Pat Haislip explores the inside of a human heart, while Ginny Grant (inset) is immersed in a 1960’s Civil Rights Sit-In with the help of Shenandoah University’s Virtual Reality goggles.
PRESIDENT’S CORNER
Al Sibert

Fellow Kiwanians,
I pray that all of you are well. We have had another exciting month. John Hess continues to do a terrific job of obtaining guest speakers. Brandon Thomas delivered a wonderful message about the Rescue Mission. JJ and Joanne Ruscella presented from Shenandoah Center for Immersive Learning and no one will ever be able to forget Ginny and Pat wearing Virtual Reality visors. We were also able to recognize club members for perfect attendance. A highlight for sure was being able to present Diane Klopp from Top of Virginia Honor Flight a check for (Continued on page 10)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday
To Our Members!

Jody Wall
Dennis Grubbs
Bill Nordman
Allen Knotts

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

CALENDAR

Aug 7: Business Meeting

Aug 14: Major Beneficiaries Presentation - Kiwanis gives 15% of its proceeds from our semi-annual Community Pancake Day to a nonprofit selected by the membership.

Aug 20: Social, Piccadilly Pub, 5:30pm

Aug 21: Elizabeth Lewis with Special Love (for Kids with Cancer) will be our speaker.

Aug 22: Deadline for newsletter articles

Aug 28: Tom Stamulis will be our guest speaker and discussing cyber security.

Aug 29: Board Meeting, Airport Conference Room, 6pm
**INTERCLUB NEWS**

Tim Anderson & Robin Doss

On Monday, July 22, we visited the Kiwanis Club of Old Town. Tim Anderson presented Interclub Key No. 4 to President Janice Rogouski. A program on the European Festival was presented by the Winchester Medical Center Foundation.

On Tuesday, July 23rd, an Interclub visit took place at the Kiwanis Club of Frederick. President Bob Kaufman received Interclub Key No. 1 and will return it within 2 months.

Interclubs for August are:

**August 8th (Thur):** Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge, 7:30am at Perkins Restaurant

**August 21st (Wed):** Kiwanis Club of Front Royal, 6pm at Front Royal Diner, 865 John Marshall Hwy, Front Royal.

September visits will be to Strasburg and Blue Ridge WV; Dates and details TBD.

**SOCIAL**

Dennis Grubbs

The Kiwanis Club meets monthly at Piccadilly’s Public House & Restaurant, located at 125 East Piccadilly Street in downtown Winchester, VA.

Next Social:  **Aug 20, 2019;  5:30pm**

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**HIXSON FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS**

As promised in the last newsletter, here are some of the Winchester Kiwanians who have been selected for Hixson Fellowships. They are (in no particular order): John Westervelt, Earl Zook, Helen Zebarth, Wayne Yowell, John Thomas, George Semples, Bruce Santilli, Carmen Rio, Dave Reichart, Chuck Pine, Archie McKay, Bob Lee, Dennis Grubbs, Tom Gromling, Mike Didawick, Doug Butler, Mark Garber*, Donald Grubbs*, Al Locke*, Bill Louthan*, and Bob Pierce*. ("*" indicates member is deceased)
Volunteer for Camp Fantastic 2019

Sometimes a devastating event can bring about something wonderful, even magical. This was the case for Tom and Sheila Baker. After losing their daughter Julie to lymphoma, they wanted to find a way to improve the struggles of families going through the same thing. In 1983 they founded Special Love, Inc. The organization sponsors many activities. Their flagship event, Camp Fantastic, is a weeklong camp for patients and survivors. The Winchester Kiwanis Club has the privilege of serving the campers, staff and medical personnel our specialty, pancakes and sausage, on their last day of camp.

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day of this event - it is a mini Pancake Day serving around 220 at an outdoor shelter. A sign-up sheet has already started to go around at the weekly meetings. You will be giving 4-5 hours of your time on Saturday, August 17, 2019. We meet at the Travelodge in the morning and at 6:30am carpool to the 4-H Center in Front Royal. Some Kiwanians elect to meet us at camp. We are typically done around 10:30am and head home after that.

Please sign up to help support this wonderful event. If you cannot make it to a meeting you can reach out to Kari Dorsey at (540)247-6249 or email her at karirae@comcast.net.

For additional information on the activities of Special Love, see the article on the next page and visit their website at www.speciallove.org.
IT'S CAMP SEASON

Summertime at Special Love is our favorite season, camp season! Hundreds of children with cancer and their siblings get to leave behind the worries of illness and just be kids! Thanks to volunteers and donors like you, we bring the joy back to these incredible kids.

BRASS Camp-BRothers And SiSters of pediatric cancer patients
Ages 7-17
Camp Maria, Leonardtown, Maryland

“For me, BRASS represents hope that things will get better and that there is always something and someone in my life that I know I can always rely on.”
-- Michaela, 9, cancer sibling

Camp Fantastic-pediatric cancer patients
Ages 7-17
NoVa 4-H Educational Center, Front Royal, VA

“I really believe camp saved my life. I was surrounded by the most loving, supportive, and fun group of people I had ever met.”
-- Olivia, 14, medullary thyroid cancer

If you are interested in sponsoring or volunteering with a program, please contact Kim Jappell kjappell@specialove.org or call 703-628-6629
Shenandoah University faculty and students demonstrate Virtual Reality at our July 10th meeting. For more information on VR, visit: https://www.su.edu/scil/.
Interclub Keys are exchanged: One being returned from Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge, WV; the other being presented with an invitation for our club to visit Kiwanis Club of Charlestown, WV.

(photos by John Westervelt)
Club Pics

Attendance Pins are given to deserving Kiwanians as a symbol of their years of service to the club. Congratulations to all recipients!!

(photos by John Westervelt)
August’s Featured Kiwanian is: Freda Roberson

Birthplace: Winchester, VA  
Favorite Movie: “A Christmas Story”  
Favorite Quote: “With God, all things are possible”  
Best Advice: “Always be true to yourself.”  
Most Interesting Place Visited: Jamaica  
Favorite Book: The Color Purple by Alice Walker

As a Kiwanian and Executive Director at the Fremont Street Nursery, Freda Roberson shines with a passion and joy for life. Family is everything to Freda having been married to the love of her life for 24 years. She loves nothing better than having big family dinners, movies, or a barbecue with her husband, daughter, brother, nephews, mother and her two furry “children” King and Queenie (Yorkies). Freda’s husband is extremely supportive, a motivator, and her backbone, and her daughter means the world to her. Freda was blessed with her father for only 10 years before a drunk driver killed him, but he did more in those 10 years than most do in a lifetime. Freda feels that he is always with her and lives on through her. In a blink, her mother became a single mother. Her mother was a strong, empowering role model for Freda, as she encouraged hard work in order to succeed in life. Freda truly appreciates each and every day, feeling blessed with her family, friends, and St. Stephen’s CME church. I think everyone that meets Freda is blessed. Her positive outlook and giving nature just make you feel better.

At the age of 19, Freda began working in the kitchen at the Fremont Street Nursery. However, the students loved her so much that she was soon moved into the classrooms. Over her 24-year career Freda has moved up through every position and has been an instrumental part of making this child care facility a success. Her love for the children at the nursery is apparent, as her life is all about giving each child an opportunity they normally would not experience. Freda is passing on the beliefs and love she learned from her mother to every child she meets.

Freda learned about the good works going on with the Kiwanis Club of Winchester when the Fremont Street Nursery was the major beneficiary of a Pancake Day. This encouraged her to become a member of our fantastic organization. The outstanding history of this nursery is why they were chosen to be a beneficiary. They started in 1943 to support families during WWII and continue today by providing a quality education involving Language Arts, Motor Skills, Social Awareness, Creative Arts and Discovery, ensuring each child will be successful in school. In the backyard, there is fun playground equipment, a new greenhouse is going up, and a vegetable garden the children are responsible for. While at the nursery, children receive breakfast, lunch, and a snack daily, and food may even be sent home on the weekend for food insecure families.

In addition to her family and career, Freda is a Head Trustee, stewardess, and missionary at St. Stephen’s CME church and the National Philanthropy Membership Chair with AFP (Association of Fundraising Professionals).
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$4000. Thank you to all who donated to make this possible. Another great job on blood collection! Thanks to Tim Anderson and the numerous other members that volunteered their time and donated the gift of life. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. We were also able to assist Habitat for Humanity with their "Rock the Block" campaign and the WATTS Rubbermaid Sale.

Please keep the Schottelkorb family in your prayers. Marion, who was the executive director for WATTS passed away on July 6, 2019. She was a wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew her.

Looking forward, we will again be assisting Bright Futures this year and will start with their "Stuff the Bus" campaign on August 3, 2019. Camp Fantastic is coming up on August 17, 2019 as well and this is a wonderful event.

District Convention will be August 23-25 at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront. Please go to the Capital District website to register (https://capital.kiwanisone.org/(X(1S(q4effxfollfv24qpybr4tju))/Page/42153 )

Lastly, training for new officers will be July 27, 2019 from 9am to 1pm at the Winchester Church of God. I look forward to seeing you there. Continued prayers for a wonderful summer. May God Bless and keep you all. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely, Allen Sibert

Romans 15:13

(Spotlight from page 9)

Freda is extremely thankful to our Kiwanis Club, the United Way, the City of Winchester and the many other donors for supporting Fremont Street Nursery. Consider donating yourself, either time or money, to this worthwhile cause.

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

THANKS FOR BECOMING A MEMBER OF KIWANIS CLUB, FREDA!