



## Spring Pancake Day Wrap-Up



Pancake Day Committee co-chairs, Jim Coots and Carl Rio, recognized everyone that worked together to ensure a successful spring Pancake Day. Our amazing beneficiary, Family Promise Northern Shenandoah Valley, empowers families in our community to end homelessness. They attended meetings, sold 464 tickets, and worked side-by-side with the Kiwanis Club of Winchester on Pancake Day. They were presented with a check for \$7,320.59, which represents 20% of the net proceeds. The Kiwanis Club of Winchester was presented with a check for \$33,602.96. Kiwanians who sold more than 100 tickets includes: George Johnson (927), Pat Snapp (407), Kay Anderson (319), Mike Didawick (282), Clay Perry (150), Elaine Cain (140), Tom Gromling (140), Danny Starliper (127), Tim Anderson (119), Allen Knotts (110), Rick Brown (105), Doug Butler (105), and Becky Starliper (105).

Thank you to everyone that made this day a success!



# KIWANIS KOURIER



KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER, VA \* Serving the Winchester/Frederick County Community AUGUST 2025

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

MIKE DIDAWICK



"Can you hear me now?"

Yes, we have our new sound system up and running. We are working out some bugs and teaching more people how to set up the system, but we'll get there. The positive feedback from the members makes the purchase worthwhile.

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Jody Wall	08/01
Dennis Grubbs	08/01
Steve Locke	08/16
Allen Knotts	08/20
Beth Smelser	08/26

(for birthday errors & omissions,  
please email [editor@winvakiw.org](mailto:editor@winvakiw.org))

## CALENDAR

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Aug 6: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

Aug 13: Annual Picnic (no lunch meeting) at Jim Barnett Park, Kiwanis Shelter #2; 5pm

Aug 20: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; TBD; 12-1pm

Aug 27: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Pam Webber, author; 12-1pm

Aug 28: Board Meeting at Beth El Congregation; 6pm

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### Save the Date

Sept 26: Installation Banquet at George Washington Hotel; 5pm



## Guest Speakers

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, Ben Weber, Director of Access at Blue Ridge Independence at Home, talked about a new program in our area that supports individuals who would like to stay in their homes as long as possible. The PACE Model (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) coordinates care for participants. This care includes a medical clinic, dining facility, therapeutic treatments, transportation, medications, and more. PACE is a health plan for individuals 55 or older and eligible for nursing home care and helps seniors avoid the high costs of assisted living facilities. Contact Ben at [bweber@BRIH.org](mailto:bweber@BRIH.org) if you would like more information.



Thank you Ben for sharing about this model of care for our seniors. Having an interdisciplinary team that provides an entire continuum of care allows for a higher level of support for individuals with chronic conditions as they age.



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Jenny Grooms, the Executive Director for Valley Health Foundations, spoke to our club on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Her work focuses on the charitable arm of Valley Health, which is separate from operational dollars. There are six foundations at Valley Health, including: Philanthropy, Education, Equipment, and Capital Campaigns. These foundations have funded medical conferences for continuing education, raised money for the Cancer Center and the new Warren Memorial Hospital, funds a camp for children with disabilities, and supports the Hurst Hospitality House. We learned about the four Moxi robots provided by the foundation that improves patient care. The robots can be sent to the pharmacy or take samples to the lab, allowing nurses to stay on the floor.

Thank you Jenny for educating us about the Valley Health Foundations, which improves the care of every community member.





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The annual family picnic is Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. We're moving it to Kiwanis Shelter #2. It's located next to the Park's restrooms. Food will be catered by Jordan Springs Market and the Social Committee is planning games and prizes. A signup sheet is being passed around at the meetings. If you cannot attend the weekly meetings, you may email Susan Corrigan at [susan.corrigan@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.corrigan@hotmail.com) or Robann Riggleman at [rigglmr@gmail.com](mailto:rigglmr@gmail.com). Member are free and guests are \$20 each. Please sign up by August 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are down to the last two months of our Kiwanis year. I'm amazed at how quickly it has passed. Our annual Installation Banquet is Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the George Washington Hotel. I would like to see a record attendance so we can celebrate our club's accomplishments this year and show our support for the new Officers and Directors for 2025-2026. You will receive in invitation in the mail. Please RSVP by September 17<sup>th</sup> and indicate your choice of steak or salmon for your entrée. Hopefully, our new Lt Governor, Debra Payne, will be there for the installation of our Officers and Directors.

*-Mike*

### **Board Members: 2023-2025**

Jim Coots  
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Robann Riggleman  
Lennie Wolfe

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The Kiwanis Club of Winchester meets for lunch each Wednesday from 12 to 1 pm at the

**Winchester Moose Lodge**, 215 E. Cork St., Winchester, VA 22601.

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