



KCOW YOUTH AWARDS - SPRING 2026

The Annual Youth Awards were presented by Kiwanians Al Sibert and Ginny Grant at the May 6th Business Meeting at the Moose Lodge in Winchester, VA. Three Youth Scholarships (YS), three Youth Services Awards (YSA) and one Teenager of the Year (TOY) were handed out to six recipients in attendance, and one who could not make the meeting.

Pictured in top picture are (left to right) Hunter Brewer (YSA, MHS), Gurvir Dhindsa (YSA, JWHS), Lauren Funk (YS, JWHS), Ginny Grant, Dorothy Major (TOY, MHS), Aye-len Arias (YS, MHS), and Sophia Crosen (YS, MHS); (lower left) Xavier Guilloux (YSA, JHHS), (lower right) Kiwanians Ginny Grant and Al Sibert (presenters).



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

CORRECTION TO OUR CALENDAR:
**THE FALL 2026 PANCAKE DAY WILL
BE HELD ON OCTOBER 24TH.**

PLEASE MARK YOUR PERSONAL CALENDARS ACCORDINGLY.

OCTOBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

JUNE 2026

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

SUSAN CORRIGAN



The month of May has been especially meaningful and full of energy for our club. We found ourselves once again immersed in the vibrant spirit of Apple Blossom, surrounded by a sea of pink and green and the joy that this cherished tradition brings to our community. It's always a reminder of how fortunate we are to serve in such a connected and spirited place.

One of the highlights of the month was recognizing the incredible
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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!

JUNE	BIRTHDAY
Doss, Robin	Jun 11
Dudley, Sean	Jun 22
Grant, Ginny	Jun 16
Jones, Lincoln	Jun 6
Lawrence, Will	Jun 19
Petti, Brandan	Jun 20
Straub, Scott	Jun 29
Westervelt, John	Jun 16
Zook, Randy	Jun 20

CALENDAR

Jun 3:	Business/ Lunch Meet- ing	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	KCOW Business
Jun 10:	Lunch Meet- ing	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Doug Green, Understanding AI
Jun 17:	Lunch Meet- ing	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Sharlyn Moore Hearing Life
Jun 24:	Lunch Meet- ing	Moose Lodge	12-1pm	Stacey Leach & Mary McFarland SPCA
Jun 25:	Board Meet- ing	Beth El Congrega- tion	6 pm	



New Members



On May 6, 2026, new members Cameron Anderson, Jay Perry and Lincoln Jones were inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Winchester. Welcome to the Club, Gentlemen!!

Pictured above: Mike Guevremont (sponsor) with Cameron Anderson, Clay Perry (sponsor) with Jay Perry, Lincoln Jones with sponsor Mike Didawick, Membership Chair Jody Wall & KCOW President Susan Corrigan.

Pictured below: Debbie Knotts and Jon Eye accept their celebratory cupcakes while the club sings Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday Cupcakes!





KCOW SERVES AT WINCHESTER RESCUE MISSION



Ginny Grant, Pat Snapp, Kris Walker, Chris Rathel, Juliette Michael, Allen & Debbie Knotts, and Mike Guevremont prepared and served a meal for over 74 people at the Winchester Rescue Mission in late April. The club will be volunteering for more service at the mission on a regular basis.



KCOW SERVES AGAIN AT RESCUE MISSION IN MAY



Ginny Grant, Juliette Michael, Pat Snapp, Scott Straub, Liz Graham, Allen & Debbie Knotts, Susan Corrigan, and Craig Morcom prepared and served a meal for patrons at the Winchester Rescue Mission on May 26th. The club will be volunteering for more service at the mission on a regular basis.



KCOW SHOWING UP AROUND TOWN



You never know when you'll see a Kiwanian around town. On this page are attendees at several Apple Blossom Festival events (Tom & Sharen Gromling, Craig Morcom, Susan Corrigan, Mike Didawick, and Mayor Les Veach); volunteers at Casting for Kids (William Sales and Jim Coots); and KCOW's 1st Female President, Helen Zebarth, receiving recognition as a founder of Blue Ridge Hospice.



Guest Speakers in May 2026



Al Sibert
May 6



Morgan Towle
May 13



Renee Mackey
May 20



Ravenwood Foundation
May 27

Guest Speakers for May are pictured above.

Al Sibert presented Youth Service Awards, Scholarships and Teen-ager of the Year Award.

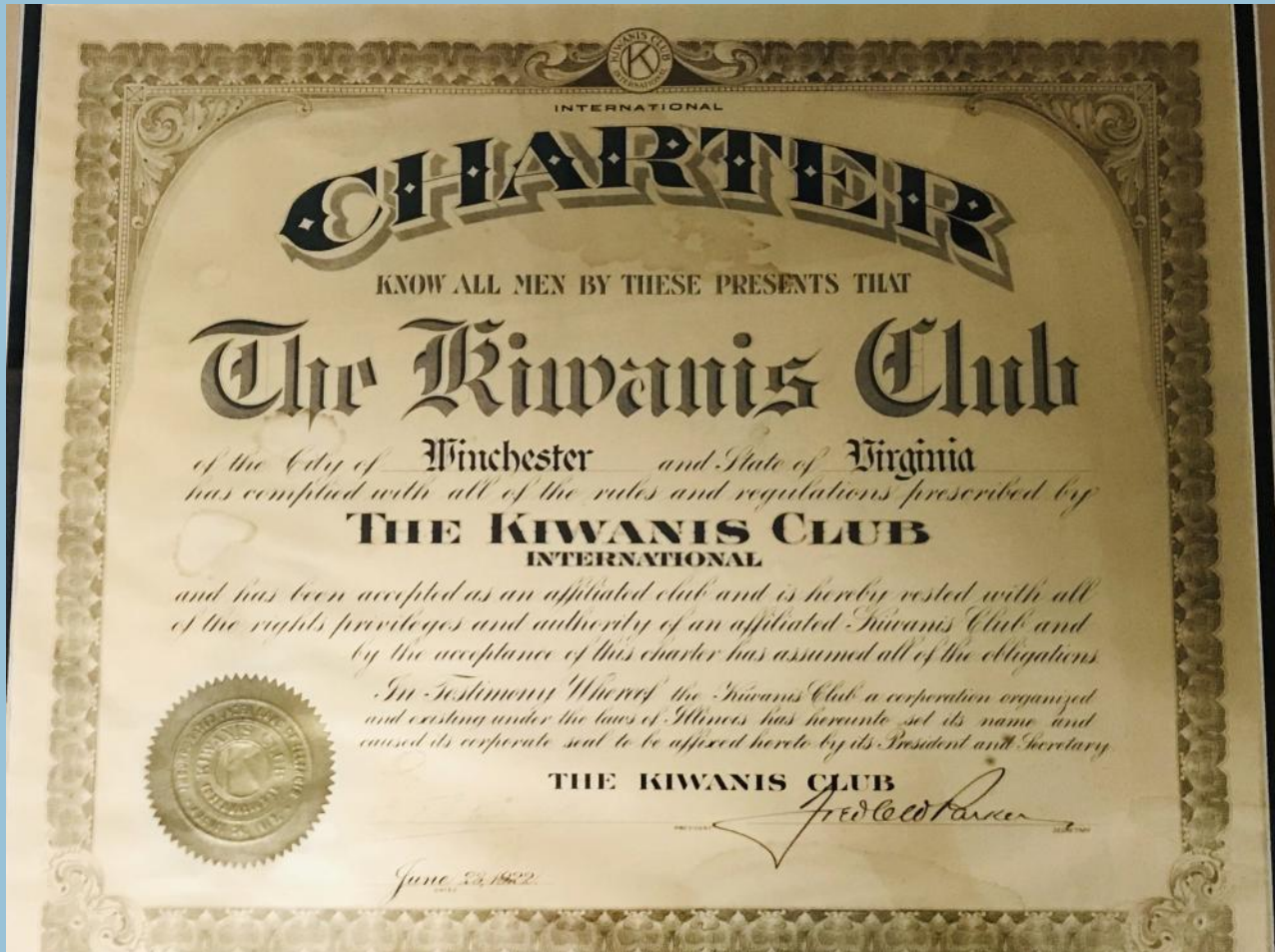
Morgan Towle talked to the Club about NW Works' mission of empowering adults with disabilities and individuals with barriers to employment to build skills and secure and sustain meaningful employment.

Renee Mackey, a Crofton, MD Kiwanian, spoke about The Possibility Project and the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

Jill Edlich and Terry Clark spoke on behalf of Ravenwood Foundation, a group that focuses on kids.



KCOW HISTORY



June 23rd marks the 104th Anniversary of the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Winchester. Pictured above is our Charter, which has been stored safely in the Handley Library Archives. Also pictured above is Joseph Luther Maphis, the first President of KCOW.



KCOW HISTORY

WINCHESTER EVENING STAR, MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1957



KIWANIS MAKES FINAL PLEDGE PAYMENT

Holmes Newcome (left) treasurer of the Winchester Kiwanis Club hands a check for \$1,000 to Marvin Gore, co-chairman of the joint planning committee of Shenandoah College Building Fund, acting for fund chairman Frank Armstrong, while Kiwanis President Charles

Pine, Sr. looks on. The Kiwanis Club pledged \$3,500 to the building fund and paid \$2,500 last year. This check represents the net proceeds of the recent Pancake Day. The Kiwanis Club was the first local civic club to make a pledge to Shenandoah College's relocation program.

D.C. Secretary Held for Grand Jury in Slaying

WASHINGTON (AP)—Trim Edith Louise Hough, a 41-year-old private secretary, has been held for grand jury action in the memorial day slaying of her former fiancé, a Russian-born translator for Voice of America.

Zurab Abdusheli, 44, a bridegroom of three weeks, was killed with a .25 caliber pistol in Miss Hough's fashionable Woodner Hotel apartment. A coroner's jury ordered Miss Hough held after it heard a police version of her story of events leading up to the shooting. She did not testify in person.

She said she had broken off an engagement to Abdusheli about a year ago when she became convinced he was "deceitful" and had other women friends.

Police quoted her as saying in a statement to them that Abdusheli had on occasion spent the night in her apartment before the engagement was ended.

Abdusheli's wife — the former Irene Eristoff of New York — said her husband had gone to Miss Hough's apartment early Thursday morning to express sympathy at the death of Miss Hough's father.

DID YOU KNOW....?

In 1957, the Kiwanis Club of Winchester was the first local civic club to make a pledge to the Shenandoah College Relocation Fund. KCOW raised \$3,500.00 from their Pancake Day fundraiser and donated it to help bring the Dayton, VA college to Winchester where it grew into the institution that it is today. A cursory review of the University's own history book reveals that they left that piece of information out of their publication, but this newspaper article from 69 years ago validates the Club's contribution to the college in their formative years and shows that we have "good history" together.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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young leaders in our Key Clubs. We had the privilege of awarding Scholarships, Service Awards, and a Teenager of the Year award to some truly outstanding students. Their dedication to service, leadership, and character gives us great confidence in the future, and it reflects the impact of Kiwanis in shaping tomorrow's leaders. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to Ginny Grant for her hard work and dedication as advisor to our three Key Clubs. Her commitment, guidance, and support play a vital role in the success of these students.

We took an important step forward as a club by electing our officers and board members for the upcoming fiscal year. I'm grateful for those who have stepped up to lead and continue building on the strong foundation of service that defines our organization.

As we have just observed Memorial Day, let us take a moment to pause and remember the brave men and women who gave their lives in service of our country. Their sacrifice is a powerful reminder of the freedoms we enjoy.

And now, as we transition into the summer months many of you will be spending time with family and friends, traveling, and enjoying a well-deserved change of pace. I encourage everyone to stay safe and take time to recharge.

Thank you for all that you do for our community. Your commitment and generosity make a lasting difference, and it is an honor to serve alongside each of you.

Susan

Board Members: 2024-2026

Doug Green
Debbie Guiffre
Robann Riggelman
Ryan Taylor

Board Members: 2025-2027

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
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