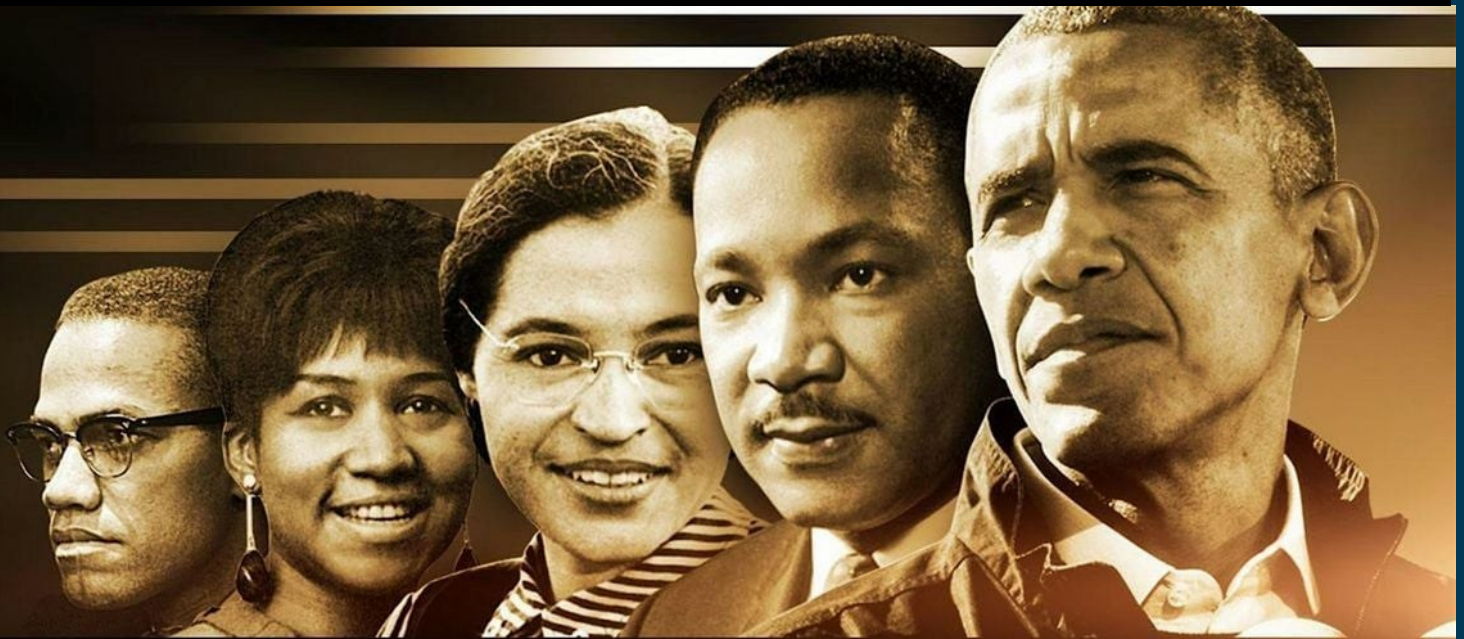




# 2026 February



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*Happy*  
**VALENTINE'S**  
**DAY**



# KIWANIS KOURIER



KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) \* Serving Winchester/Frederick County Virginia

February 2026

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

SUSAN CORRIGAN



February 2026 is a month of vibrant celebration and meaningful reflection for our Kiwanis family. As we move through the heart of winter, there are multiple special occasions that offer us unique ways to connect with our community and our mission of serving the children of the world.

February 25th is the fourth annual Kiwanis Day of Giving. The 2026 goal is to raise \$125,000 in a single day to support the Kiwanis Children's Fund. To support this effort, consider going on-line and donating at  
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## February BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To Our Members!

| FEBRUARY          |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Shannon Nuckols   | Feb 5  |
| Mike Westfall     | Feb 7  |
| Bill Endorf       | Feb 8  |
| Pat Snapp         | Feb 9  |
| Grover Czech      | Feb 16 |
| Kathryn Armstrong | Feb 20 |
| Roger Zebarth     | Feb 23 |
| Lynn Altizer      | Feb 23 |
| Sam Long          | Feb 25 |
| Bob Thomas        | Feb 26 |

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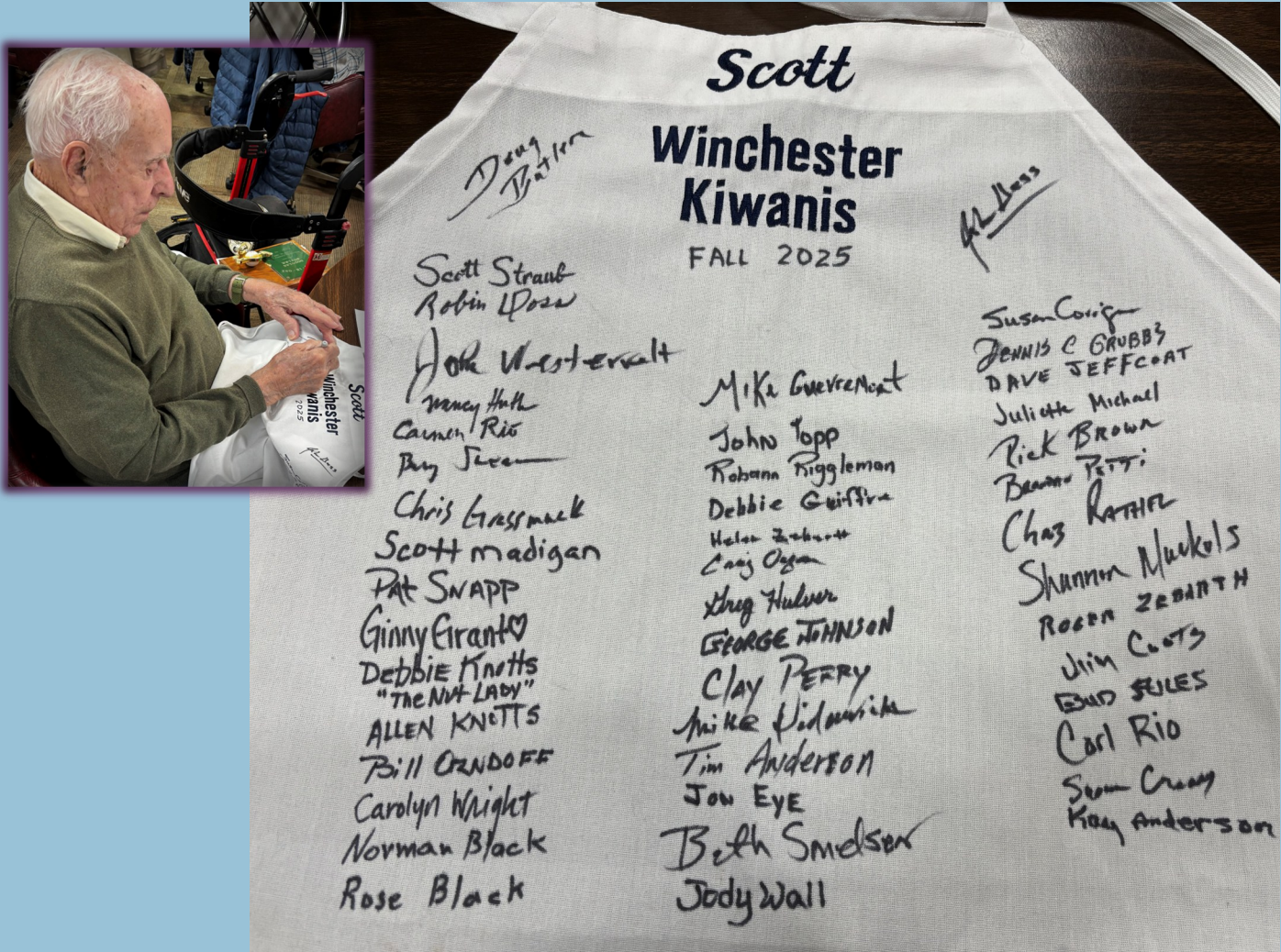
## CALENDAR

|         |                               |                              |         |                                      |
|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Feb 4:  | Business/<br>Lunch<br>Meeting | Moose<br>Lodge               | 12-1pm  | KCOW<br><br>Business                 |
| Feb 11: | Lunch<br>Meeting              | Moose<br>Lodge               | 12-1pm  | Alan Umstead,<br>You're Not Alone    |
| Feb 18: | Lunch<br>Meeting              | Moose<br>Lodge               | 12-1pm  | Robyn Miller,<br>WATTS               |
| Feb 25: | Lunch<br>Meeting              | Moose<br>Lodge               | 12-1pm  | Steve Policastro,<br>Cycling w/o Age |
| Feb 26: | Board<br>Meeting              | Beth El<br>Congrega-<br>tion | 6:00 PM |                                      |





## Creating An Artifact for the Archives



During the 100th anniversary of KCOW in 2022, several Pancake Day aprons from yesteryear surfaced and were submitted as artifacts for the celebration and to be placed in the Handley Archives. These aprons were signed by members of the Club and represent a snapshot in time for those years.

In keeping with that tradition, signatures are being collected on a contemporary apron (2025-2026) to commemorate the current membership's continued commitment to Pancake Day and raising funds for the community. Please see Scott Straub to get your signature included on this artifact, which will be submitted to the Handley Archives later in 2026.

Pictured above: 101 year old KCOW member Doug Butler signs his name on the apron (1/7/26).





## New Member



On January 7, 2026, new member Scott Madigan was inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Winchester. Welcome to the Club, Scott!

Pictured above: Mike Guevremont (sponsor), Scott Madigan, Membership Chair Jody Wall & KCOW President Susan Corrigan.

## Postcard Artifacts Submitted for Archives



**George Johnson**

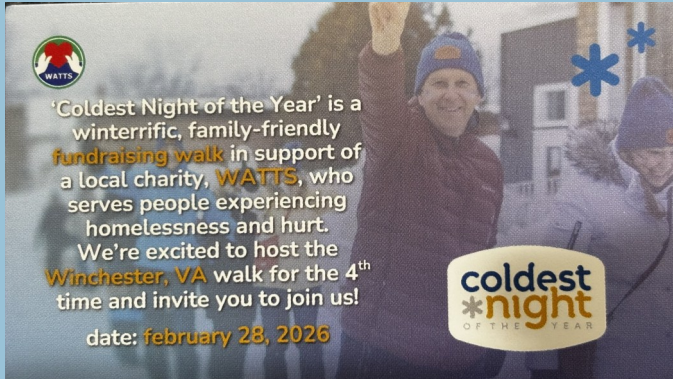


Kiwanian George Johnson has submitted two postcards from yesteryear to be added to the KCOW collection at Handley Archives. The postcards have vintage 2 cent stamps on them and were designed to let other clubs know when their members came to Winchester for a visit to our meetings.





## FUNDRAISING FOR WATTS



KCOW is teaming up with WATTS (Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter) to raise money for local people in need of assistance. On February 28th, there will be a fundraising walk known as the "Coldest Night of the Year". Kiwanians Robann Riggleman and Clay Perry, both serve on the Board for WATTS. Robann is the Kiwanis Club's Team Captain for this event and is seeking members to join her team. To sign up for the event, or to make a donation, simply scan the QR code above and search for Kiwanis Club of Winchester. For more information on WATTS, visit their website at: <https://watts-homelessshelter.org/>



**Clay Perry**  
Vice President

Retired, Integration Point Inc.  
and Youth Leader, Victory  
Church



**Robann  
Riggleman**  
Board Member

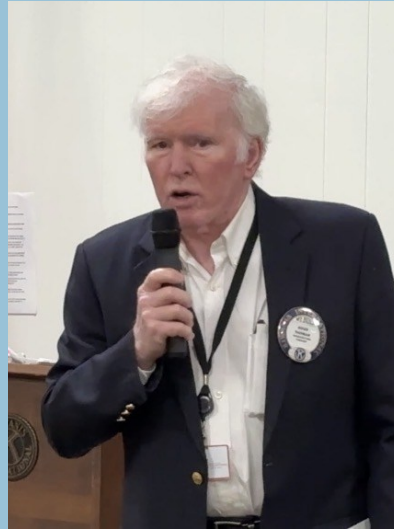
Retired, Education &  
Administration



## Guest Speakers in January 2026



Jason Brown  
Winchester Parks  
January 14



Doug Thomas  
Military History  
January 21



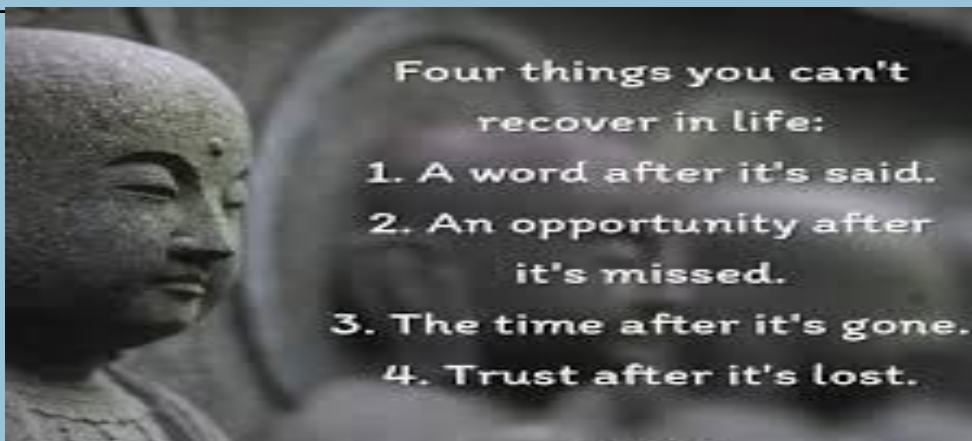
Katie Jordan  
Winchester Sheriff's  
Foundation  
January 28

Guest Speakers for January are pictured above.

Jason Brown, pictured on left, spoke about the many amenities and services provided by Winchester Parks.

Doug Thomas, former KCOW President pictured in center, spoke about WWII military history.

Katie Jordan, pictured on right, was scheduled to give a presentation about the Winchester Sheriff's Foundation, but the January 28th meeting was cancelled due to the weather.







## Official KCOW Presidential Portrait



The official KCOW Presidential Portrait has been submitted by photographer, and former KCOW President, John Westervelt for inclusion on the History page of the KCOW website.



**John Westervelt**

Many thanks to Mr. Westervelt for performing this invaluable service and helping to preserve the Club's history. The portraits of past KCOW Presidents appear on the next 2 pages. (photo compilation courtesy of historian Scott Straub)

A video compilation of 100 years of past presidents can be viewed by clicking on this link:

<https://youtu.be/Pa2yZ6v-y7s?si=jhs3qIbPjkl9MTM6>



The 1<sup>st</sup> 100  
Years of  
Presidents



John Phillip Hess (98)  
2019-20



Thomas John O'Connor (99)  
2020-21



Lynnette Lofton Embree (100)  
2021-22



Jeffrey Hite Smelser (101)  
2022-23\*



John Thomas Conrad (103)  
2023-24



Lynnette Lofton Embree (102)  
2022-23\*

### 2020 To 2029

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\* Mike Didawick previously served as 84th President in 2005-06.



Michael Alan Didawick (104)  
2024-25\*



Susan Bruton Corrigan (105)  
2025-26



## HISTORY OF KCOW PRESIDENTS (page 1)



Joseph Luther Maphis (1)  
1922



Robert Thomas Barton, Jr (2)  
1923



William Garges Hardy (3)  
1924

### 1922 To 1929

KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) PAST PRESIDENTS: 1920'S



Jesse Clifford Oakes (4)  
1925



Joseph Marion Orndoff (5)  
1926



The Hon. Philip Williams III (6)  
1927



Dr. Jacob Asa Richard (7)  
1928



Thomas Russell Cather (8)  
1929



Daniel Edgar Stultz (9)  
1930



Dr. Robert McChesney Glass (10)  
1931



Dr. George Grover Snarr (11)  
1932



Garland Redd Quarles (12)  
1933



Harold Carrington Sheets, Sr (13)  
1934

### 1930 To 1939

KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) PAST PRESIDENTS: 1930'S



Ansel Benjamin Solenberger (14)  
1935



Wendell Berkley Goode (15)  
1936



Eugene Bestor Cooper, Sr (16)  
1937



Charles Arthur Robinson (17)  
1938



Samuel Carroll Brooks (18)  
1939



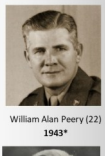
Dr. Ansell Byron Groves (19)  
1940



Leonard Issiah Miller (20)  
1941



Francis Grove White (21)  
1942



William Alan Peery (22)  
1943\*



Dr. Herman Isaac Pfifer (24)  
1944

### 1940 To 1949

KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) PAST PRESIDENTS: 1940'S

- \* In 1943, William Peery was called into military service 3 months into his term;
- \* Ellis Harbaugh (VP) became President to finish the year.



Dr. Raymond Howard Kerlin (25)  
1945



John James Wanner (26)  
1946



Virgil Rea Strader, Sr (27)  
1947



Ralph Phillip Yount (28)  
1948



Benjamin Franklin Arthur, Jr (29)  
1949



Frank Amos Shryock (30)  
1950



George Bustin Masters (31)  
1951



Winslow Turner Porter (32)  
1952



Marvin Edward Gore, Jr (33)  
1953



Laurens Pennington Jones (34)  
1954

### 1950 To 1959

KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) PAST PRESIDENTS: 1950'S



James Douglas Butler (35)  
1955



Everett "Ed" Lee Molden (36)  
1956



Charles Albert Pine, Sr (37)  
1957



Harry William Butler (38)  
1958



Garland McLeod Canter (39)  
1959



William Henry Louthan, Jr (40)  
1960



Hubert Thornhill Stratton (41)  
1961



Gerald Leroy Goodman, Sr (42)  
1962



Robert James Pullen, Sr (43)  
1963 and 1964 \*

### 1960 To 1969

KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) PAST PRESIDENTS: 1960'S

- \* Robert Pullen served 2 consecutive terms in 1963 and 1964.



Billy Summers Chapman (44)  
1965



Loring Joseph Wright, Jr (45)  
1966



Winton Carlisle Fisher (46)  
1967



Charles Albert Pine, Jr (47)  
1968



Joseph Boyd Lintz (48)  
1969



Robert George Allan (49)  
1969-70



Donald Eugene Smallwood, Sr (50)  
1970-71



Martin Lee Boppe (51)  
1971-72



Donald Randolph Grubbs (52)  
1972-73



David Russell Shetler (53)  
1973-74 and 1974-75 \*

### 1970 To 1979

KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) PAST PRESIDENTS: 1970'S

- \* David Shetler served 2 consecutive terms in 1974 and 1975.



Robert William Pierce (54)  
1975-76



Dennis Allen Shackelford (55)  
1976-77



Kenneth Dean Kiser (56)  
1977-78



Fred Alfred Drunagel (57)  
1978-79





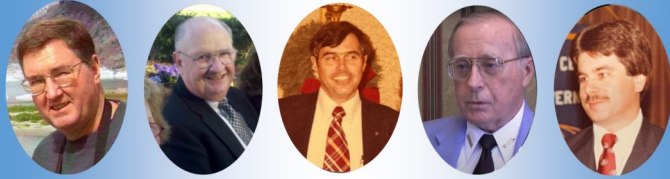
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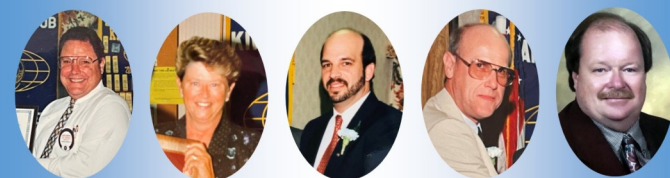
**1980 To 1989**

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**1990 To 1999**

KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) PAST PRESIDENTS: 1990'S



**2000 To 2009**

KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) PAST PRESIDENTS: 2000'S



**2010 To 2019**

KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) PAST PRESIDENTS: 2010'S

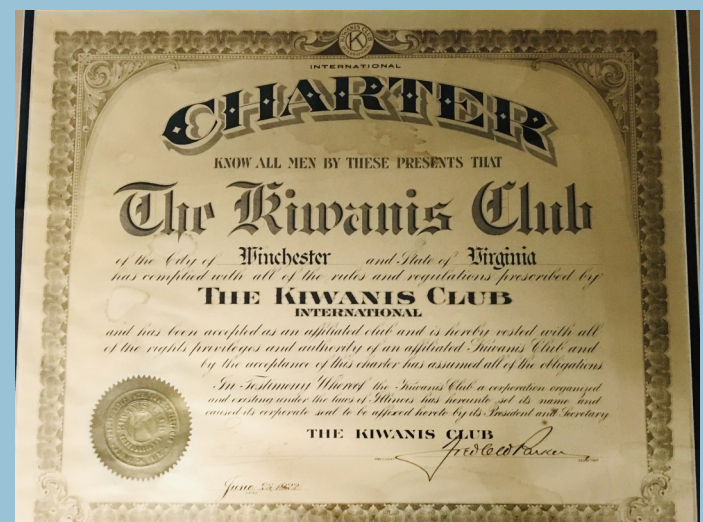


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<https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/ways-to-give/kiwanis-day-of-giving/>.

The Kiwanis Children's Fund is used to provide grants that support Kiwanis projects around the world.

All month-long we celebrate **Black History Month** to honor the vital contributions, culture, and achievements of African Americans. For example, pioneering mathematician **Dr. Gladys West** (1930-2026) helped lay the foundation for the GPS technology we rely on every day. Her precise calculations made it possible to map the Earth with accuracy. Every time you use GPS in your car or on your phone, think about Dr. West.

Valentine's Day is a world-wide celebration of love and friendship. I would challenge you to strengthen bonds with your friends and family every single day of the year.

Thank you for everything you do to make our community brighter. Whether through reflection, service, or celebration, let's make February 2026 a month to remember.

Susan

# Happy Valentine's Day

### **Board Members: 2024-2026**

Doug Green  
Debbie Guiffre  
Robann Riggelman  
Ryan Taylor

### **Board Members: 2025-2027**

Susan Creasy  
Jon Eye  
Juliette Michael  
Craig Morcom

### **Officers**

President—Susan Corrigan  
President-Elect—Jim Coots  
Secretary—Nancy Huth  
Treasurer—Dennis Grubbs  
Past President—Mike Didawick

### **Kiwanis Club of Winchester (KCOW)**

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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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