KIWANIS CLUB JOINS HONOR FLIGHT TO DC

Pictured at right: Dave Reichert, Bud Good, Wendy Martin-Shuma (Bud’s daughter and guardian), Debbie Clemons (Dave’s daughter and guardian), Dave Clemons and Big Al Sibert represented the club on the June Honor Flight.

Above: The Iwo Jima USMC Memorial & a sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknowns.
PRESIDENT’S CORNER
Al Sibert

Fellow Kiwanians, June has been a wonderful month and we now welcome summer, warm weather, and July! Along with that comes grilling, vacations, and other assorted summer events. The last 30 days has been wonderful for our club. We were able to finish out our Youth Services Awards. Attending graduation ceremonies for graduating seniors in the area was a terrific experience. It was very humbling to see our Kiwanis Key Clubbers earn other accolades in their schools.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS
Happy Birthday
To Our Members!

Carmen Rio
Fred Board
Ryan Clouse
Roy Hoak
Pat Haislip
Freda Roberson
Doug Thomas

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

CALENDAR

July 3: Business Meeting

July 10: Joanne & JJ Ruscella with SU discussing Virtual Reality.

July 16: Social, Piccadilly Pub, 5:30pm

July 17: Our own historian, Doug Thomas, with War Stories

July 22: Deadline for Newsletter Articles

July 22: Interclub @ K-Club of Old Town; GW Hotel at Noon.

July 23: Interclub @ K-Club of Frederick MD; departing Perkins @ 10:30am for Noon Mtg.

July 24: Kiwanis Picnic, 5:30pm, Barnett Park, Kiwanis Shelter #1 (no meeting @ Clarion)

July 25: Board Meeting, Airport, 6pm

July 31: Bryan Lloyd with Valley Health: European Festival to benefit cancer
### INTERCLUB NEWS

Tim Anderson & Robin Doss

There are two Inter-club visits scheduled for the month of July.

**On Monday, July 22nd,** we will be dining with the Kiwanis Club of Old Town at the George Washington Hotel at Noon.

**On Tuesday, July 23rd,** we travel to the Kiwanis Club of Frederick MD for their noon meeting. We will depart from the Perkins parking lot at 10:30am on that date, for persons wishing to carpool.

See Tim Anderson or Robin Doss for more information and to sign up!

### 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: **July 16, 2019; 5:30pm**

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### The George F. Hixson Fellowship

The Kiwanis Children’s Fund established the George F. Hixson Fellowship. Named for Kiwanis International’s first President, Hixson Fellowships are awarded to donors who give $1,000 or more to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund or who contribute significantly to the service activity of their club. The Kiwanis Club of Winchester has, in the past, selected members who have given outstanding service to our club by participating in events and activities that are of value to the community.

If a Kiwanian is recognized with a second Hixson, he or she receives a diamond lapel pin and a special diamond-shaped tab to be worn with the Hixson neck medallion.

We will obtain a list of our members who are now Hixson Fellows and publish them in a future newsletter.
Relay Blood Collection Tops Goal; Boasts Excellent Club Support

Seventeen Kiwanians turned out at the James Wood High School cafeteria on June 14 to donate blood, helping the American Red Cross collect 53 units of the life-giving liquid. The total topped the collection goal of 48 units and represented a 13-unit increase from 2018. Altogether, 39 whole blood units and 14 “Power Red” units were collected. A “Power Red” unit consists of two units of red cells only.

The annual club collection is held in conjunction with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life since blood products are frequently used in conjunction with cancer patients’ chemotherapy and surgery. A unit of blood routinely saves or extends the lives of at least three patients. “From start to finish, this drive was as smooth as butter, thanks to Kiwanians’ hard work and dedication,” said Lisa Wilt, donor recruitment manager for Red Cross Blood Services. “I look forward to many more years of successful blood collections with your club.”


Twelve Kiwanians volunteered their time to staff the event, working as donor registrars and escorts, canteen workers or assisting Red Cross with set up and tear down of the event. They included Kay Anderson, Tim Anderson, Ann Delorme, Mike Didawick, Bud Good, Ginny Grant, Debbie Pizzola, Pat Snapp, Becky Starlipper, Bud Stiles, Lennie Wolfe and Randy Zook.

The Blood Collections Committee, led on this drive by Tim Anderson, not only did a great job of recruiting participants, the committee also arranged canteen food donations from Costco, Martins, Walmart and Papa John’s. They also recruited gift certificates to award donors as door prizes. Donor firms included Donato’s Touch of Italy Restaurant, Piccadilly Public House, Glory Days, Anthony’s Pizza, Papermill Place, Martin’s, Virginia Farm Market, Sclafani’s New York Bagels and Bread, Amazon.com, Winchester Cider Works, Omps Garage and Pack’s Cones ‘n More.

In December, the club will support the Blue Ridge club with its annual Christmas Eve blood drive. Meanwhile, Kiwanians who are whole blood donors are encouraged to donate every eight weeks and “Power Red” donors every 16 weeks. With only 3% of Americans willing and qualified to donate blood, the need is constant, according to Red Cross.
KIWANIS KOURIER

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

JULY 2019

RELAY FOR LIFE BLOOD DRIVE
At the beautiful World War II Memorial, Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton greeted local vets. Among them were Winchester Kiwanians Bud Good and Dave Clemons.
Club Supports, Members Participate

In June Honor Flight to Washington

On June 8, Honor Flight Top of Virginia took its eighth trip to our Nation’s Capital to honor area veterans whose service and sacrifices made possible the freedoms Americans enjoy today.

Four Winchester Kiwanians took part in the trip, made possible in part by a $4,000 grant from the club and its members. Dave Clemons and Bud Good were among the 53 veterans honored on the trip. Dave Reichert and Al Sibert joined 46 other volunteer guardians who assisted the WW II, Korean and Vietnam service members during their long and busy day.

Dave and Bud’s participation increases to seven the number of Winchester Kiwanis vets who have participated in a Flight. They join 331 other former GI’s from the top of Virginia area and more than 223,000 vets from across the country who have participated since 2004 in the one-day opportunity to visit their memorials, exchange experiences with fellow vets and reflect upon their service.

“It was quite a moving experience” said Dave Clemons, a USAF retiree who served in Vietnam during the 1960s’ civilian opposition to the war. “This trip helps erase the memory of my 12-hour layover in San Francisco while returning home from Southeast Asia. I was in uniform and not a single person would voluntarily speak to me.”

Bud remembers that atmosphere during his 1961-72 USAF service. “Many Americans considered GI’s somehow responsible for the political mistakes that took the nation to war in Vietnam. Thankfully those attitudes changed over time,” he said. “Today, individuals and groups like Honor Flight are making sure military veterans are thanked for their service. That means more than you know.”

As guardians, Dave and Big Al escorted veterans through the long day’s activities. Dave assisted a former USAF combat imagery analyst during the Vietnam War while Big Al helped a former USMC Korean War veteran, a lifelong resident of Winchester.

The group departed Shenandoah University at 8 a.m. after breakfast and opening ceremonies with a police and motorcycle escort for the trip to D.C. There they would visit the Iwo Jima, WW II, Korean War, Vietnam Wall and USAF Memorials and Arlington National Cemetery where they witnessed the changing of sentinels at the Tomb of the Unknowns before departing for home.

Arriving back at the university at 5:30 p.m., the group was greeted by an aerial ladder (Continued on page 8)
flag salute from the Winchester Fire Department and the continuous applause of several hundred people with U.S flags and signs thanking them for their long-ago service. Among the greeters were club members Kay Anderson, Roger and Helen Zebarth, Tim Anderson, Jeff Smelser, Pat Snapp, Craig Organ and TJ O’Connor.

After joining family, the vets stood silently as Taps honored colleagues killed in action or who have since passed on. During dinner by Mission BBQ, the Winchester Swing Orchestra and Gotta Swing Dancers entertained the group.

To be eligible to go on an Honor Flight, veterans must have pre-1975 military service, according to Diane Klopp, founder and president of HFTOV. “First priority is given to WWII and Korean War vets, followed by those from Vietnam,” she said. Currently, the all-volunteer organization arranges annual trips from Winchester and Harrisonburg but in September will add a trip from Ashburn to serve Loudoun County veterans. “The next Winchester trip will likely take place in early June, 2020,” she said.

Mrs. Klopp noted the Bob Hope Foundation generously supports each Flight. Aside from our club and other organizations, mentioned earlier, she listed Sclafani’s Bagels, Chick-fil-A, Bro Bear’s Coffee, Handy-Mart, Col. James Wood Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, Mover Dudes, American Woodmark, Trex, Eastern Elevator, Allied Self Storage, the Stonewall Ruritan Club and Winchester’s American Legion Riders Motorcycle Club as sponsors.

Mrs. Klopp encourages eligible Kiwanis vets to participate in a future Honor Flight. As Dave Clemons said: “It’s quite a moving experience.” Dave Reichert, named to the HFTOV board of directors after his recent Honor Flight, will happily answer questions.
(Top row): At the beautiful World War II Memorial, where Kilroy lives on.

(2nd row): Vets were greeted by Senator Bob Dole and Energy Secretary Rick Perry upon disembarking their bus at the World War II Memorial. Dole served in that war; Perry during the Vietnam War.

The names on the Vietnam Wall Memorial enabled some vets to find and mourn former comrades-at-arms.
July’s Featured Kiwanian is: Brenda Dodd

Birthplace: Front Royal, VA

Favorite Movie: Blue Hawaii with Elvis Presley (You just have to love the King of Rock and Roll!)

Favorite Quote: "You just keep thinking Butch, that is what you do best". Her husband used to tell her this all the time.

Best Advice: “Treat others the way you want to be treated.”

Most Interesting Place: The Grand Canyon has amazing scenery, “just WOW!”

Favorite Job: “My current job, and not just because of my supervisor, because I am learning a lot about law and policing.”

One of our newest members, Brenda Dodd, has a passion for animal rescue. Her compassion and love for animals has led to an involvement with animal rescue groups and fostering dogs in the past. Goober and Emma are the two beautiful housemates that give Brenda their love and keep her busy. I think with a name like Goober, her hands are full!

Working part-time with the Sheriff’s office fills a lot of her time as she helps maintain their accreditation. Brenda has to “prove” the officers are following all the necessary requirements by compiling written and visual documentation. These proofs include pictures of all policing events, i.e. budget, waivers, accidents, and traffic incidents. Before Brenda began working with some of our heroes, she spent 25 years working in medical transcription.

This multi-talented woman is a member of Victory Church, works out 3-4 days a week, and is blessed to have a son living in Front Royal. She also enjoys traveling and going to wineries. Kiwanis is very fortunate to have this dedicated and kind-hearted woman join their group.

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, BRENDA!

Pit/Boxer Jackson AKA Goober

Catahoula/Sharpei Emma
Pics From our June Meetings
Next, was our Pancake Day wrap up by awarding Blue Ridge Hospice a record breaking check for $6,942.97. Overall the club efforts brought in $46,286.44. Thank you all of our members for making it possible to serve our community. Then came Honor Flight. Wow! What a wonderful experience. I was able to attend as a Guardian and was assigned a Korean War Veteran. Mr. Shull was a delight to be with. I thoroughly enjoyed listening to his stories and his take on life. This Marine continues to hike at least once a week. There was one WWII vet on the trip along with our own Dave Reichert, Bud Good and Dave Clemons. I would like to thank all of the Kiwanians that came out to welcome the veterans home. It was amazing to see so many people come out and show their support. A truly wonderful day! We then said goodbye to Ahmad Ali Ashshidiqi as he prepared to head back to Indonesia. The club did not send him off empty handed. He was a joy to be around. Lastly, the club had lunch at the Salvation Army. Thank you Kelly, Regina, and Pat for having us come to such a wonderful place. We now look forward to July and Independence Day. May God Bless you and our Country.

Thanks, Big Al

Psalm 33:12-22

* ATTENTION *

The Board of Directors, in conjunction with the Membership Committee, is requesting that all club members put on their “thinking caps”. We are looking for ideas and suggestions that you might have for attracting new members into our club. Try to think “outside of the box”. Any and all reasonable ideas will be taken under consideration.

Contact any Board Member or Rick Balzhiser (of the Membership Committee) with your suggestions. Thank You!