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**Kiwanis Club &
Key Club
Help Raise Funds for
Coldest Night of The Year**





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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

SUSAN CORRIGAN



To All,

April is finally here, and with it comes the energy of spring and some of our most impactful traditions. As we look ahead to a busy month, I want to highlight the heart of what makes our club thrive.

Being a Kiwanian is more than just having your name on a roster; it's about active hearts and hands. To remain a member in good
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!

APRIL	BIRTHDAY
Craig, Johnny	Apr 13
Devolites, Sean	Apr 4
DiBenedetto, Vince	Apr 26
Orndoff, Bill	Apr 28
Stone, Emma	Apr 28

CALENDAR

Apr 1:	Business/ Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	KCOW Business
Apr 8:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Dana Hackney 2 for 2 Foundation
Apr 15:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Tim Youmans Rev War 250
Apr 11:	Trash Pickup	Airport Road	8am to 10am	See Tim Anderson to sign up
Apr 16:	Board Meeting	Beth El Congregation	6:00pm	
Apr 22:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Pancake Day Prep!
Apr 29:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Hilltop Singers

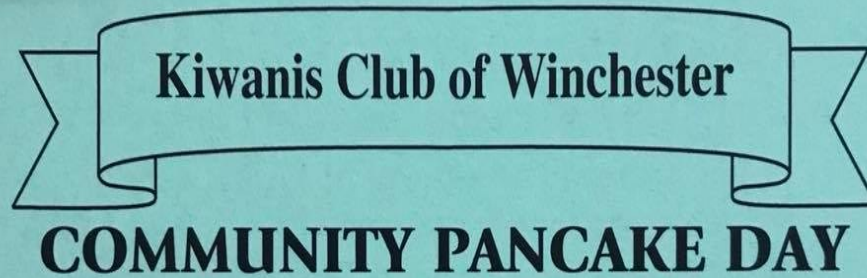


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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PANCAKE DAY COMMITTEE

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.

Tickets can be picked up at weekly meetings or picked up at Becky's office at Briel PC, 440 W. Jubal Early Drive. Please remember to contact your team lead each week to advise of your ticket sales.

*** The Sign Up Board will be available on April 1st at the lunch meeting. The online link for viewing can be seen by clicking [HERE](#).**

*** Friday, April 24th is Set-up Day. Members are NEEDED to help cut sausage and set up the dining room**

*** There will be 2 NEW SHIFTS on Pancake Day: 7:00am to 12:00 (noon), and 12:00 (noon) to 5:00pm**

*** Members may contact Robann Rigglesman ON or AFTER April 1st to sign up for your shift; Email Robann at: rigglesmr@gmail.com , or Call her at 540-539-1904**

*** Going forward, future Pancake Days shall be held on the 1st Saturday in April, and the 1st Saturday in November. This will allow ALL Members to plan on being there to honor your commitment to the Club's major fund raiser.**



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NOTICE TO ALL KCOW MEMBERS

Reiterating the information from the previous page, the Pancake Day Committee has decided that AFTER the Spring Pancake Day on 4/25/26, all future Pancake Days shall be held on:

The 1st Saturday in April for the Spring

&

The 1st Saturday in November for the Fall

This removes the uncertainty of wondering when Pancake Day will be and allows for all members to plan accordingly and honor the commitment to providing the much needed manpower for our major fund raising events.

April 25th & November 7th will be Pancake Days in **2026**. The dates for 2027 are shown below (April 3rd & November 6th).

2027 Calendar

January							February							March							April						
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SIGN UP SHEET FOR PANCAKE DAY!



Preparation Day Friday APRIL 24th		KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY	
		2:00 am - 7:00am Sausage Cooking	
		1 Mark Dunford	
		2 Stan Kraft	
		3 Adam Manges	
Loading Truck at Stonewall Mini Storage (6)			SATURDAY APRIL 25th
8:30 - 9:00			
1		7:00 am - 12:00 noon	12:00 noon - 5:00 pm
2		Sausage Cooking	Sausage Cooking
3		1 Barry Swears	1
4		2	2
5		3	3
6		Fetch Sausage from Cooler	Fetch Sausage from Cooler
		1	1
Unload Truck at JB Park (8)		Sausage Runner in Gym	Sausage Runner in Gym
9:00 - 10:30		1	1
1			
2		Batter Preparation	Batter Preparation
3		Batter Mixer	Batter Mixer
4		1	1
5		2	2
6		Deliver Batter to Gym	Deliver Batter to Gym
7		1	1
8		Fill Batter Pitchers	Fill Batter Pitchers
		1	1
Unload Vender Trucks at JB Park (7)		(6) Key Club Members Run Pitchers to Grills	(6) Key Club Members Run Pitchers to Grills
10:30 - 12:00 (Schenk's/Gore/Tables)			
1		Pancake Grills	Pancake Grills
2		1 Al Sibert	1
3		2 Doug Green	2
4		3	3
5		4	4
6		5	5
7		6	6
		7	7
Wash & Prepare Kitchen (4)		8	8
10:30 - 3:00			

CLICK ON THE PICTURE ABOVE TO OPEN A LINK TO THE SIGN UP SHEET FOR PANCAKE DAY. THIS FILE IS VIEW ONLY FOR YOUR PERUSAL. Sign up sheet will be available after April 1st.

CALL ROBANN FOR MORE DETAILS: 540-539-1904 OR

EMAIL HER AT: rigglemr@gmail.com



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New Member



On March 4, 2026, new member Anne Balzhiser was inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Winchester. Welcome to the Club, Anne !!

Pictured above: Rick Balzhiser (sponsor for wife, Anne), Anne Balzhiser, Membership Chair Jody Wall & KCOW President Susan Corrigan.

Pictured below: Kiwanians accept their celebratory March Birthday cupcakes while the club sings Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday Cupcakes!





Coldest Night of the Year Fundraising Walk



A big thanks to all the Kiwanis Club Members who showed up for the Coldest Night Walk on Feb 28. Ironically, the temperature was right at 65 degrees that day.

Over \$114,000 was raised for this worthy cause! Good job!



MILLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES KIWANIS FAMILY RELATIONS AWARD

Throughout the year, our Key Clubs work on impactful service projects such as holiday gift shopping and wrapping for families in need, bell ringing to support charitable causes, and the ever-popular Pancake Day fundraiser. In the spring, members join forces for Easter drives, collecting and distributing items to brighten the season for others. Community walks and similar outreach events further strengthen these connections while supporting important causes.

These shared experiences embody the mission of the Kiwanis family—developing leadership, fostering service, and creating a sense of belonging across generations. The Family Relations Award is a testament to the dedication, teamwork, and heart shown by both Kiwanis and Key Club members as they work together to make our community a better place. Congratulations Millbrook High Key Club!





KCOW SPRING SOCIAL

The Kiwanis Club will hold their Spring Social on April 18th, 4pm, at Bridgeforth Field to attend a Shenandoah University Baseball Game. The game will be announced as "Kiwaniis Day". Vice President Jim Coots has been asked to throw out the first pitch to start the game. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 7-12; kids 6 and under are admitted free. Please invite friends and family to join us in supporting the SU Hornets Baseball team. Senior players are required to perform a community service project each year, and they have chosen to help KCOW with the Fall Pancake Day. Tickets can be purchased online at: suhornets.com/tickets





At left, Ginny Grant donates on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Winchester to Head Start.

Thank you Ginny for all your hard work behind the scenes!



Guest Speakers in March 2026



Royals President, Joe Harman
(left), and
Head Coach, Brian Burke
Winchester Royals
March 11



Andrew Foerster
Civil Air Patrol
March 18



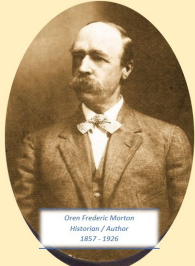
Andy Gail
United Way
March 25

Guest Speakers for March are pictured above.

Joe Harman & Brian Burke (from the Winchester Royals), spoke about the team, their schedule and the need for volunteers to help at their baseball games. They also spoke about sponsorship by businesses, and the need for host families for the players at homes in our community. For more information, click this link: <https://winchesterroyals.org/>

Andrew Foerster spoke to the Club about the local Civil Air Patrol and their role in Search & Rescue, as well as fostering leadership skills with their 160 teenage cadets.

Andy Gail, from United Way, talked about how local non-profits might better network and work with each other.



Kiwanis Club of Winchester's Ties To Historian, Frederic Morton (Part 2 of 3)

The Mystery of Morton's Wife

Frederic Morton, the author who was commissioned by the Kiwanis Club of Winchester in 1924 to write the *History of Winchester in Virginia*, listed himself in the Who's Who in America as being married to **Helen Louise Moody** of Logansport, IN. He wrote about Helen Moody in a forward to one of his books, and her name shows up in his journals and on their son's birth certificate (see below).

The only problem is, it's not true. While Harry's birth certificate says Helen was his mom, his death certificate says "Bessie" was instead. Turns out Helen had a sister who pretended to be her and managed to fool everyone in Virginia. "Bessie's" real name was Elizabeth Marian Moody, and she was 40 years younger than Morton. She returned to Logansport in 1924 to live with her mother, telling the townsfolk there she was a widow left to raise 7 year old Harry by herself (which was also a lie, since Morton was still alive in 1924).

Morton would die in 1926, a year after his Winchester history book was published, never knowing who he was really married to.

(pictured below is Harry Morton, Frederic's son, with his birth & death certificates showing the different names that his mother used. Next issue of Kourier: How KCOW is forever linked to Morton in Mt. Hebron Cemetery)

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
Bureau of Vital Statistics
State Board of Health

File No. - For State Registrar Only: 4516

1. PLACE OF BIRTH: County of Augusta
District of Roanoke
City of Staunton
Inc. Town of Staunton
Registration District No. 10 Registered No. 165
(No. 1002 Walnut St.; East Ward)

2. Full Name of Child: Harry Frederic Morton

3. SEX: Boy 4. TWINS: None 5. NUMBER IN ORDER OF BIRTH: 1 6. DATE OF BIRTH: Feb 17, 1917
(If high occurs in a hospital or other institution, give name of same instead of street and number.) (If child is not yet named, make supplemental report as directed)

7. FATHER: Owen Frederic Morton 8. MOTHER: Helen Louise Moody
(If deceased, give name of mother.) (If deceased, give name of mother.)

9. PRESENT POST OFFICE OF FATHER: Staunton, Va 10. PRESENT POST OFFICE OF MOTHER: Staunton, Va

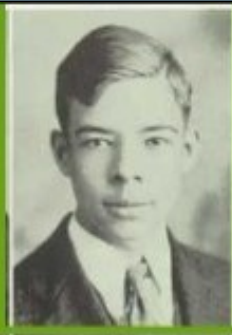
11. COLOR: White 12. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY: 60 13. COLOR: White 14. AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY: 21
(Years) (Years)

15. BIRTHPLACE: Strehling, Maine 16. BIRTHPLACE: Logansport, Ind.

17. OCCUPATION: Historian 18. OCCUPATION: Housewife

19. Number of children born to mother, including present birth: One (1) 20. Number of children of this mother now living, including present birth: One (1)

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE
21. I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was Born alive at 7:50 P.M. on the date above stated.
(22) Signature: Dr. C. H. Harrison
(23) State whether Physician or Midwife: Physician
(24) Address of Physician or Midwife: Staunton, Va
(25) Witness: Dr. C. H. Harrison
(26) Filed: 23 1917. (27) Dr. C. H. Harrison



Indiana, U.S., Death Certificates, 1899-2011 for Harry F Morton
Certificate > 2004 > 06

* ATTENTION ESTATE: Disclosure of the State we need to pursue our responsibilities in voluntary and State will be no penalty for refusal.

Local No. 2004-111 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH State No. 013103

TYPE/PRINT IN PERMANENT BLACK INK

1. DECEASED NAME (Print Name Last, First, Middle Initial) Harry F. Morton 2. SEX Male 3. DATE OF BIRTH (Show Day, Month, Year) Feb 17, 1917 4. DATE OF DEATH (Show Day, Month, Year) April 22, 2004

5. TIME OF DEATH 11:15AM 6. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) Staunton, VA

7. PLACE OF DEATH (Show Day, Month, Year) Logansport, IN

8. MARITAL STATUS (If not indicated, give street and number) Never Married 9. OCCUPATION (If not indicated, give street and number) Letter Carrier

10. RESIDENCE - STATE IN 11. RESIDENCE - COUNTY Logansport 12. STREET AND NUMBER 2 Chase Park

13. ZIP CODE 46785 14. HUSBAND'S NAME (Print Name Last, First, Middle Initial) Bessie Moody

15. FATHER'S NAME (Print Name Last, First, Middle Initial) Unknown Morton 16. MOTHER'S NAME (Print Name Last, First, Middle Initial) Bessie Moody

17. INFORMANT'S NAME (Print Name Last, First, Middle Initial) Rhonda King 18. ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code) Salin, IN 46785

19. SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR Dr. C. H. Harrison 20. DATE OF DEATH REPORTED TO CORONER Apr 26, 2004 21. MANNER OF DEATH Natural

22. CAUSE OF DEATH (List all causes, giving immediate, intermediate, and remote causes) Heart Disease

23. MANNER OF DEATH (List all manners, giving immediate, intermediate, and remote manners) Natural

24. SIGNATURE OF DECEASED (If not indicated, give street and number) None 25. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS (If not indicated, give street and number) None



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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standing, we look for three things: staying current with your annual dues, attending our regular meetings whenever possible, and contributing your time to our Pancake Days. Your presence is what gives our club its strength.

Get your aprons ready! Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Pancake Day, is happening April 24 and 25. This event is a community favorite that allows us to fund local non-profits. **We need every member to help**, whether you're flipping pancakes, pouring coffee, or cooking sausage. Let's make this our most successful event yet!

Beyond the griddle, we are starting a new service project with the Rescue Mission. On the fourth Tuesday of each month, from 4:00-6:30, we'll be headed back to the kitchen to cook and serve warm meals to those in need. It's a powerful way to see the immediate impact of our mission to serve the community, one meal at a time. If you are able to help out, please contact me.

Thank you for everything you do. Let's make this April a month of service to remember.

Susan



Board Members: 2024-2026

Doug Green
Debbie Guiffre
Robann Riggelman
Ryan Taylor

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Susan Creasy
Jon Eye
Juliette Michael
Craig Morcom

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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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