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Carmen Rio
1944 - 2026

In Memoriam





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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

SUSAN CORRIGAN



I hope everyone has had a wonderful, safe, and enjoyable summer! It is hard to believe children will be heading back to school in a few weeks.

As we head into August, our calendar begins to fill with exciting opportunities to serve, connect, and have fun together. Our first event is our Annual Kiwanis Picnic on Wednesday, August 19, at Jim Barnett Park (the Kiwanis Club II Pavilion), from
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



AUGUST	BIRTHDAY
Grubbs, Dennis	31-Aug
Knotts, Allen	20-Aug
Smelser, Beth	26-Aug
Wall, Jody	1-Aug

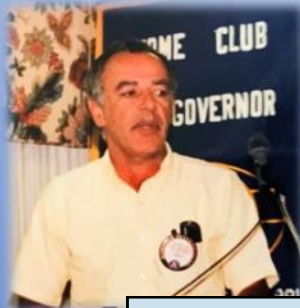
CALENDAR

Aug 5	Business / Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	KCOW Business
Aug 12	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Malia Taylor Synergy Homecare
Aug 19	Lunch Meeting	Barnett Park		KCOW Picnic
Aug 26	Lunch Meeting	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Kimberly Patton Quota Club
Aug 27	Board Meeting	Beth El Congrega- tion	6:00 PM	



1985-86: CARMEN ANTHONY RIO
VP & General Manager, Duncan Bros. Tire Co.

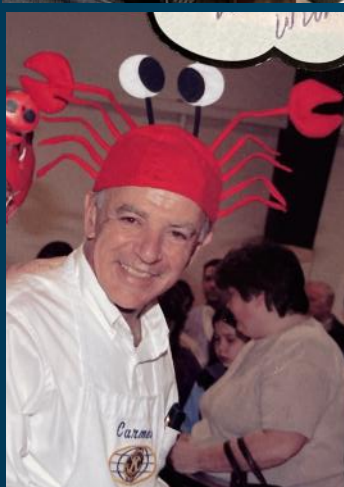
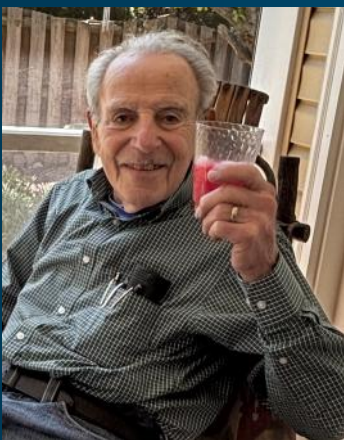
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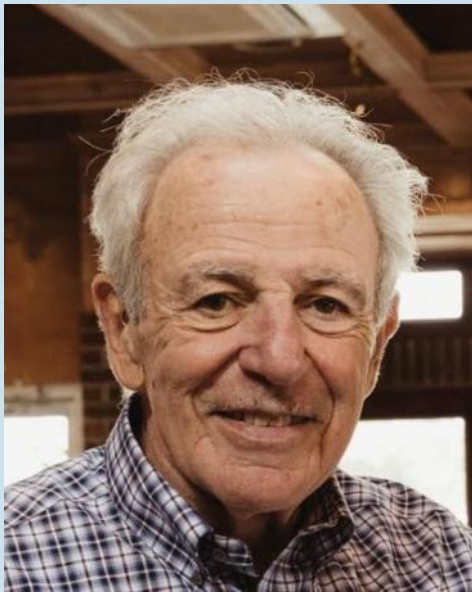
Carmen Rio

REMEMBERING CARMEN RIO

1944—2026



The Kiwanis Club of Winchester remembered long time member and past President, Carmen Rio, at their July business meeting. Cupcakes were raised in his honor as the announcement of his July 8 funeral services was made. Carmen was sponsored into the Kiwanis Club in 1978 by Jerry Kerr and served actively for 48 years, until his passing in June 2026.



REMEMBERING CARMEN RIO 1944—2026



Visitation Services for Kiwanian Carmen Rio were held on July 8th, with burial services being held on July 9th at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester, VA. Members of the Kiwanis Club were in attendance to pay their respects to the Rio family and share memories of Carmen's life and activities with KCOW, Apple Blossom and service to his country during the Vietnam War.



Carmen Rio proudly and actively participated in the Kiwanis Club of Winchester for 48 years and his service is duly noted and appreciated.

Carmen wore the hat pictured at left during Pancake Days of yesteryear. He donated the hat to the Club in 2022 for the 100th Club anniversary, and it has been preserved in the KCOW archives at Handley Library.



ANNOUNCEMENTS !

KIWANIS CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 19th, 5pm to 8pm**

WHERE: Jim Barnett Park,
Kiwanis Club II Pavilion

Schedule of Events:

5:00pm - Cornhole Tournament

6:00pm—Jordan Spring's Barbecue served

7:00pm—Music Bingo and continue Cornhole Tournament.



We are asking for donations and/or cash to help with collecting prizes. We will be collecting donations at the July 29th, August 5th and 12th luncheons.

We will need 6 nice prizes for Music Bingo and 2 gift cards for cornhole tournament winner and runner up (maybe \$40 for winner/ \$30 for runner up?), and more prizes and surprises for door prize drawings.

Possible suggestions: Nice individual items; Coffee /Tea basket; Craft beer basket; Summer fun basket; Chocolate /Sweet basket; S'mores basket; Lottery ticket basket; Golf Day Basket

KIWANIS SEPTEMBER SOCIAL AT DOUG'S HOUSE!

Doug Green is hosting a **Kiwanis Picnic Social on:**

Thursday, September 3rd at 6pm

at his house located at **270 Lewis Williams Lane, Berryville, Va.**

Mark your calendars and join us for some fun.

Doug is providing Hotdogs and Hamburgers. We will provide side dishes and desserts. Closer to the date we will start a sign up sheet. Remember this is a BYOB event!



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SAVE THE DATE: NEXT PANCAKE DAY IS OCT 24 !



KIWANIS *Pancake Day!*

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 24**

8 AM to 4 PM
at the
WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING
in
JIM BARNETT PARK

- SERVING UP -
Pancakes for a Purpose!



**THE MAJOR BENEFICIARY IS
CONCERN HOTLINE**

GOOD FOOD • GOOD FRIENDS • GREAT COMMUNITY

Just a reminder to save the dates: Saturday, October 24th is the next Pancake Day, and prep work (like cutting sausage) will be done on Friday, October 23rd.



Former KCOW President Drops In For A Visit



Pictured above: Former KCOW President, Sylvia Strause (pictured with Tim Anderson) was a guest at our business meeting in July. Sylvia is considering the possibility of becoming an active member again.

Pictured below: Doug Thomas, Mike Guevremont, and Becky Starliper accept their celebratory cupcakes while the club sings Happy Birthday and Jim Coots looks on!

Happy Birthday Cupcakes!





Spring Pancake Day Proceeds Presented



The Spring 2026 Pancake Day was quite the fundraiser! KCOW was able to bring in over \$40,000 from the event and, at the July 1st business meeting, presented a check for over \$10,000 to the major beneficiary, "I'm Just Me Movement". Pictured above are Jim Coats, Susan Corrigan and Clay Perry making the presentation to Tina Stevens-Culbreath and Rodney O.E. Culbreath, founders and directors of the non-profit.



Guest Speakers in July 2026



July 8

Nurses Honor Guard



July 15

Dale Corey, SAR
History of the Flag



July 22

Robyn Miller
WATTS

Guest Speakers for July are pictured above.

Pictured below are Ginny Grant with two Millbrook High School Key Club members, Sophia Fedyk and Hunter Brewer. The students were selected as finalists in the Key Club's Big Pitch (a nationwide contest) and they placed in the top 5 spots during the final competition.

Congratulations to Sophia and Hunter !!





Presentation By SAR On Flag History



Dale Corey and members of the Sons of the American Revolution visited KCOW on July 15th to educate our members on the history of the American flag. Pictured above are some of the different iterations of the flag that have been used over the past 250 years.



KCOW HISTORY (from 1942)

Kiwanis Club Asks Hitler to Speak

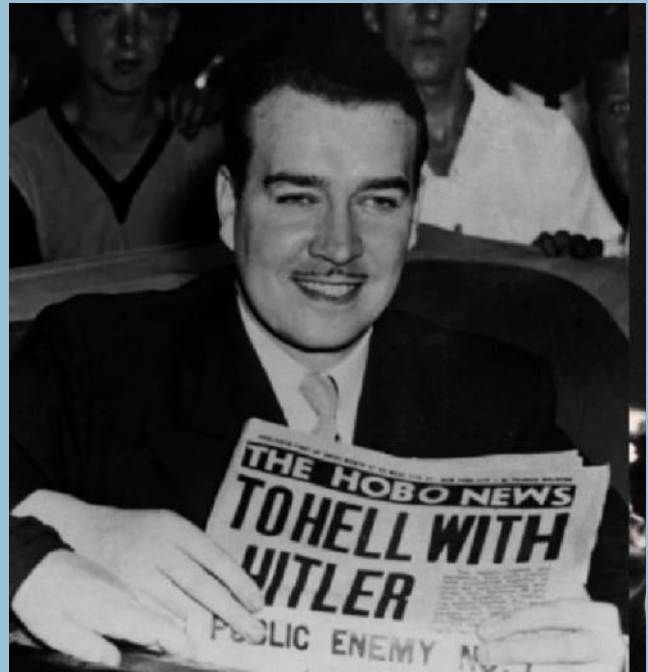
✓ The Winchester Kiwanis Club announced today that it had secured the services of William Patrick Hitler, a nephew of Adolph Hitler, for a lecture to be delivered at the Handley School auditorium on Friday, Feb. 6.

William Patrick Hitler was born in England to Adolph Hitler's half-brother, Alois, and an Irish mother. He was educated in English schools and did not meet his celebrated uncle until 1928 at the Nuremberg Congress of the Nazi Party. In 1933, William Patrick Hitler

went to live in Germany and during the next six years was under the constant surveillance of Hitler himself.

Finally, in 1939, he was told that he must accept German citizenship, but he slipped out of the Third Reich across to England where he met his mother and with her departed for America.

Jan. 22, 1942



William P. Hitler, above, spoke out frequently against his infamous uncle Adolph. William later served in the United States Navy during WWII and was a Purple Heart recipient.

DID YOU KNOW....? In 1942, the Kiwanis Club of Winchester was able to host Adolph Hitler's nephew, William P. Hitler, to speak to the community at the Handley High School auditorium to raise money for the Red Cross. (story on next page)

Pictured are William Patrick Hitler (above) and Francis Grove White, KCOW President in 1942 (at right)





Nephew Says Uncle Adolph Is "Wacky"

About 500 Hear
William P. Hitler

Calling Adolph Hitler "the snake in the bosom of the world," and a "little wacky" besides, William Patrick Hitler, his English born nephew last night brought a vivid picture of Germany and the German people under the "new order" of National Socialism to about 500 Winchester citizens last night.

Speaking under the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club, the youthful Englishman whose father was the German fuhrer's half-brother, was presented in the Handley High School auditorium, with proceeds going to the Winchester and Frederick County Red Cross chapter.

Nazi Growth Traced

Young Hitler traced the growth of the Nazi party, which in 1928 was but one of 30 minority political groups in Germany, to the summit of its power (meaning over the German people) in 1934.

He graphically described his meeting with his Uncle Adolf when he first went to Germany as a boy of 17, and spoke of the theatrical setting for Hitler's speech in which he called upon the German people to forget any feelings of inferiority and to realize their superiority.

"Under the spell of his oratory and Utopian promises those who swore allegiance to Hitler and National Socialism were ready to forget family, religion and God and to believe in the new religion, Nazism, and to look upon Hitler as its chief apostle."

After escaping from Germany in

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KCOW HISTORY (Yes, it really happened.)

Hitler "Wacky"

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1938, the speaker said he predicted the menace of Hitler's might, and even after coming to Canada and the United States he has continued to foresee events in Europe.

On closing his address, young Hitler cried that "life without freedom is not worth living," and urged his listeners to renew their faith in American democracy upon which the peace after an Allied victory will be based. At a loss to explain the meaning of the word freedom, Mr. Hitler said that "it is something which cannot be understood until it's lost."

Answers Questions

During the question and answer forum following the formal lecture, he said he believed his uncle to be a pathological case; that he considered Hess one of the sanest, most level-headed of the top ranking men around Hitler; that the German people were cut off from the outside world and that it is punishable by death to listen to foreign broadcasts.

In response to a question why he was not in service with the allied forces, Mr. Hitler answered that he has tried several times to enlist but the Canadian government considers it more pertinent at this time for him to continue with his lectures. He also said he believes there is a rift in the Nazi high command which will eventually become more serious.

It was unofficially estimated that as a result of this lecture the Red Cross Emergency War Relief drive will realize about \$300.



UPDATE ON LUNCH / BEVERAGE EXPENSES From Susan Corrigan



I wanted to share an important update regarding our weekly meetings at the Moose Lodge.

The cost of lunches has increased to \$16 per person. As a reminder, we do not pay for the use of the meeting space, and this arrangement helps support the Moose Lodge and their staff who take care of us each week. **If you choose not to purchase lunch but would like coffee or iced tea, please remember there is a \$1 beverage charge.**

A basket will be on the Treasurer's table to place the money.

In addition, we need to ensure that we have a minimum of 20 lunch purchases each week. Your participation is important in helping us maintain our meeting space and continue this partnership. One of our Board members recently shared a thought that really resonated with me: "Eating with people is an age-old way to connect." I encourage you, whenever you're able, to join your fellow Kiwanians for lunch and fellowship. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

**LUNCH WILL
NOW BE \$16
(in order to cover
expenses at
Moose Lodge)**

**COFFEE OR TEA
WILL NOW HAVE A
\$1 SURCHARGE
(put \$1 in basket
by Treasurer)**



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5pm to 8pm. If you plan to attend, please sign up at one of our lunch meetings. The cost is \$10 per person, and it's always a great opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship.

On August 25, our members will once again be cooking and serving a meal at the Rescue Mission. Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to help make a difference in our community.

We're also excited to introduce a new fundraising event! On September 9 at 8:00 p.m., we will be sponsoring a performance of "See How They Run" at the Little Theatre. All proceeds will benefit our administrative fund. Tickets are \$30 each, or \$25 per ticket when you purchase four or more. We hope you'll invite your family and friends to join us for an evening of laughter while supporting Kiwanis.

And, before we know it, Pancake Day will be here on October 24. Planning and preparations will begin very soon, so watch for opportunities to volunteer and help make another successful event.

Thank you for all you do to make our club such a positive force in our community. I wish you a wonderful rest of the summer, and I look forward to all that we'll accomplish together in the months ahead.

Susan

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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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