



Let it Snow!



We have experienced beautiful snow showers and very cold days this month.

For the safety of the members, if Winchester Public Schools are closed or have a two-hour delay on a Wednesday, our meeting will be cancelled.

Our guest speaker scheduled for January 22nd, graciously rescheduled to a day in March.

Enjoy the time at home, snuggled up with a cup of hot chocolate! Be safe.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER, VA * Serving the Winchester/Frederick County Community FEBRUARY 2025

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

MIKE DIDAWICK



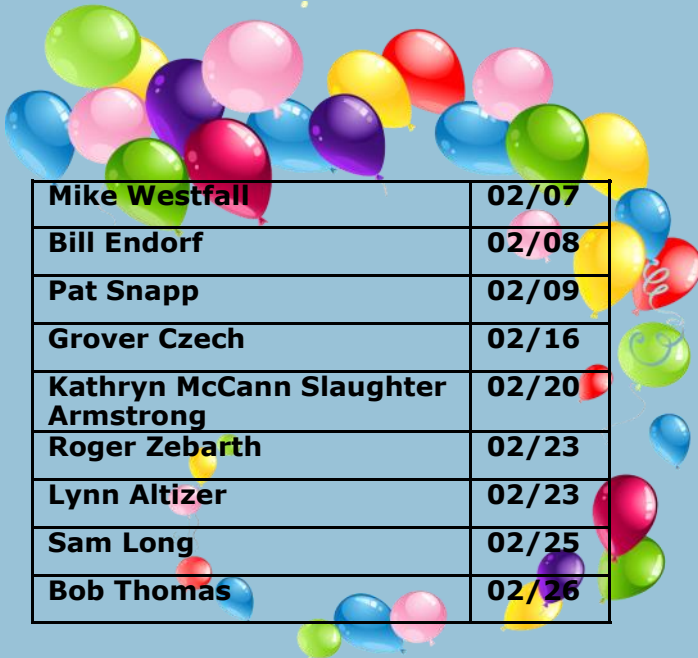
Well, January's weather was a lion so let's hope February is more a lamb. Our new snow policy is to cancel our Wednesday lunch meeting if Winchester Public Schools are closed OR have a two-hour delay. This ensures the safety of our members and the Moose Lodge time to clear the parking lot.

The Pancake Day committee will soon start planning for our Spring event

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Mike Westfall	02/07
Bill Endorf	02/08
Pat Snapp	02/09
Grover Czech	02/16
Kathryn McCann Slaughter Armstrong	02/20
Roger Zebarth	02/23
Lynn Altizer	02/23
Sam Long	02/25
Bob Thomas	02/26

(for birthday errors & omissions, please email editor@winvakiw.org)

CALENDAR

Feb 5: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

Feb 12: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Mary Tedrow, Winchester School Board; 12-1pm

Feb 12: Top of Virginia Chamber Mixer; Backseat Event Center; 5:30-7pm

Feb 19: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Robyn Miller, WATTS; 12-1pm

Feb 26: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Mohammad Obeid, SU SCIL Lab; 12-1pm

Feb 27: Board Meeting at Beth El Congregation; 6pm



Kiwanis Club of Winchester, Virginia Foundation, Inc.

Winchester Kiwanians,

Our club established a Foundation with our first contributions being deposited on December 30, 2020. A total of \$6,000 received from Kiwanians got us started. The Foundation was established to give the Kiwanis Club of Winchester some flexibility in how we can fund larger projects and also a vehicle for members to donate or bequeath monies to if they choose. Since the Kiwanis Club cannot commit a future Board to financial obligations, it is difficult to fund a large project in a given fiscal year because it would exhaust the budget of our club. These were the driving forces to establish the "Kiwanis Club of Winchester, Virginia Foundation, Inc." which is a 501(c)(3) tax deductible, nonprofit organization, under the laws of the State of Virginia.

Due to our nonprofit status, the Foundation is required to give away in grants a minimum of 1.5% of our average annual balance each year. If we give more than the minimum, we can carry over the credit towards our requirement for future year(s).

Please visit our website at <https://kcowfoundation.org>

A review of recent Foundation activity appears on the next page.

Greg Hulver
President
Kiwanis Club of Winchester, Virginia Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation has donated money to the Kids Clubs of Shenandoah Valley Region





Kiwanis Club of Winchester, Virginia Foundation, Inc.

The Board of Directors of "Kiwaniis Club of Winchester Virginia Foundation, Inc." wanted to share the following "Year in Review" from 10/1/2023 through 9/30/2024.

21 Donations received totaling \$10,675 made up of the following:

- 15 Kiwanian Donors totaling \$7,400
- Kiwanis Club of Winchester \$2,000
- 5 Non-Kiwanian donors totaling \$1,275

Donation breakdown:

- General Donations totaling \$5,100
- In Honor of Norman Black: \$1,000
- In Memory of Chuck Pine: \$750
- In Memory of George Caley: \$1,250
- In Memory of Jerry Chapman: \$975
- In Memory of John Depollo: \$250
- In Memory of Van Rich: \$100
- In Memory of Jeff Smelser: \$1,250

Bank of Clarke Money Market: .6% interest / \$136.95

Edward Jones \$15,000 CD due 1/29/2025 @ 4.8%

Donation to: Kids Clubs of Northern Shenandoah Valley / \$1,000

Since the Foundation was established in December 2020:

- 76 Donations received totaling \$39,269
 - 50 Kiwanians totaling \$18,994
 - 7 contributions from Kiwanis Club of Winchester totaling \$12,400
 - 10 Non-Kiwanian donors totaling \$7,875

Ending Balance as of 9/30/2024: \$37,141.34



Guest Speaker

On January 12th, Margaret Rich and Jess Lidle gave an inspirational talk to our club about the extraordinary educational opportunities at Milton Hershey School[®] (MHS).



Founded in 1909 by Milton Hershey and his wife Catherine, children from pre-kindergarten through high school receive life-changing opportunities. These children attend an outstanding boarding school with all costs covered. These costs include food, housing, medical and dental expenses, clothing, and the opportunity to accrue \$115,000 in continuing education scholarship support.



MHS uses best educational practices in order to engage and motivate each student, such as hands-on learning, expert teaching, field trips, and extracurricular activities. They emphasize character development, leadership skills, and critical thinking that will be needed for a successful life.

To be considered for enrollment, a child must meet the following five criteria: come from a low-income family, be 4-15 years old at time of enrollment, have the ability to learn at MHS, be free from disruptive behavioral problems, and have the ability to participate in and benefit from the MHS program. A truly outstanding statistic is that 98% of the students that enroll at MHS will graduate from there.

Thank you for sharing about this incredible opportunity for children!

Top of Virginia Regional Chamber Mixers

The Kiwanis Club of Winchester is a member of the Top of Virginia Regional Chamber. Every month an after-hours mixer is held for members to meet and build relationships with people from our community. Members of the Regional Chamber hosts this monthly event and provides food and beverages for attendees. In order to attend the Business after Hours Mixer, you must register so the host knows how many will be attending. Register on-line at <https://www.regionalchamber.biz>, look under the Chamber calendar for each event.

On February 12th, the mixer will be held at the Backseat Bar & Grill & Event Center, from 5:30-7pm. The March 12th mixer will be held at Tru by Hilton, from 5:30-7pm.



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which is April 26. At our February business meeting we will hear from four organizations wishing to be a Major Beneficiary for the year. These worthy non-profits include WATTS, Froggies Closet, Family Promises Northern Shenandoah Valley, and the I'm Just Me Movement. Please plan to attend to hear their presentations. We will then vote on two of the groups for this calendar year.

It may seem early, but I would like to have our annual meeting to elect officers and directors at the May business meeting. This means the nominations must be announced in April as we must declare the same three weeks in advance as well as accept any nominations from the floor. I have asked President-Elect Susan Corrigan and directors Robann Riggleman and Doug Green to serve on the selection committee.

We are proposing to change our bylaws to allow a director to serve one year of his/her two-year term so they may become a club officer. The logic is one year on the board as well serving as an officer before assuming the President's job is sufficient time to understand the workings of Kiwanis International and our club.

Even though the weather has not cooperated I still believe this Kiwanis year will be a memorable one. Let's all continue to contribute to our success.

-Mike

Board Members: 2023-2025

Jim Coots
John Hess
Robann Riggleman
Lennie Wolfe

Board Members: 2024-2026

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Nancy Huth
Rick Ours
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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Newsletter submissions may be emailed to editor@winvakiw.org, no later than the 22nd of each month.



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