



Supporting our Community



In November, we had the pleasure of distributing some of the proceeds from this year's Pancake Days to four inspiring non-profits in our area.

From top left:

Heather Forman, Director of the Kids Clubs of Northern Shenandoah Valley, was presented with a check for \$3000. This vital program engages students in a safe, nurturing environment after school and during the summer.

Marsha Boden, Director of the Olive Branch Food Pantry, received \$3000 to help provide the necessary food for survival to over 100 families each week.

Tina Culbreath, Founder and Executive Director of the mentoring program I'm Just Me Movement, received \$1000. Their work allows our youth to develop the skills necessary to overcome adversity, make healthy life choices, and advocate for themselves.

Betty Sue Unger founded Operation Remember to provide assistance to assisted living and nursing home residents. In addition to presenting a \$1500 check, Kiwanis members donated items to be distributed to these residents.



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MIKE DIDAWICK



December is always a busy time for everyone with all the holiday events. While I love all the family and friends get together, Kiwanis celebrations give me great joy also. Especially the Children's Christmas party. We help make Christmas more exciting for 72 students from the area elementary schools. Come and share the fun and joy at the party on the 11th. A special thank you needs to go to Ginny Grant and Kay Anderson for organizing the party and to the Kiwanians who contribute financially to help off-

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



William Sales	12/04
Brian Barto	12/05
Robann Riggleman	12/05
Rick Brown	12/09
Brenda Dodd	12/12
Dave Jeffcoat	12/18
Doug Butler	12/19
Clay Perry	12/28
Lennie Wolfe	12/30

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

CALENDAR

Dec 4: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

Dec 9: Christmas party shopping at the Walmart on Pleasant Valley; 1pm

Dec 10: Present wrapping at the Winchester Moose Lodge; 3-6pm

Dec 11: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Christmas Party; 12-1pm

Dec 18: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Doug Butler Birthday Celebration; 12-1pm

Dec 19: Board meeting at Beth El Congregation, 520 Fairmont Ave; 6pm

Dec 24: Red Cross Blood Drive at the George Washington Hotel

Dec 25: no lunch meeting

Jan 1: no lunch meeting



YOU ARE INVITED DOUG BUTLER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 100 years young December 18, 2024



Have a great time at the birthday party for Kiwanian Doug Butler at the noon lunch meeting at the Moose Lodge.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

By Tim Anderson

Our club will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle on Saturday, December 7th at Walmart on Route 50 West. We will be manning both doors from 10:00am to 6:00pm using two-hour shifts. I was able to fill all time slots at our meeting on November 20th. Thank you to all who signed up for this very worthwhile cause.

This Christmas season marks the 40th year that I have been ringing the bell. Others have been doing it far longer than me. It is a great way to support the Salvation Army that provides meals, clothing, food, and financial assistance to the less fortunate in our community. If you are not signed up to ring the bell, consider donating to this worthwhile cause.





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SOCIAL NEWS

Robann Rigglesman & Debbie Guiffre

The Social was held on November 12th at the Piccadilly Brew Pub. Five Kiwanis members and two guests had a great time together: Becky and Dan Starliper, Susan Corrigan, Debbie Guiffre, Boyd Hamman, Mitzi Churchey and Tim Anderson.



INTERCLUB NEWS

Tim Anderson

Our quarterly interclub will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24th. We will be working with the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge at their Christmas Eve Blood Drive. The drive is being held at the George Washington Hotel from 8:00am to 2:00pm. We can use a few volunteers, but the greatest need is always for blood donors. If you are eligible to donate, PLEASE, sign up and roll up your sleeves. Donating blood is one of the best gifts you can give at Christmas or anytime of the year. You never know whose life you may save. Thanks in advance to all Kiwanians who donate. A sign-up sheet will be available at our December meetings for both volunteers and donors.



I am continuing to work on putting together an interclub visit to the Kiwanis Club of Leesburg. This would be combined with a visit to the FAA Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC) in Leesburg. The Leesburg club meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. The tentative date will be January 16th.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

On November 6th, Julia Vettorel was inducted as a new member by her sponsor, Craig Morcom, Membership Committee Chairperson Jody Wall, and President Mike Didawick.

President Didawick discussed "The Objects of Kiwanis" which guide our organization. They are our values. Our beliefs. Our core. Delegates approved the six permanent Objects of Kiwanis at the 1924 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado. They have remained unchanged through the decades.



Object 1: To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

Object 2: To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

Object 3: To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

Object 4: To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

Object 5: To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

Object 6: To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.

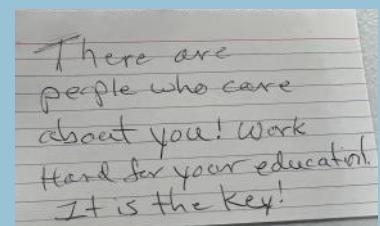
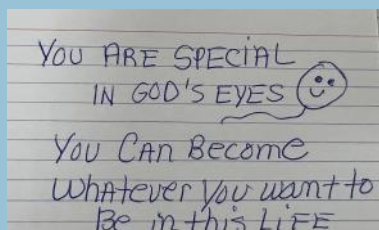
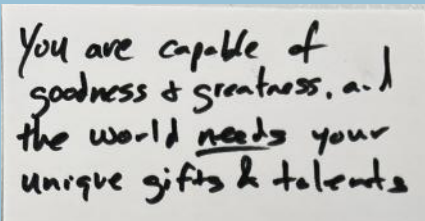


NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKERS

Hannah McDonald, the Director/Manager of the Patsy Cline Historic House, spoke at the November 13th meeting. She gave an excellent presentation about the history of Patsy Cline, who was born Virginia Patterson Hensley at Winchester Memorial Hospital, and why she considered Winchester her home. Winchester is where she lived with her mother and brother when she became a professional singer and is also the location of her final resting place in the Shenandoah Memorial Park. The house where Patsy lived is a National Historic Landmark and is currently open on the weekends until December 15. The house will then reopen on April 1. There is a nominal fee to see where this great artist began her professional career. Patsy's daughter recently wrote a children's book that shows her mother's determination and perseverance to succeed, *Walkin' After Midnight*. We appreciated hearing about some of our community's history, and the importance of preserving our important landmarks.



On November 20th, Tina Culbreath, the Founder and Executive Director of the I'm Just Me Movement spoke about the importance of helping our youth overcome adversity. Her son was often bullied and teased about his speech impediment, which impacted him emotionally and socially. This experience led Tina, her husband Rodney, and her son Rze' to found this vital program. They support, mentor, and educate our youth in positivity, accepting who they are, overcoming obstacles, self-discipline, and goal setting. These skills can help to strengthen our youth and allow them to succeed. They have a variety of programs designed for all ages, from early elementary through high school. Being positive about themselves and towards others is a focus throughout the programs. At our meeting, Tina passed out cards for Kiwanians to write positive messages for others. We hope these messages will provide a bright note to these children. Their life's work is truly admirable and uplifting.





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set our expenses.

At our December 18th meeting we will be hosting a special recognition of Doug Butler's 100th birthday. Doug's actual birthday is the 19th. We expect a good attendance to celebrate with Doug.

Winchester Parks & Recreation called me recently. They wanted to discuss Kiwanis Shelter #2. I met with Jason Brown and Chris Konyar. They are proposing to trade us Shelter #2 for the Exchange Shelter. The Exchange Club no longer exists. This shelter is larger than Kiwanis #2, near public restrooms, has better parking and is in better condition. The board of directors approved the trade subject to new signage recognizing the contribution by Charles Pine, Jr. for Shelter #2 in memory of his father, Charles Pine, Sr. Mr. Pine, Sr. was also a member of our club and past president. I wanted to share this information before the minutes were read at the business meeting, so the members were not blind-sided by the proposal.

May we all have a joyous Holiday Season and prosperous New Year.

-Mike



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