In an unprecedented decision, the Kiwanis Club of Winchester decided to cancel the April 4, 2020 Spring Pancake Day. Concern about the coronavirus (COVID-19), which has affected countries around the world, was the driving force behind this difficult decision. The club remains committed to serving the community and believes that cancelling this event is in the best interest of the local population and mitigates the likelihood of the disease being spread further. Tickets sold will be honored at the Fall Pancake Day, and the Major Beneficiary (Bright Futures) remains the same. All placemat and placard advertisements purchased will also be honored.
Here I sit on March 18, 2020, wondering what we should be doing as a club to help our community during this crisis? There is going to be a large portion of people in our area out of work and we need to help all we can. Without Spring Pancake Day, we are losing $40,000 that could be particularly valuable during this time of crisis. With funding so essential to our continued relevance in the Winchester community, I challenge everyone to come up with ideas for fund raisers. No idea is too small. I will start the process: how about some kind of on-line auction or sale? We all have something of value we could donate.

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Acute Local and National Need for Blood Anticipated; Red Cross Responds with Extra Protections for Donors

Eligible club members are encouraged to consider donating blood to help offset the national decline in donations being anticipated by Red Cross and other blood collectors as a result of the Corona Virus crisis. At least 44,000 units of blood are needed each day in the U.S.

More than 7,000 Red Cross blood drives have been cancelled since the Covid-19 outbreak, resulting in the anticipated loss of 200,000 units of blood, according to national Red Cross Blood Services head Chris Hrouda. “Unfortunately, when people stop donating blood, it forces doctors to make hard choices about patient care, which is why we need those who are healthy and well to roll up their sleeve and donate”, he said.

Hrouda recognizes that some may be hesitant to donate during this time, but he assures potential donors that Red Cross has put additional precautions in place at the organization’s blood drives and donation centers to protect those who respond to the need.

These include:
--checking the temperature of donors and staff before they enter a collection site to ensure they are healthy;
--providing hand sanitizer for use before and during the donation process;
--spacing beds, where possible, to follow social distancing recommendations; and
--enhancing the disinfection of surfaces and equipment after each donation.

These measures are in addition to normal Red Cross practices designed to protect donors and recipients of blood, including:
--wearing and changing gloves between each donor;
--routinely wiping down areas touched by donors;
--using sterile collection sets for each donation; and
--preparing each donor’s arm with an aseptic scrub.

As a further safeguard, Red Cross asks that appointments be made to donate—as opposed to walking in—to control and minimize the numbers in the donor center at any one time. To make an appointment, members should call 1-(800) Red Cross (733-2767) or go online at redcrossblood.org.

“Volunteer donors are the unsung heroes for patients in need of lifesaving blood transfusions. If you are healthy, feeling well and eligible to give, please schedule an appointment to do so,” Hrouda concluded.

Our club’s next sponsored blood drive will be held in connection with the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life currently scheduled for Friday, June 19. This means that Kiwanians can donate until April 24 and still be eligible to support the club’s collection.
Life from the Quarantine Zone
by Tj O’Connor

When Time Runs Out . . .

Like all of you, I’ve been in lockdown mode for a couple of weeks—banished to my home office. Doomed to a life of bunny slippers and pink bathrobes. Ah, I think that’s Al Sibert talking. But hey, crisis is sort of who I am. After all, I raised five teenagers in my house (all at one time), and I’ve studied the classics—Outbreak, The Stand, Last Man on Earth, and On The Beach. I’m ready for the apocalypse. Bring it on.

Except, I ran out of time.

I’m a consultant and I sell my skills for money. Yeah, I know, that sounds like a lady of the night, but, I do it legally. No, I’m a hired fixer of sorts who’s paid by the hour. Time is everything. It’s a measure of my productivity and worth. It’s how I get paid. Although, I’m thinking of trading a few hours of my time to go hunting bad guys for their toilet paper stashes. And that’s the problem. Just a day or so into this quarantine, my nice watch stopped. Dead. Not even a tick—dead battery. Damn.

But, being the experienced crisis guy that I am, I pulled out my G-Shock scuba diving watch from the drawer that I’ve had since my days in Athens and diving old wrecks in the Mediterranean Sea. Except that watch was dead, too. Next, into my security safe for my nice Tag Heuer. Dead. Damn. Double damn.

Finally, I succumbed to a pocket watch—a special gift from one of my daughters. Yep, dead too. But I am a man of action, I called a jewelry store at the mall . . . yes! They were open! Charge!

Not so fast, Mr. Consultant. Time stood still at the mall, too.

Me: “I’d like to get a new battery for my watch. Any of these.” I show her the loot.

Salesgirl: “Oh, yes, we have those. But I can’t touch your watch because of the virus.”

Me: “Okay, I’ll open them. Just sell me the batteries.”

Salesgirl: “I can’t. I can’t touch your money, either.”

Me: “Okay, I’ll just use my debit card and . . .”

Salesgirl: “You can’t touch our machine. And I can’t touch your debit card.”

Me: “So, why then, my dear, are you open?”

Salesgirl: “Because the owners said we had to.”

Me: “But you won’t do any business.”

Salesgirl: “They didn’t say we had to do that. We just had to open.”

Me: “But I called not twenty minutes ago.”

Salesgirl: “Oh, yeah, but you only asked if we were open.”

I hung my head in unbelievability and withdrew to my den. My time was out—her’s has too, she is destined to be a new character in my next novel. Albeit, a short-lived one.

So, back to my den and home office I slunk. A victim of the virus and mass-stupidity. Sitting at my desk, I noticed the clocks on my three computers. Then, I heard the Canterbury chimes of my grandfather clock and noticed the clock face on my cell phone. Across the room are two decorative clocks that were gifts from years ago. They all work just fine. And why then, don’t I simply use the dozen or more timepieces in my den? Because I still look at my wrist every damn minute. And frankly, nobody said I had to.
April’s Featured Kiwanian: KATHRYN MCCANN-SLAUGHTER

Birthplace: Winchester, Virginia

Favorite book: *To Kill a Mockingbird* has always been one of her favorite books, which may be significant in Kathryn’s choice of career.

Favorite movie: *Legally Blonde* is a favorite that she enjoyed before attending law school, and is still a fan of today. Overall, if Kathryn is going to take the time to watch a movie, she wants a movie that will make her laugh.

Best advice: Kathryn’s own sense of humor shows when she states she does not feel qualified to give life advice at 26!

Most interesting thing ever done: While an undergrad at the University of Virginia she was a member of Smart Woman Securities, an organization that educates women on finance and investing. Each year Warren Buffett hosts selected members from the organization in Omaha, Nebraska. During her last year at UVA she had the privilege to attend and was able to have lunch and dinner with Mr. Buffett and tour Berkshire Hathaway holdings including – Union Pacific, Oriental Trading Company, and Borsheims.

Career: Kathryn recently graduated with a Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina Law School. Shuman, McCuskey, and Slicer, PLLC are very fortunate to have hired Kathryn as an Associate Attorney. While in Law School, she enjoyed working as a law clerk at the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office in the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

Community Service: Joining Kiwanis was a natural choice for Kathryn. While attending James Wood High School, she was a member of the Key Club and held the office of President her senior year. The Kiwanis Club of Winchester was always so welcoming whenever she was able to attend weekly lunches or events. Since finishing law school and returning to Winchester, she wanted to give back to the community that gave her the opportunities she has today. Kathryn’s former Key Club sponsor, Barbara Devers, put her in contact with Greg Hulver who has so graciously guided her through the process of becoming a member. Kathryn plans on being a part of the PR Committee and would love to eventually become involved with the James Wood Key Club.

Family: Kathryn is getting married May 16th to Blake Armstrong, whom she met while at James Wood High School. They have been together ever since. She is fortunate to be part of the 6th generation to grow up on the family farm in Winchester with her CPA father, Sam, and her mother, Judy, who is the Stonewall representative on the Frederick County Board of Supervisors.

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, KATHRYN!
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I have asked our Public Relations Committee to collect these suggestions via email (send your ideas to: pr@kcow.org) and gather ideas for a virtual meeting at a later date, maybe as early as April 1. You may also contact me directly!

One last thing, let's all stay in touch during this situation to ensure we're taking care of our own. As a means of doing so, the board has created a phone tree to ensure that each member receives a weekly call (or email) from a fellow member to check on his/her well-being and determine if there are needs the club can meet. Please let me know if you have other suggestions, remembering we're all in this together, so let's stay close.

—John

INTERCLUB NEWS
Tim Anderson & Robin Doss

Saturday March 7th, we visited the Kiwanis Club of Strasburg, as they held their semi-annual Pancake Day. Those attending were Doug Butler, Craig Organ, Pat Snapp, Robin Doss, and Tim Anderson.

On March 10th, we visited the Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge WV. A very informative program on the Blue Ridge watershed problems and solutions was presented. Those attending were Doug Butler, Barry Swears, Tim Anderson, and Robin Doss.

Future Interclub visits to be announced at a later date. See Robin Doss & Tim Anderson for more information.