Santa is joined by his elves at the Kiwanis Club of Winchester Annual Children’s Christmas Lunch. Thanks to Robert Hurt, Eleanor Armel, Savannah Keller, Reagan Tibbs and Sapphire Segar-Young for making this day special for so many kids in the Winchester area.

*(photo by John Westervelt)*
PRESIDENT’S CORNER
John Hess

Wow! A new year is starting. I know everyone was very busy last month and the Holidays made it even more so. I can’t say enough about Ginny, Kay, and all those who helped pull off another great Christmas party for 70 kids. If you didn’t make it to the party you missed a lot fun, happiness, laughter, and a few tears.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday
To Our Members!

Christopher March
Steve Pettit
Travis Nesselrodt
Helen Zebarth
Mark Hillyard
Willie Murphy
Rob Bronson
Big Al Sibert

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

CALENDAR

Jan 1, 2020: (no meeting)
Jan 8, 2020: Business Meeting
Jan 15: Law Enforcement Appreciation; *BRIGHT FUTURES AT 5:30PM
Jan 21: Social, Piccadilly Pub, 5:30pm
Jan 22: Pancake Day Review (Deadline for newsletter articles)
Jan 23: Board Meeting; 6:30; Airport Conference Room
Jan 29: Frank Scheer, Boyce Railway Foundation

Interclub TBD (see Tim Anderson or Robin Doss)
Corporal Sean O’Connor and K9 officer Riggs give an attack demo with the reluctant assistance of Kiwanian Al Sibert.

Save the Dates! (and then Show Up to Help!)

The Kiwanis Club of Winchester is scheduled to pack food at Bright Futures on:
- JANUARY 15, 2020 at 5:30pm
- FEBRUARY 10, 2020 at 5:30pm
- MARCH 11, 2020 at 5:30pm

Bright Futures Distribution Center
178 Indian Hollow Road
Winchester, VA 22603
Thursday, December 4th, we visited the Kiwanis Club of Hagerstown.

A program on the new youth council group that works with the Hagerstown City Council was presented.

Those attending were: Barry Swears, Doug Butler, Earl Zook, and Robin Doss.

The next Interclub for January will be determined at a later date.

Submitted by Robin Doss

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

Next Social:  Jan 21, 2020;  5:30pm

Kiwanis members (left to right) from Kiwanis Club of Old Town Ann Colson, Sally Stryker, Sonya May and Kiwanis Club of Winchester members Robin Doss and Doug Butler hoist the last shovelfuls of a truckload of mulch placed around trees in the Kiwanis Area of Jim Barnett City Park as a community service. The mulch was placed around the trees under instructions received from City Agronomist Jennifer Jenkins and in accord with soil test results received from Virginia Tech.
Christmas Party!

KIWANIS CLUB OF WINCHESTER, VA * Serving the Winchester/Frederick County Community  JANUARY 2020
January’s Featured Kiwanian is: ROBIN DOSS

Birthplace: Roanoke, VA

Favorite book or movie: Sci Fi books, Movie: Fifth Element.

Best advice: Follow the Golden Rule and treat everyone with respect.

Most interesting place ever visited: Behind the scenes tour of Kennedy Space Center.

Most interesting thing ever done: Visiting an Arizona Arabian horse research & health center followed by a horse trail ride through the desert.

Career / favorite job: Various sales & management positions. Favorite: Sales Manager for an industrial food distribution company managing five territories throughout southwestern Virginia.


Robin has been happily married to his college sweetheart, Teresa, for 47 years, and at this point he thinks she will be keeping him. Teresa is a retired educator. Their only child, Charles, lives in Arlington, Virginia, where he works as an International Trade Compliance Analyst for the US Department of Commerce.

Favorite Quote: Think it, believe it, do it. (Carl Adams)

A story about Robin: When he was in the 7th grade, Robin’s first real job was working for the Dixie Drive-In located in the town of Vinton. He was given the job to paint the 40’ high movie screen. Robin was lowered down to the screen on a porch glider supported by 2 ropes tied to the bumper of a 1950 Dodge truck. One of the ropes snapped, the glider dropped from a horizontal position to a vertical one leaving him dangling from one rope. His boss tied another rope to the truck bumper, threw it over the screen requiring him to swing over and tie the rope to the glider. He proceeded to paint the screen knowing that he wouldn't do that again!

Robin joined Kiwanis January 1, 1981 sponsored by Paul Carper. Robin says, “It has been a pleasure being a member of such a worthwhile club and forging many lasting friendships.”

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

THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER OF KIWANIS CLUB, ROBIN!
“An awesome drive!” That’s how American Red Cross Blood Services account manager Lisa Wilt described the Christmas Eve blood collection sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge. This year’s event collected 62 units of blood against a goal of 57, up slightly from the 55 units collected last year. Only three potential donors were deferred for health reasons.

The success was due in part to the support of 10 members of our club who volunteered a unit of their own blood and nine who helped staff the collection as volunteer donor registrars and escorts and as canteen staff. Volunteering a unit of blood were Kay Anderson, John Conrad, Susan Corrigan, Doug Green, Tom Gromling, Craig Organ, Al Sibert, Pat Snapp, Scott Straub and John Westervelt. Helping to staff the event were Kay Anderson, Tim Anderson, Mitzi Churchy, Brenda Dodd, Bud Good, Ginny Grant, Nancy Huth, Debbie Pizzola and Lennie Wolfe.

Contributing to this year’s success were eight persons who donated a “Power Red” unit of blood—a unit that consists of red cells, only. Red cells are particularly valuable because they are used in many medical therapies and are perishable with a shelf life of only 42 days.

Blood Collections Committee co-chair Tim Anderson points out that Kiwanians who were unable to donate on Christmas Eve have another opportunity to donate on Monday, January 6 at the Red Cross building on 522 North between 12:30 and 6:30 p.m. He notes that our club’s next sponsored drive will be on June 19 during the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. Blood products are valuable elements used in the treatment of many cancer patients.
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Just to recap, we put a lot of hours in last month on service projects: food packing for Bright Futures, food sorting and packing for Salvation Army, our annual Christmas Party, bell ringing for the Salvation Army and helping out and donating blood at the Red Cross blood drive on Christmas Eve.

I know many of us will miss Joe Schmitt after 33 years with our club and the years of service projects he had been involved with; he and Andrea will be missed by our community. It is with great honor and respect that our club has presented a Hixson Fellowship Award to Dr. Joseph Schmitt, DVM.

We have also just inducted a new member, Kathryn McCann-Slaughter. Please make her feel welcome and let’s encourage her to be involved early and often.

JOHN