



# KIWANIS KOURIER



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

**Happy Holidays**



**Fall Pancake Day  
November 8, 2025**



**The Fall Pancake Day was, by all accounts, another success for KCOW!**

By 9:30am, the line of people waiting to be served had entirely circled the gym, the tables were already occupied and full, and the line waiting for 'To Go' orders was out the front door. Big thanks to all who participated in this event!



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

SUSAN CORRIGAN



Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you for an outstanding Pancake Day. Your teamwork, positive spirit, and willingness to jump in wherever needed made the day a tremendous success. It's events like these that remind me how fortunate we are to serve alongside one another. A very special thank you goes to our Pancake Day Committee for their months of planning, organizing, and coordinating to make the magic

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## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To Our Members!



DECEMBER	
William Sales	Dec 4
Brian Barto	Dec 5
Robann Riggelman	Dec 5
Rick Brown	Dec 9
Brenda Dodd	Dec 12
Dave Jeffcoat	Dec 18
Doug Butler	Dec 19
Clay Perry	Dec 28
Lennie Wolfe	Dec 30

## CALENDAR

Dec 3:	Business/ Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	KCOW Business
Dec 10:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Children's Xmas Party
Dec 12:	Friday Social	Pat Snapp's House	6:30pm	KCOW Xmas Social
Dec 17:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Nancy Baker, Community Foundation
Dec 24:	NO	MEETING		
Dec 31:	NO	MEETING		
	NO Board	Meeting		





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Robin Doss (pictured left) manned the coffee station for the first shift of Pancake Day and by late morning was experiencing mechanical difficulties with the burners which resulted in the flames burning higher and hotter than normal. Robin immediately hit the shut-off valve and mitigated any further issues involving the propane gas or the flames. Thanks to his quick thinking and actions, a potentially dangerous situation was avoided. However, the burners were out of commission for the rest of the day, and coffee had to be made in the kitchen. At right, Robin discusses the condition of the burners with Clay Perry.





## GUEST SPEAKERS



On November 12th, Brandy Hawkins Boies, Director at Laurel Ridge Community College, gave a presentation about LRCC and the many educational opportunities that are now available. Highlights included certification classes for tech and trade jobs, along with creative ways to obtain financial aid.

## NEW KIWANIS MEMBER




New member, Shannon Nuckols, is inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Winchester at the November 12th meeting. Pictured with Shannon is her sponsor, Mike Guevremont. Welcome, Shannon!





*Freedom Isn't Free*



*Thank You, Veterans*

**To understand a Military Veteran-you must know:**

<p>We left home as teenagers or in our early twenties for an unknown adventure.</p> <p>We loved our country enough to defend it and protect it with our own lives.</p> <p>We said goodbye to friends and family and everything we knew.</p> <p>We learned the basics and then we scattered in the wind to the far corners of the earth.</p> <p>We found new friends and new family.</p> <p>We became brothers and sisters regardless of color, race or creed.</p> <p>We had plenty of good times, and plenty of bad times.</p> <p>We didn't get enough sleep.</p> <p>We worked hard and played harder.</p> <p>We didn't earn a great wage.</p> <p>We experienced the happiness of mail call and the sadness of missing important events.</p> <p>We didn't know when, or even if, we were ever going to see home again.</p> <p>We grew up fast, and yet somehow, we never grew up at all.</p> <p>We fought for our freedom, as well as the freedom of others.</p>	<p>Some of us saw actual combat, and some of us didn't.</p> <p>Some of us saw the world, and some of us didn't.</p> <p>Some of us dealt with physical warfare, most of us dealt with psychological warfare.</p> <p>We have seen and experienced and dealt with things that we can't fully describe or explain, as not all of our sacrifices were physical.</p> <p>We participated in time honored ceremonies and rituals with each other, strengthening our bonds and camaraderie.</p> <p>We counted on each other to get our job done and sometimes to survive it at all.</p> <p>We have dealt with victory and tragedy, We have celebrated and mourned.</p> <p>We lost a few along the way.</p> <p>When our adventure was over, some of us went back home, some of us started somewhere new and some of us never came home at all.</p> <p>We have told amazing and hilarious stories of our exploits and adventures.</p> <p>We share an unspoken bond with each other, that most people don't experience, and few will understand.</p>
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Tuesday, November 11th was Veterans Day this year. In honor of all KCOW veterans that have served, Kiwanian Rick Balzhiser read aloud the attached article that shares some insights into the hearts and minds of our nation's service members.

The Kourier wishes to thank our KCOW veterans for their service to our country.

We speak highly of our own branch of service and poke fun at the other branches.

We know however, that, if needed, we will be there for our brothers and sisters and stand together as one in a heartbeat.

Being a Veteran is something that had to be earned, and it can never be taken away.


It has no monetary value, but at the same time it is a priceless gift. People see a Veteran and they thank them for their service.

When we see each other, we give that little upward head nod, or a slight smile knowing that we have shared and experienced things that most people have not.

So from myself to the rest of the Veterans out there, I commend and thank you for all that you have done and sacrificed for your country.

Try to remember the good times and make peace with the bad times. Share your stories. But most importantly, stand tall and proud, for you have earned the right to be called a Veteran.

**I'M A VETERAN!**



## VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED







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happen. Their dedication ensured everything ran smoothly. We're deeply grateful for the long hours and steady leadership they put into this event.

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by family, friends, and good food. As we move into December, I want to wish you and your loved ones a very happy holiday season. May it be filled with warmth, rest, and moments that remind you why community matters.



Happy Birthday to Doug Butler, who will turn 101 on December 19th!

We also have much to look forward to as we celebrate our annual Children's Christmas Party. This event captures the heart of Kiwanis—bringing joy, support, and smiles to the young people in our community. I hope your holiday spirit is already warmed up—if not, don't worry, the kids will bring enough energy to power the city lights.

Thank you in advance to Ginny Grant, Kay Anderson and everyone who is helping to make this tradition special.

Thank you for all you do to lift up our club and our community.

Happy Holidays,

Susan



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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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