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Happy New Year my fellow Kiwanians!

It was great seeing everyone at our Christmas Dinner. I'm happy to report that we raised 302 dollars for Hanover Safe Place--thank you for everyone who contributed to this worthy cause! As the new year begins, let's not forget what Kiwanis is about and continue to strive to help children everywhere. Our "Souperbowl" event in February looks to be a great time and if you haven't bought your tickets to this event I encourage you to do so before they sell out. I look forward to seeing everyone at our first meeting in January!

Bill



Empty Bowls

**Sunday February 4th
4:30 PM**

The Depot



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We're on the Web

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 January 2, 2024 6:15 PM

Speaker: Greg Glassner

Topic: Small Town Newspapers

Note Change

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

Monday January 15, 2024 6:15 PM

Speaker: Brandon Turner

Topic: Hanover Co. Director of Economic Development

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

Monday January 22 , 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

Kiwanis Foundation Mtg. January 15 5 PM Estes Dining Hall

Kiwanis Empty Bowls February 4 4 PM The Depot

Train Day April 27 Streets of Ashland

KarWanis Car Show May 4 Ashland/Hanover Shopping Center

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Fundraiser Event

Ashland Kiwanis Empty Bowls

Location: The Depot

Event Date: Sunday February the 4th 4:30 PM



Empty Bowls

As announced at our December 4th dinner meeting by member Bill Barga, our Club is planning a new and exciting fundraiser, *Empty Bowls*, for Sunday February 4th, at The Depot on South Railroad Avenue.

Only 100 tickets will be sold for the event, so order yours early from Bill, Dan McGraw or from The Depot.

This should provide some "sunshine" for all participants during a traditionally gloomy time of the year, and the proceeds will help A.C.E.S. as well as other service projects/programs of our Club.

*Put Empty Bowls on your February 2024 calendar
and order your tickets soon!*

Tickets \$50.00

Only 100 tickets will be sold

Cash Bar

Choose a hand made bowl to fill with soup. Keep the bowl as a reminder that there are always empty bowls in the world. Proceeds will benefit A.C.E.S. & Kiwanis Club community projects

For ticket information: AshlandvaKiwaniis.org or

Bill Barga 804-894-2249 or Jenn Inge 804-405-1488

Inclement Weather Date Sunday February 18, 2024

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Club Christmas Social



December 18, 2023



*Photos by Ed
and
Ranny
mostly Ed*





Website Information

~ Change is on the Horizon ~

Most of you are familiar with the Bob Dylan classic *The Times They Are A Changin*. None of us is immune to change, and, for the most part, we adapt well to new ideas, opportunities and conditions. Indeed, our Kiwanis Club of Ashland undergoes changes annually as we pursue our mission and the Objects of Kiwanis. Beginning in March you probably will notice some changes to our Club's website, ashlandvakiwanis.org. We will have the same domain (name) but a new site host and some differences in its scope and content. In 2007 Ashland Kiwanian Tom Varner established our website with Portalbuzz, a website company with close ties to Kiwanis International. Several years ago, the close ties between Portalbuzz and KI were severed, and in October we were advised that Portalbuzz's parent company will discontinue its website programs and support beyond February 2024. Your President, President-Elect and I began discussing a variety of alternatives for our club's website which has been an important source of information for the public and communications with our members and various committees. Mike Forseca, a professional in website development and operations, will be launching a new ashlandvakiwanis.org for our club and taking over its ongoing administration from me. (I was going to "step down" from being our website administrator at the end of the current Kiwanis Year but have decided that I should do so now in connection with this change.) Mike will do an outstanding job as our website's administrator. I "inherited" the job from Tom Varner in 2010 and have served in this capacity since then. For me, it has been an honor to serve the Club in this job. Time permitting, you may want to browse or peruse our website's photo albums and documents areas as they contain pictures and documents that we may not be able to migrate to our new website. Tempus fugit.

Ed Hutchinson



WHAT MAKES A GREAT LEADER?

If someone asked you to think of a great leader, who would you picture? Maybe it's a historical public figure. An innovator. A peacekeeper. Or perhaps a beloved relative. It can be easy to recognize others as leaders — but what about our own leadership potential?

You'll also find six tips to take your leadership skills to the next level, and more!

6 TIPS FOR BECOMING A LEADER

Whether it's in your club or beyond, pursuing a leadership position isn't as hard as you might think. We've compiled some tips that can help you prepare for that next step.

1. Assess your leadership strengths and goals.

There are many different ways to become a leader. In your quest to discover what kind of leader you want to be, it can be helpful to look to others as role models. That's one reason we're providing this publication. It is also important to look inside yourself. What are you passionate about? What motivates you? Which of your skills lend themselves to leadership? You don't have to have held a leadership role before — everyone starts somewhere! Maybe you have learned patience from parenthood, organization from your job or perseverance from your hobbies. Think about how these skills could be useful to Kiwanis.

2. Attend Kiwanis conventions, read the newsletters and keep up with the blog.

At Kiwanis district and international conventions, you will have the opportunity to encounter more models of leadership, hear from experts and talk to fellow Kiwanians about their most effective projects. Between the sessions, the conversations and the energizing atmosphere, you are likely to come home with all kinds of new ideas for your club.

You can also find inspiration through the kiwanis.org blog, the KI Update newsletter and Kiwanis social media. The blog includes stories of clubs that are making a big difference in people's lives. Update delivers highlights from these stories directly to your email inbox every month. And the Kiwanis accounts on Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly known as Twitter) share stories of club projects that have made the news. You never know when you might find the perfect project for your club.

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3. Get to know your community.

Being a servant leader means putting your skills to use in a way that is most beneficial to your community. Your club may have a lot of ongoing projects and ideas for new ones — but what do the people you serve actually need? Has that need changed over time? Talk to them and find out!

Getting to know your community's leaders will also open doors for partnerships that make your projects more impactful. A great way to become a leader is to network with those who have skills and resources that may elevate your club's potential.

4. Get to know your fellow club members.

Leadership doesn't mean doing everything yourself. Leaders surround themselves with talented teams of people who can fill their gaps in knowledge, expertise and resources. Get to know the strengths of the Kiwanians around you and get to work building your support team.

Getting to know your club also increases the fun and fellowship you will find in Kiwanis. You might even build lasting friendships!

5. Build up your communication skills.

You have a project idea or a vision for the future of your club — but nothing will come of it unless you convey your message in a way that inspires fellow members. If you appeal to their passions and interests, you are more likely to persuade them to act.

And remember that communication goes both ways — it's as much about listening as it is about talking. Others' concerns and ideas may help refine and improve your original vision.

6. Look toward the future.

As you climb the Kiwanis leadership ladder, be prepared to adjust your goals and projects as the needs of your community, your club and your district change. And be sure to pay forward the help you have received by becoming a mentor and leadership role model to others. A key part of leadership is helping people climb the ladder after you.

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