

# Tracking Ashland



Celebrating Our 101st Year

March 2024

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**VOLUNTEER**

Volunteer For:

- ◆ Hanover Tavern Tours 3/4-3/29 see page 4
- ◆ Train Day 4/27 see page 4
- ◆ Car Show 5/18



## President's Message

Congratulations are in order for a successful Empty Bowls event at the beginning of February! A big thank you is in order to Jenn Inge, Bill Barga, and all the volunteers who made the event a tremendous success. Hopefully we can make Empty Bowls an annual tradition for years to come.

Looking forward to March, we will celebrate our Charter Night on March 18th. I encourage every member to attend and celebrate our 101st anniversary. As always it will be a great evening of food and camaraderie!



Finally, my personal thanks to club members Jody Korman and Ed Hutchinson. Jody has led our Scholarship Committee and Ed our Website Committee for a number of years. Both have made both programs extremely successful. When you see them please thank them for jobs well done!

Take Care!  
Bill

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# We're on the Web

[ashlandvakiwanis.org](http://ashlandvakiwanis.org)

**THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ASHLAND**

**MEETS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS, 6:15 P.M.**

**ESTES DINING HALL**

**RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE**



# This Month's Club Meetings

**Tuesday                      March 4, 2024                      6:15 PM**

*Speaker: Brandon Turner*

*Director of Hanover County Economic Development*

Meeting in **Estes Dining Hall** at Randolph-Macon College



**Monday                      March 18, 2024                      6:15 PM**

*Charter Night Social*

*Please wear your awards and medals*

Meeting in **Estes Dining Hall** at Randolph-Macon College



**Monday                      March 25, 2024                      6:30 PM**

**Club Board of Directors Meeting**

**The Depot**

All Current Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs please attend

## COMING EVENTS FOR THE CLUB

Capital District Mid-Year    March 8-10

The Resort at Glade Springs. WVa

Train Day                      April 27

Streets of Ashland

KarWanis Car Show            May 18

Ashland/Hanover Shopping Center

## Fundraiser Event



*Empty Bowls*

**Empty Bowls Fund Raiser**  
**A complete success!!**



This event, chaired by Bill Barga and Jenn Inge, was held on February 3rd and raised \$2,000 for ACES and \$2,000 for our Kiwanis Civic Fund.

A grand time was had by all!



Photos by Jenn Inge

*Why isn't she a member of our Club?*



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Hanover Tavern 4th Grade Field Trip Volunteer Opportunity!

Many of you will remember what a rewarding experience volunteering at the Tavern has been in the past. Last year's program included 26 schools with over 2450 students attending (13 of 14 Hanover Elementary Schools) The Tavern has asked Ashland Kiwanis for our help again! The field trips bring two schools each day (on most days) between March 4th and March 29th. There is no limit on how many days you can volunteer, sign up early and often! Each school will come with their teachers and chaperones, but your job will be to greet the groups, lead the groups from one station to another, and time our actor's performance (timing is critical so students can get back to school on time). Below is a link to sign up with Signup-Genius and please do not hesitate to contact John Hodges ([jhhodges47@gmail.com](mailto:jhhodges47@gmail.com)) or David Deal with the Tavern ([ddeal@hanovertavern.org](mailto:ddeal@hanovertavern.org)) with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CA9A72EA6FE3-47310370-field#/>

Members and spouses, please sign up. You will get quite an education yourself!

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### 20th Annual Train Day

The 20th annual, family friendly Train Day celebration is coming up Saturday April 27th from 10am to 4pm. Ashland Kiwanis will need about 16 volunteers (in shifts) to support our "Hobo Dinner" for which there will be a separate sign up sheet later in March. But for those of you who would like to volunteer for other activities to support Train Day, Downtown Ashland, which sponsors the event, has offered numerous opportunities to sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/A7AHT> .

If you are interested in supporting the scavenger hunt, merch sales, kid zone, touch a truck, trolley lines or any of the many activities that are needed to put on this event, please feel free to sign up and help this worthy cause. More information to follow next month. Any questions, contact John Hodges [jhhodges47@gmail.com](mailto:jhhodges47@gmail.com).



## Our History

### KIWANIS HISTORY

Kiwanis International was founded in **1915** in Detroit, Michigan, U.S. The organization was originally called the **Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order of Brothers**. In **1916**, the name changed to **Kiwanis**, which was selected by the organization's founders based on their understanding that the word was translatable to "**we build**" from the Algonquian Native American language family. That same year, Kiwanis became an international organization with the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Initially focused on business networking, the organization changed its focus to service in **1919** — specifically **service to children**. Over the years, more clubs were created in the U.S. and Canada, and worldwide expansion was ultimately approved in the **1960s**. Today, there are Kiwanis clubs in nearly **80** nations and geographic locations.

### JUST THE FACTS

**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL**-Dedicated to serving the children of the world, this global volunteer organization annually raises almost US\$340 million and dedicates more than 7.3 million hours to strengthen communities and help children. Through service projects and fundraisers, Kiwanis members improve their communities, make lifelong friendships and, most importantly, help children reach their full potential.

**ADULTS**-Kiwanis International offers three types of clubs for adults: **Kiwanis**, **Aktion Club** and **Circle K International**. Kiwanis clubs serve their communities through more than 241,000 service projects each year. Aktion Club is the only community service club for adults with disabilities. It provides members with opportunities to become integrated into their communities while developing initiative and leadership skills. CKI is one of the largest student-led collegiate service organizations, with clubs on college and university campuses in 20 nations and geographic areas.

**YOUTH**-Kiwanis offers three clubs for youth: **Key Club**, **Builders Club** and **K-Kids**. Key Club is the oldest and largest service organization for teens and teaches leadership through service to others. Builders Club provides students age 11-14 with opportunities to develop leadership skills, improve self-esteem, increase civic engagement and learn life skills through service. K-Kids gives students ages 6-12 opportunities to work together on service projects, develop leadership potential and create strong moral character.

**PROGRAMS**-Kiwanis offers programs for students: **Terrific Kids**, **Bring Up Grades** and **Key Leader**. Terrific Kids and Bring Up Grades, both for students age 6-12, teach children to plan, set goals, work with others and celebrate success. Key Leader is a weekend experiential leadership retreat for teens.



## Foundation Note

### PayPal Giving Fund

URL: <https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1784267>

While we certainly appreciate all donations to the Foundation, please use the address above to avoid the fees charged to us by PayPal on your donations. You must have a PayPal account to use this Giving Fund and to avoid fees charged to the Ashland Kiwanis Foundation Charitable Foundation by PayPal.

If you chose to donate through PayPal without an account, please consider adding 1.99% +.49 to your donation to cover the fees.

Thank you very much.....

### Changes to our Scholarship Program

For the Record, recently your Board raised the amount of the scholarships awarded to Key Club seniors for college tuition to \$2,000 per year or \$8,000 total considering grades remain good. The goal is to have an award for a deserving student at each of our four sponsored high schools each year.

Also added an additional two \$2,000 awards for deserving students at the Hanover Center for Trades and Technology bringing the total to three awards at this trade school.

We also wish to thank Jody Korman and her committee for heading up this program for many years as she turns the reins over to Bill Hefe.

Words of Wisdom

**I changed my password to "incorrect",  
so that whenever I forget it the computer tells me,  
"Your password is incorrect"**

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**2022/2024**

Dan McGraw

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Ranny Robertson

**2023/2025**

John Hartman

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Mike Carter

Drew Molloy

## Foundation Officers

### PRESIDENT

Mike Carter

### VICE PRESIDENT

George Smith

### TREASURER

Ranny Robertson

### SECRETARY

Ed Hutchinson

## Foundation Directors

Don August      Jody Korman      Bill Hamner

Mike Kelly      John Dwyer      Bill Hefele

### Kiwanis Club of Ashland Standing Committees

Anthem LemonAid — John Hodges  
Ashland Train Day — John Hodges  
BBQ — PJ Edmonds  
Casino Royale-Suzanne DuBose  
Dinner Meeting Raffle — Bill Barga  
Eliminate Coordinator — Berry Wright  
FB/PR/Communications—Mike Fonseca  
Family Picnic — P J Edmonds  
Food Drive — Suz Morrison & Suzanne DuBose  
Fund Raising Committee — Bill Barga  
House Committee—John Myers  
Interclub Committee—Art Bykonen  
Kar-Wanis Car Show— Roy Mills  
Membership & Education — Mike Fonseca  
Newsletter —Ranny Robertson  
Parade — Ranny Robertson & John Myers  
Perfect Attendance Program--Kyle Hendricks  
Quartermaster — Larry Ham  
Reading Mentors — Michael Kelly  
Scholarship Committee –Bill Hefele  
Service Leadership Programs—Charlie Martin  
Speakers —Troy Aronhalt & Charlie Peterson  
Steak Dinner — PJ Edmonds  
Strawberry Fair Committee — Dan DiCandilo  
Website Administrator — Mike Fonseca

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