



Spring Pancake Day 2026





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KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER (KCOW) * Serving Winchester/Frederick County Virginia May 2026

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

SUSAN CORRIGAN



To All,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our semi-annual Pancake Day an incredible success. I appreciate the hard work of the Pancake Day Committee, the Key Club volunteers, the SU basketball players, and every Kiwanian that worked hard to ensure a successful day. This event truly showcased the dedication, teamwork, and spirit of our club.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



MAY	BIRTHDAY
Coots, Jim	May 3
Diaz, Diane	May 11
Dorsey, Kari	May 17
Dunford, Mark	May 29
Eye, Jon	May 10
Kerr, Jerry	May 26
Knotts, Debbie	May 30
Madigan, Scott	May 7
Millholland, Lenny	May 24
Veach, Les	May 6

CALENDAR

May 6:	Business/ Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	KCOW Business
May 13:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Skip Philips NW Works
May 20:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Renee Mackey Kiwanis Club of Crofton, MD Club
May 27:	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	TBD
May 28:	Board Meeting	Beth El Congregation	6:00 pm	



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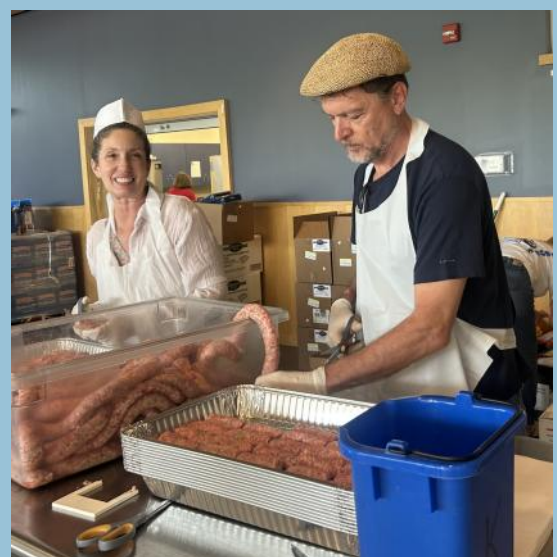


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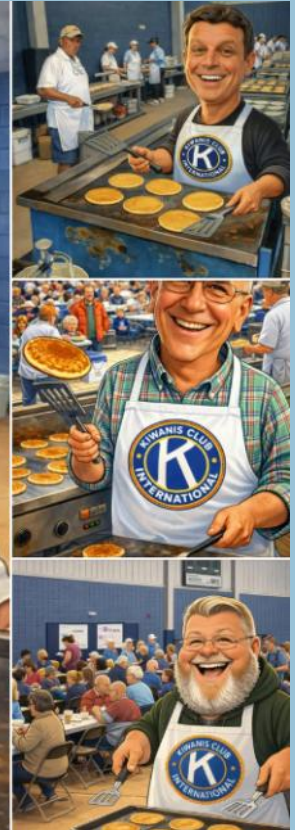
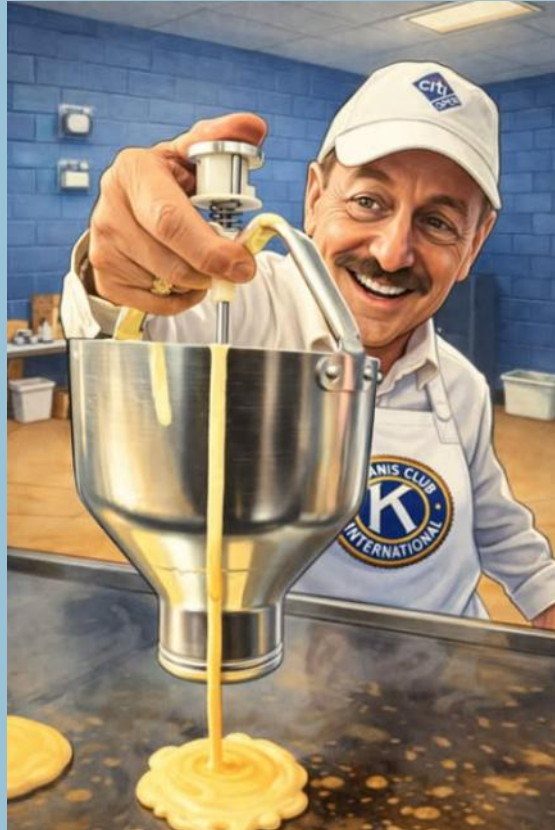


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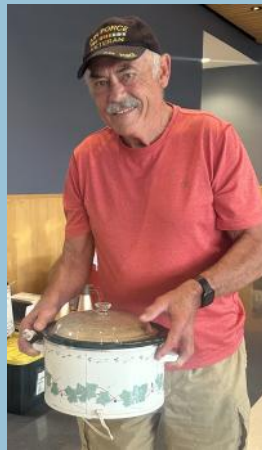


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Mark Your Calendars Now!
FALL Pancake Day 2026 is
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th



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New Member



On April 1, 2026, new member Emma Stone was inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Winchester. Welcome to the Club, Emma !!

Pictured above: Emma Stone, Past President Mike Didawick, & Membership Chair Jody Wall. KCOW President Susan Corrigan is Emma's sponsor, but was unable to attend the induction.

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

Happy Birthday Cupcakes!





KCOW SPRING SOCIAL

The Kiwanis Club held their Spring Social on April 18th, 4pm, at Bridgeforth Field to attend a Shenandoah University Baseball Game. The game was announced as "Kiwanis Day" and President-Elect Jim Coots threw out the first pitch to start the game.





KCOW SPRING ROAD CLEANUP

The Kiwanis Club held their Spring Road Cleanup on April 11th, 8-10am, at Airport Road & Crossover Blvd. Thanks to all that attended!



Ginny Grant sports a cool Kiwanis (KCOW) vest during trash pickup day on Airport Road.



Pictured above: Nancy Huth, Danny Starliper, Tim Anderson, Chris Grassmuck, John Topp, George Johnson, and Lennie Wolfe. Photo taken by Scott Straub.



Young Children Report

Submitted by Ginny Grant, Young Children Chair

The Kiwanis Club of Winchester, with the assistance of the Key Clubs, was able to fill and distribute 119 Easter baskets. Young Children committee members would like to thank everyone for making this a memorable Easter.





Guest Speakers in April 2026



Dana Hackney
2 for 2 Foundation
April 8



Tim Youmans
Rev War 250
April 15



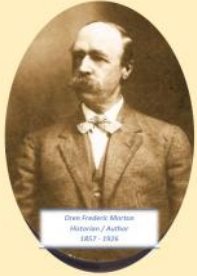
Rodney Culbreath
April 22

Guest Speakers for April are pictured above.

Dana Hackney, 2 for 2 Foundation, spoke about the importance of teaching children to swim and instilling confidence in them at a young age.

Tim Youmans, Rev War 250, spoke about Winchester's history as it pertains to the founding of the United States of America.

Rodney Culbreath, co-founder and director of the Spring Major Beneficiary "I'm Just Me Movement", spoke about his non-profit organization and their efforts to reach out to young people who are trying to fit into the complicated world that we all live in. To learn more about their mission, visit their website at: <https://imjustmemovement.org/>



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

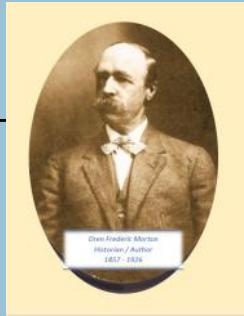
KCOW's Dedicated Gravestone

In 1973, former KCOW President Garland Quarles asked the club to purchase a granite headstone for author Frederic Morton since his original stone was in such pathetic condition (shown at left). Quarles knew Morton personally in the years before he died (1926). KCOW Pres. Don Grubbs (pictured below left with Quarles) made the purchase. Years later, in 2022, KCOW recreated the 1973 Winchester Star picture (lower right) with Don Grubbs' son, Dennis Grubbs (our current Treasurer and Past President himself). A close up of the lower part of the stone shows it was dedicated by the "Winchester Kiwanis Club", which forever ties the club to Morton. Morton has no living descendants, so the Club is considered to be his "family".



KIWANIANS HONOR WINCHESTER HISTORIAN — Members of the Winchester Kiwanis Club, led by President Don Grubbs (right), honored deceased author and historian Oren Frederic Morton yesterday, with a wreath-laying ceremony and dedication of a new tombstone at his grave in the "stranger's lot" area of Mount Hebron Cemetery. Leading in the dedicatory remarks honoring the writer of the city's only complete history was local historian Dr. Garland Quarles (left), who eulogized the New England writer of "The History of Winchester in Virginia," along with Mayor Stewart Bell Jr. and Benjamin Belchic, president of the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society. Winchester Kiwanians were original sponsors of the book's publication in 1925.





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KCOW's Refurbished Gravestone

In 2021, Kiwanians Robin Doss & Scott Straub found the original Morton gravestone in Mt. Hebron Cemetery, leaning against a wall. It had been just sitting there for 48 years waiting to be found! The stone was restored to its original condition and installed directly behind the granite stone that was dedicated to Morton in 1973 by the Kiwanis Club of Winchester. (Pictured below: Robin Doss, George Johnson, Lennie Wolfe and Rick Balzhiser cleaning the 1973 Morton gravestone; at right, Scott Straub and Jimmy Wilkins, Jr. with restored original Morton gravestone that was found in 2021; Travis Nesselrodt and Charles Harbaugh IV are pictured behind the headstones).





BLAST FROM THE PAST



In 1992, Kiwanians advertised Pancake Day by going on a cable tv show, hosted by Barry Lee, as Rappers. Those members were Carmen Rio, Bruce Santelli, Alan Locke, T.D. Clayton, Kitty Zuckerman, Phil Foster, Doug Butler, Wayne Yowell, Robin Doss, and some guy named Keith. Click on this link, or any picture to view the YouTube video of their performance. It will be 4 minutes of your life you will never get back...

https://youtu.be/m_Q5Hxd99rQ





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From securing major sponsors and selling placemat ads, to purchasing a new outdoor heater for the coffee station, and from setting up to cleaning up, so many of you gave your time and energy over the course of months. Your efforts did not go unnoticed. Even with lines stretching along the blue wall, our guests consistently shared how smoothly everything ran, how welcoming the atmosphere felt, and, of course, how delicious the pancakes were.

And we all know the go-to favorite—the Gore's sausage—was a big hit once again! Because of your hard work, we will be able to make a meaningful impact on many lives in our community. I would especially like to recognize our major beneficiary, the I'm Just Me Movement. Tina and her team do incredible work supporting children in our community to overcome challenges and embrace their authentic self. Their commitment to making a difference truly embodies the mission we strive to fulfill, and we are proud to support such an impactful organization. Looking ahead, we are excited to induct three new members in the month of May, continue enjoying the beautiful spring weather, and remain actively engaged in service to our community.

Thank you again for your commitment, your generosity, and your unwavering dedication to making our community a better place.

Warm regards,

Susan

Board Members: 2024-2026

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Robann Riggleman
Ryan Taylor

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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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