Pancake Day





**THE VILLAGE AT  
ORCHARD RIDGE**

A National Lutheran Community

## **Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Apple Blossom with area Civic Clubs**

*Join us for an after-hours mixer celebrating  
the the Festival's 100th anniversary with  
the Winchester-Frederick County civic clubs  
that support The Village at Orchard Ridge  
Queen's Dinner*

**Thursday, April 4, 2024 | 5-7 p.m.**

**The Chapel at Orchard Ridge  
A Center for Faith and Community Life  
400 Clocktower Ridge Drive | Winchester, VA 22603**

*We kindly request your RSVP  
by March 29 online at  
[www.thevillageatorchardridge.org/civic](http://www.thevillageatorchardridge.org/civic)*



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## QUEEN'S DINNER MAY 2, 2024

The Kiwanis Club of Winchester has the honor of hosting this year's Apple Blossom Festival Queen's Dinner. The Village at Orchard Ridge will be sponsoring the dinner that has been held for more than four decades and is hosted by civic clubs of the Winchester region.



Joy Elizabeth Berlanga, the Queen Shenandoah XCVII, designate will be presented at the dinner. The Queen-designate and her court will enter the room through an arch of sabers held by cadets and a trumpeter's fanfare.

There will be catered food, including apple pie for dessert.

Price: \$50 General Admission—purchase on-line

When: Thursday, May 2, 5-8pm, Dinner begins at 6pm

Location: Millwood Special Event Center, 252 Costello Drive, Winchester, VA 22602

Let's show Winchester what a fantastic organization we are by having a strong turnout at this event!

## GREAT COMMUNITY FOOD PACK MAY 21, 2024

Bright Futures is holding an event on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am—2pm to provide food for 1,500 children over the summer .

Pledge your support:

- Volunteer to join the Food Pack assembly line
- Pledge to bring food
- Donate to support the program



Plan on supporting this necessary program that will provide food for children living in food insecure households. Sign up on the Bright Futures ([BrightFuturesFrederickCounty.org](http://BrightFuturesFrederickCounty.org)) website to bring specific food items and volunteer to join the assembly line.



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## SOCIAL NEWS

Robann Rigglesman & Debbie Guiffre

The March social was held at the Piccadilly's Public House & Restaurant on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The attending members were John Hess, Pat Snapp, Craig Organ, Debbie Guiffre, Becky and Dan Starliper, and Robann Rigglesman. Guests attending were Peggy Hess and Boyd Hamman.

It is always so much fun to be around good friends and enjoy some good food. Plan on attending the next social on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Piccadilly's at 6pm.



## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Tim Anderson



Spring is here and that means it's time for our semiannual road cleanup, or officially known as ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY. Our assigned road is from the I-81 bridge on Crossover Boulevard, along Airport Road to the intersection with Winchester Speedway Road, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles.

On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 8am at the airport parking lot and enjoy some coffee and donuts before making our community more beautiful. Participants will be provided with bright orange safety vests, grabbers to pick up trash and trash bags. Wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves.

## HONORING OUR KIWANIANIANS

We celebrated our Kiwanians that were born in March at our March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Those present were John Hess, Kay Anderson, Tim Anderson, Archie McKay, and Bud Stiles. HAPPY BIRTHDAY! We wish you a year filled with love, friends, and good health.



Kiwanians participated in the community event "Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser Walk" to raise money and awareness for WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Transitional Shelter) on February 24<sup>th</sup>. WATTS provides overnight shelter and a warming center during the winter, a cooling center in the summer, and has transition support staff year-round for people that are homeless. Thank you Craig Organ, Carl Rio, Carmen Rio, Pat Snapp, and Doug Green for helping the homeless in our area.



## GUEST SPEAKERS

We had the pleasure of hearing from Dawn Devine, the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum Executive Director, at the March 13<sup>th</sup> lunch meeting.

Dawn emphasized the importance of engaging children right after birth. She said that children learn the most in the first year of life through trial and error, play, and guided play. The Discovery Museum is child-focused, not adult-focused, and is not a drop-off facility. The museum provides many hands-on activities that encourage the parent and child to play and learn together.

In 2023, 69,269 individuals visited the museum and 35,190 individuals were engaged in museum-led activities at outreach programs. Free admission is provided one Friday each month, and 24% of children attending a summer camp at the museum received a scholarship.

We are fortunate to have such a fantastic museum that engages and inspires children through positive learning experiences.



We were honored to hear from Bill North of Honor Flight—Top of Virginia on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Honor Flight recognizes veterans whose service to our country made possible the freedoms Americans possess. They provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC for veterans that served prior to 1975 during the WWII, Vietnam, and Korean wars. Each trip includes 50 veterans, 50 guardians, and five staff members. They are provided with t-shirts, breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a commemorative book of pictures from their day.

This day is memorable and emotional for both the veterans and the guardians. Veterans share their experiences with each other and remember their comrades who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives. Upon returning home, the veterans are given a hero's welcome with a police escort. Many of our returning veterans, especially for our Vietnam veterans, did not receive this type of welcome home. Honor Flight is more than a day trip, it is a way to honor our veterans who sacrificed for our country. Thank you for your service.





## HISTORY OF YELLOW MARBLE GAME

By Doug Butler

When Doug and Linda Butler were in Hawaii, way back some 47 years ago on their honeymoon, they visited the Kiwanis Club of Honolulu. When they entered the meeting room, they noticed two members of the club were sitting at a table selling raffle tickets. Members were spending \$5, \$10, \$20 or more on these raffle tickets. In asking around, Doug found out that the tickets were for a chance to win one of the cash prizes. The winner of the first drawing won over \$500, and the second drawing's prize was over \$2,000. Doug asked for the rules of the "Yellow Marble Game" since visitors were not allowed to play the game.



The rules included:

- One blue marble is placed in the drawing bag for each member of the club. A blue marble is added for each new member that joins the club and one blue marble is removed from the drawing bag for anyone who leaves the club.
- One yellow marble is placed in the bag of blue marbles. If the jackpot reaches the \$500 mark another yellow marble is added to the bag, \$1000 adds another yellow marble, and so on. If the yellow marble is drawn from the bag, the lucky winner gets the accumulated jackpot.
- Two raffle tickets cost \$1.00 and ten tickets are \$5.00. Members can buy as many tickets as they want, but no guest sales are allowed.
- The "Yellow Marble Game" takes place at each meeting in front of the members. Guest speakers usually select the tickets for the drawings.
- When a blue marble is drawn, it is taken from the bag, thus the drawing gets better each time the yellow marble is not drawn.
- One-fourth of the ticket sales goes to the winner of the first lucky ticket drawn, one-fourth goes to the accumulated "Yellow Marble" jackpot, and one-half to the Administrative Fund of the club.



Some of the original rules Doug was given are slightly different at our club, but the results are the same. A fun game, a lucky winner, and a fundraiser for our club. If you do not normally purchase a ticket, try your luck next week.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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will be ready for volunteers by the end of March. This will be no surprise; we need everyone to help during as many shifts as possible.

Bright Futures is planning a gigantic food packing event so that food can be sent home with 1,500 students at the end of the school year. Our Kiwanis Club has packed food for Bright Futures for many years. This packing will appear to be a normal food drive, but on steroids. The packing will take place at Bright Futures, 178 Indian Hollow Road, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The website to sign up and learn more about this event is [BrightFuturesFrederickCounty.org](http://BrightFuturesFrederickCounty.org).

The Village at Orchard Ridge is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Apple Blossom with an event for civic clubs that support the Village at Orchard Ridge Queen's Dinner. The gathering will be held at 400 Clocktower Ridge Drive, Winchester 22603 on April 4, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Attendees will be asked to identify their group and if they want to share information about upcoming events. They are requesting RSVPs at [www.thevillageatorchardridge.org/civic](http://www.thevillageatorchardridge.org/civic).

Lastly, the Kiwanis Club of Winchester has been asked to act as the Host for the Queen's Ball. We will be asked to make introductions and present the crystal apple to the Queen. Any of our group who has purchased tickets to the Ball will be seated together at tables in the area close to the Queen's table. We will be asked to sell 16 tickets to the Ball, but if we miss the mark, it's no big thing. I will purchase my two tickets, so that makes it 14 tickets to sell. I will share more about this event as the information is available. We have an opportunity to have the Kiwanis Club of Winchester's name be more widespread. It's been years since I have attended the Queen's Ball and if we can get some positive publicity, I'm all for it. Please give your participation some thought.

Dust off your pink and green,

*John Conrad*





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## OLIVE BRANCH FOOD PANTRY



The Olive Branch Food Pantry celebrated the grand opening of its' new 5,000 square foot warehouse and distribution center on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>. As an outreach ministry the food pantry is located on the campus of Victory Church, 2870 Middle Road, Winchester. Among the estimated 100 attendees were Virginia Lt. Governor Winsome Sears, local government officials, and Kiwanis members.

We were extremely fortunate to have Olive Branch as our major beneficiary for the 2023 Fall Pancake Day. For all their hard work selling tickets and working at our Pancake Day, they were awarded a check for \$7,776.52. The community is a better place with organizations like the Olive Branch. Congratulations on your new building!

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