

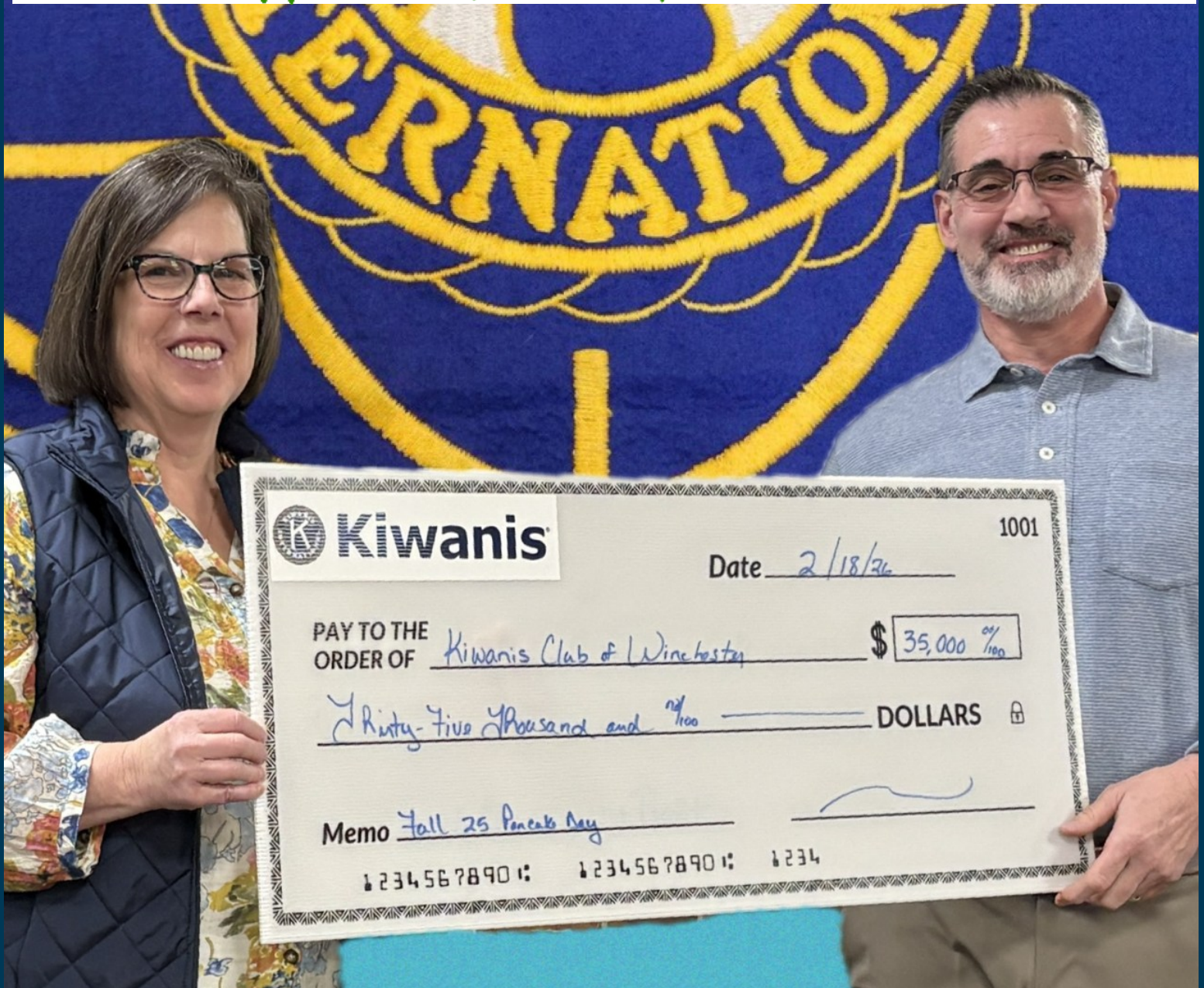


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

SUSAN CORRIGAN



To All,

As I reflect on all that we accomplish together, I am filled with gratitude. I want to sincerely thank every member who works so hard to make our community a better place while fulfilling the mission of Kiwanis.

To our Board of Directors and Officers, thank you for your steady leadership, thoughtful decision-making, and commitment to guiding our club forward. Your vision and dedication are the foundation that allows all of our initiatives to succeed.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



MARCH	BIRTHDAY
Anderson, Kay	Mar 16
Anderson, Tim	Mar 3
Cain, Elaine	Mar 15
Clayton, TD	Mar 14
Creasy, Susan	Mar 19
Grassmuck, Christopher	Mar 16
Hess, John	Mar 15
McKay, Archie	Mar 17
McKay, Jeff	Mar 27
Smythe, Greg	Mar 2
Stiles, Luther	Mar 21
Sullivan, Larry	Mar 23
Topp, John	Mar 31
Vettorel, Julia	Mar 30

CALENDAR

Mar 4:	Business/ Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	KCOW Business
Mar 11:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Joe Harmon, Winchester Roy- als
Mar 18:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Andrew Foerster, Civil Air Patrol
Mar 25:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Andy Gail, United Way
Mar 26:	Civic Club Appreciation Night	Village at Orchard Ridge	5:30- 7:30pm	
Mar 26:	Board Meeting	Beth El Con- gregation	6:00 PM	



New Member

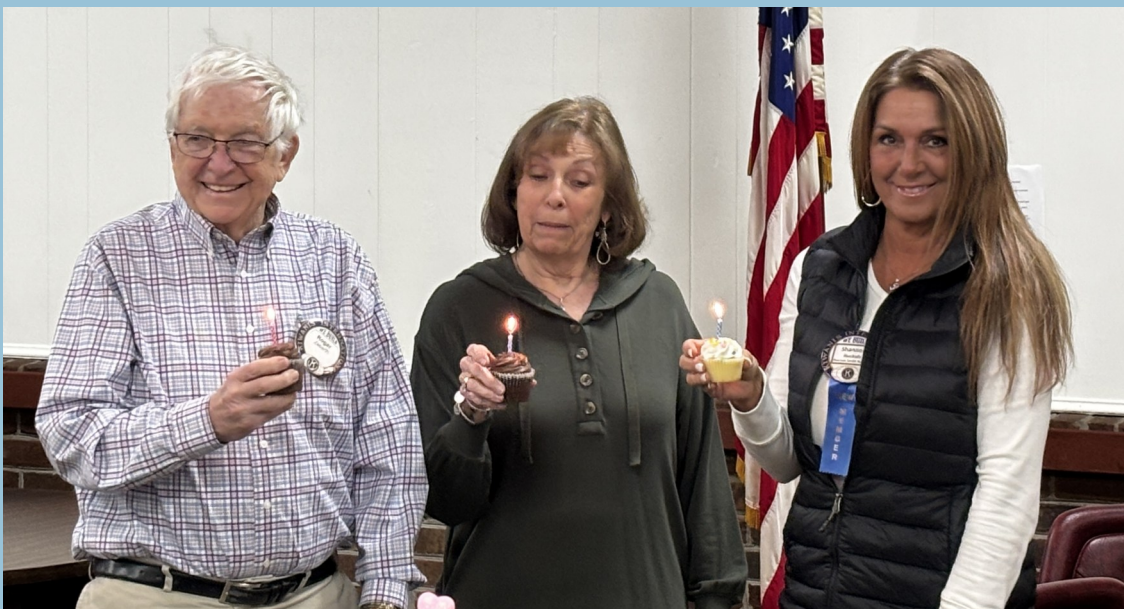


On February 4, 2026, new member Liz Graham was inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Winchester. Welcome to the Club, Liz !!

Pictured above: Jon Eye (standing in for sponsor, Tim Anderson), Liz Graham, Membership Chair Jody Wall & KCOW President Susan Corrigan.

Pictured below: Roger Zebarth, Pat Snapp and Shannon Nuckols accept their celebratory cupcakes while the club sings Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday Cupcakes!





Kiwanis Club of Winchester

COMMUNITY PANCAKE DAY



A MESSAGE FROM THE PANCAKE DAY COMMITTEE

KCOW's 2026 SPRING PANCAKE DAY is coming up fast! Mark your calendars now: April 24th (Friday) is Preparation Day, and April 25th (Saturday) is Pancake Day.

A friendly reminder to all Kiwanians, when you joined this service organization, you made a commitment to participate in our bi-annual fundraiser which provides much needed funding to our community in the way of support for major beneficiaries, students and other local non-profits.

We need your active participation in the way of manpower to perform all the critical functions to make this day a success. The sign-up sheet will be coming out later in March and will be available online through April for your convenience.



Pancake Day Proceeds Presented



At the February 18th meeting, Pancake Day Committee Chair Carl Rio presented Kevin Brandriff, Executive Director of Froggy's Closet, with a check for \$7,000.

Presentations were also given by several groups requesting to be KCOW's next Major Beneficiaries of Pancake Day Proceeds. The membership selected "Concern Hotline" & "I'm Just Me Movement" (speakers pictured lower left and right, respectively) for the Spring & Fall of 2026.





Guest Speakers in February 2026



Alan Umstead
You're Not Alone
February 11



Mark Kline
You're Not Alone
February 11



Steve Policastro
Cycling w/o Age
February 25

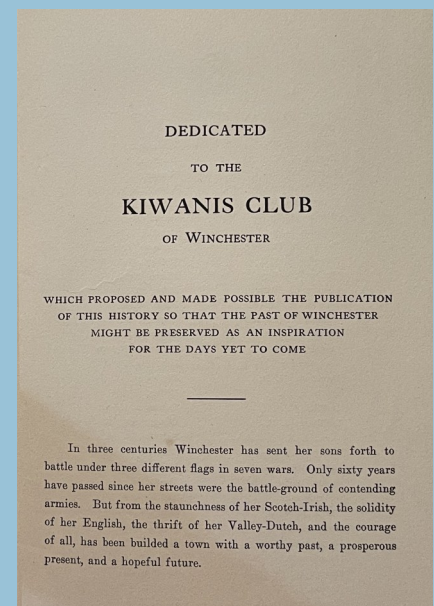
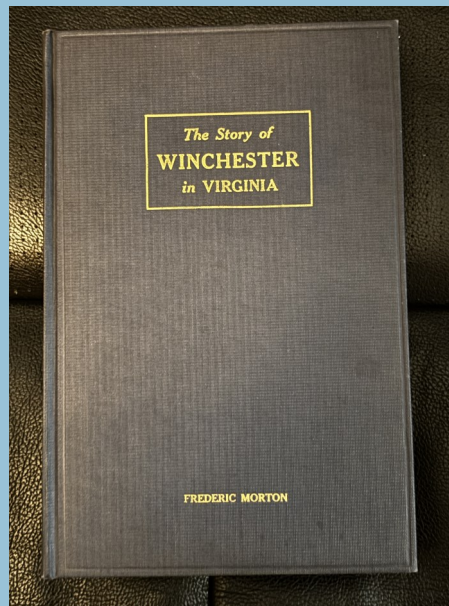
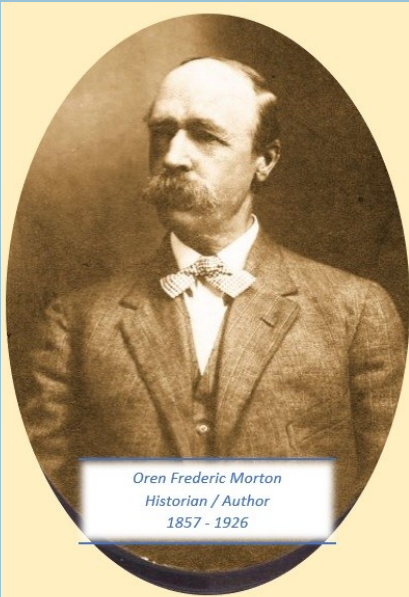
Guest Speakers for February are pictured above.

Alan Umstead and Mark Kline from "You're Not Alone" spoke on the challenges of mental illness. Their ministry provides assistance to those in need and can be further researched on their website at: <https://www.yourenotaloneministry.org/>

Steve Policastro presented information on "Cycling Without Age". **Cycling Without Age** is a worldwide movement that aims to provide joy and vitality to older adults through the magic of the bicycle. Through the simple act of sharing a bike ride, it weaves a sense of community and gathers unique and invaluable stories, unlocked only by the wind and wheels. For more information, visit their website at: <https://cyclingwithoutage.com/>



Kiwanis Club of Winchester's Ties To Historian, Frederic Morton



During the 100th anniversary of KCOW in 2022, it was discovered that a prominent history book documenting details back to the Revolutionary War was written in 1926 by noted author, Frederic Morton. But, it was also found out that the book was commissioned by and dedicated to the **Kiwanis Club of Winchester** (VA).

The book was so popular that Albert Lord Fairfax in England requested a copy for his library to supplement documentation on his distant relation, Thomas Lord Fairfax (mentor to George Washington). The original printing sold out but copies of the book can still be found in rare book stores.

Local philanthropist, Jimmy Wilkins, Jr. (pictured at right) recognized the significance of this tome and had it reprinted in paperback so that the Winchester community could still have access to this valuable resource. Copies can be ordered from the Winchester Book Gallery by calling 540-667-3444.





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To our committee chairs and members, thank you for the countless hours you spend planning, organizing, and executing our initiatives. Your leadership and dedication are the driving force behind our impact.

To President-elect Jim Coots, thank you for scheduling engaging and informative guest speakers who enrich our meetings and broaden our perspectives.

To our audio crew, who faithfully arrive each Wednesday to ensure everything runs smoothly and that every voice is heard. I appreciate your consistency and behind-the-scenes commitment.

To Ginny Grant, our Key Club advisor, thank you for mentoring and guiding the next generation of leaders. Your investment in our youth strengthens both our club and our community.

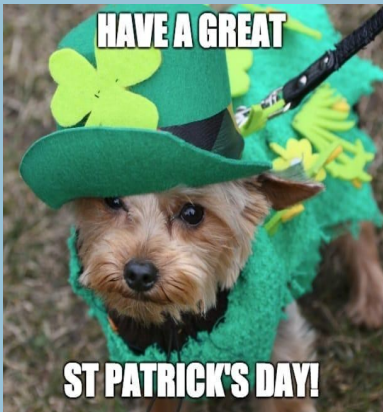
A special thank you to Scott Straub for the excellent job he does on our newsletter. His attention to detail and commitment to keeping our members informed and connected truly strengthens our club each month.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming Pancake Day in April. This is a time-honored tradition that allows us the wonderful opportunity to serve and connect with our community.

It truly takes all of us working together to fulfill the Kiwanis mission. Because of you, our community is stronger, kinder, and better.

With appreciation,

Susan



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Robann Riggelman
Ryan Taylor

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