



## Youth Scholarship and Service Awards May 14, 2025



We were honored to present \$1500 Scholarship Awards to three phenomenal Key Club members at the May 14<sup>th</sup> lunch meeting. These teenagers have spent their high school years giving back to the community through many service projects while excelling in their academic studies.

Left to right: Lyndsey Buck, James Wood High School; Ayla Pecha, Millbrook High School; and Mario Marquez Gomez, Handley High School. They are also pictured with their families that were able to attend the meeting and Kiwanis members Al Sibert and Ginny Grant.

Not able to be present were \$500 Service Award winners Gemma Solomon, James Wood High School; Lauren Dennard, Millbrook High School; and Lee Mabe, Handley High School and a \$2500 Teenager of the Year Award to Megan Song, Millbrook High School.

Congratulations to these outstanding Key Club members!



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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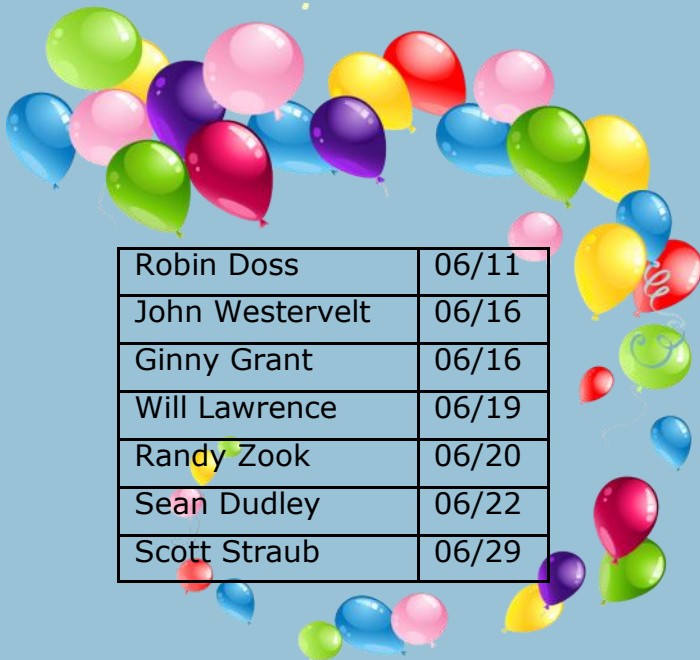
Welcome to summer. Hopefully, we will be enjoying the warm days of summer soon.

It looks like we are finally moving forward on purchasing a better sound system for our meetings. The plan is to secure it in the metal cabinet in the storage room at the Moose Lodge. The cabinet has been cleared out to accommodate the sound system and a new lock has been purchased. A

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### Happy Birthday To Our Members!



Robin Doss	06/11
John Westervelt	06/16
Ginny Grant	06/16
Will Lawrence	06/19
Randy Zook	06/20
Sean Dudley	06/22
Scott Straub	06/29

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

## CALENDAR

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June 4: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Business meeting; 12-1pm

June 11: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Pam Haefner, The Yellow School House; 12-1pm

June 16: Red Cross Blood Drive at the George Washington Hotel, in memory of Pattie Good; 10am-4pm

June 18: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Elizabeth Albert, SU Summer Music Theater; 12-1pm

June 25: Lunch meeting at the Winchester Moose Lodge; Bryan Pearce-Gonzales, Latino Scholars Initiative; 12-1pm

June 26: Board Meeting at Beth El Congregation; 6pm

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## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



# Donate Blood in Memory of Pattie Good



The Kiwanis Club of Winchester is coming together to host a special drive in memory of Pattie, a devoted wife, mother, and long-time supporter of public service. Pattie passed away on April 11, 2025, after a battle with heart disease. This event aims to celebrate her life by continuing her legacy of giving through blood donations.

Pattie was a passionate supporter of the Kiwanis Club’s mission to serve others, despite never formally joining the organization. She was a dedicated volunteer with the American Red Cross for 27 years and personally donated more than 3 gallons of blood during her lifetime.

Beyond her public service, Pattie was deeply connected to family and nature. Friends and family remember Pattie as someone who exuded positivity and kindness, a friend to all, and a steadfast presence in the lives of those around her.

Organizers hope to see members of the Kiwanis Club, Red Cross community, and local residents participate in this blood drive to honor her life lived in service to others.

To give blood is to give life — something Pattie believed in deeply.

**Location:** **George Washington Hotel**

103 E. Piccadilly Street, Winchester, VA 22601

**Date:** Monday, June 16, 2025

**Time:** 10:00 AM — 4:00 PM

**How:** Schedule an appointment

**Use your Donor App, search by sponsor code: winchesterkiwanis**



## GUEST SPEAKERS

Will Marchant, an aerospace engineer involved in ham radio, International Space Station (ISS) link-ups, and the American Rocketry Challenge, spoke to our club on May 21<sup>st</sup> about his work with the youth in our region. Will is involved in coordinating talks between the astronauts aboard the ISS and groups of students. These groups are from all over the world and have a chance to ask astronauts questions about their career and work they are doing on the ISS. He also coordinates radio links in order for other groups of students to listen in on these question-answer sessions.



A love of model rocketry led Will to become involved in the American Rocketry Challenge. The challenge is a yearlong endeavor where students design, build, and launch rockets before competing in local competitions. The top 100 teams compete for the title of National Champion at Great Meadows in The Plains, VA. The winning teams may get sent to England, Paris and/or receive financial prizes.

Will's career has led to some exciting work with the youth of our region. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to engage and inspire children in aerospace and STEM education.

If you would like to learn more about these initiatives, Will shared some references and contact information:

- [www.ariss.org](http://www.ariss.org)
- [arrl.org](http://arrl.org)
- [rocketcontest.org](http://rocketcontest.org)
- [novaar.org](http://novaar.org)

Will's Contact vCard:





## GUEST SPEAKERS

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, Krystal DeWalt, the Clinical Director of Connected Communities, spoke at our lunch meeting.

Connected Communities is a non-profit organization started in 2017 to promote mental health to build a healthier community. Their clients range in age from four-years old to 97 years old. They currently have 45 staff members and three locations, two in Winchester and one in Front Royal. They also go into the public schools in Frederick, Clarke, and Warren County. Mental health providers started this mission with the intention to fill the gaps in the behavioral health fields.



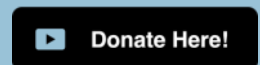
Services provided include: assessments (trauma, mental health) life skills training, outpatient therapy, mentoring, trauma-focused therapy, school-based outpatient therapy, therapy for youth that have experienced trafficking, and support groups.

How can we help? Financial support is always welcome, to help those in need and to help them expand beyond their funding limits. Connected Communities accepts health insurance and has a sliding scale of cost, but there are people that do not have insurance and/or the funds to get the necessary mental health treatment. You could also volunteer your time and resources. For example, they will be holding a drive this fall to collect lunch boxes and water bottles.

Thank you Krystal for visiting our club and sharing about your organization’s mission of providing mental health services to build a stronger, healthier community. Your work is vital to those that need help the most.

Contact information:

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## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERS



### June's Featured Kiwanian: **Rose Black**

**Birthplace:** Baltimore, Maryland

**Family:** Rose is married to Norm and they have two sons, Kevin and Jonathan, two daughters-in-law, Cara and Shade, and four grandchildren, Cassie, Samuel, Fern, and Willow.

**Favorite Book:** "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee

**Favorite Movie:** "Sound of Music"

**Best Advice:** "Chill out"

**Favorite Quote:** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

**Career:** Teaching and substitute teaching



Rose's induction into the club by President Mike Didawick, Membership Chair Jody Wall, and Sponsor (and husband) Norm Black.

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**Accomplishments:** earning 30 credits beyond her Bachelor's degree

**Most Interesting Place Visited:** The Holy Land

**Most Interesting Thing Ever Done:** Rose enjoys going on wilderness canoe trips, and once got her leg stuck in a canoe while trying to get out!

**Unique Fact:** Rose and Norm have hiked all 35 peaks in Acadia National Park at 70+ years of age in one summer.

**Why Joined Kiwanis:** After attending meetings with Norm, Rose decided to become a member because she liked the members and the organizations Kiwanis was/is helping. She enjoys Pancake Day, shopping for presents for the Children's Christmas Party, and listening to the guest speakers.



Rose enjoys hiking, camping and eating lobster while in Maine.

*Kiwanis Club of Winchester is successful because of its many volunteer members who give so freely of their time and effort.*

**THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER OF KIWANIS CLUB, ROSE!**



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special thank you goes to Rick Ours for his diligence in finding a system that will meet our needs. Also, a thank you to the Board and general membership for providing sufficient funding to move forward on this project. I want to send a special thank you to the members who personally donated money toward the system and the Pancake Day Committee for providing assistance, if needed. Fortunately, this should be a nominal amount.

It is encouraging to see an increase in prospective members attending our meetings. Helping to install new members is one of my favorite tasks. We welcome Rose Black as our newest member. Though she has helped with projects over the years, it is nice to have Rose as a member. We look forward to working with you, Rose.

Enjoy the summer and I look forward to seeing you at meetings,

-Mike



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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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