

# Tracking Ashland



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## Volunteer For:

- ◆ Train Day 4/27
- ◆ Teacher Appreciation Lunch 5/8
- ◆ Car Show 5/18
- ◆ Strawberry Faire 6/1

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Fellow Kiwanians--

I would like to start with a shout out to Mike Fonseca and Ed Hutchinson for a job well done on our new website! Since we had to find a new host for our website, Mike and Ed were able to transition to our new host and develop our new site. If you haven't had a chance yet please check the new website out. Thank you Mike and Ed for a job well done!

We celebrated our 101st Anniversary at Charter Night on March 18th. Again we had a great time socializing and remembering our past Kiwanis' members who are no longer with us. Congratulations are in order to Charlie Petersen for receiving a much deserved Hixon Award. Lining up speakers is not an easy job and Charlie does an incredible job of finding the right presenters. Congratulations again Charlie!

As we enter spring, we have several events in which we have the opportunity to volunteer. First up is Train Day, which is scheduled for April 27. This event is always a good time. I look forward to working with everyone on what should be a busy day!

Take care!

Bill

# 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

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**Tuesday                      April 1, 2024                      6:15 PM**

*Speaker: Kenny James*

*Hanover Chamber of Commerce*

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

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**Monday                      April 15, 2024                      6:15 PM**

*Annual Business Meeting*

*Club and Foundation*

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

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**Monday                      April 22, 2024                      6:30 PM**

**Club Board of Directors Meeting**

**The Depot**

All Current Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs please attend

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## **COMING EVENTS FOR THE CLUB**

<b>Foundation Board Meeting</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>Estes Hall</b>	<b>5pm</b>
<b>Train Day</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>Streets of Ashland</b>	
<b>Teacher Appreciation Lunch</b>	<b>May 8</b>	<b>Patrick Henry HS</b>	<b>9:15 am</b>
<b>KarWanis Car Show</b>	<b>May 18</b>	<b>Ashland/Hanover Shopping Center</b>	
<b>Strawberry Faire</b>	<b>June 1</b>	<b>Streets of Ashland</b>	



## Service Recognition

### GEORGE F. HIXSON FELLOWSHIP



In 1983, the Kiwanis Children's Fund established the George F. Hixson Fellowship. Named for Kiwanis International's first president, it's a way of recognizing people who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis' history of generosity.

Our club has awarded 32 of these awards since its inception to our members. We currently have 17 active members who are Hixson Fellows. Each year our current Hixson Fellows secretly vote on the next recipient.

At our Charter Night on March 18th, we inducted our 17th member into the Hixson Fellows. This year's recipient was Charlie Peterson. Charlie joined the club in 2000. He has been responsible for lining up our guest speakers from at least 2010 and continues to participate on our service and fund-raising events

Please be sure to congratulate him the next time you see him. Congratulations Charlie!



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## 20th Annual Train Day

### TRAIN DAY 2024 is coming Saturday, April 27th !!!

Downtown Ashland expects over 20,000 visitors to the Town for this signature event. It is a great opportunity for Kiwanians to serve the community and raise funds for the Club. If you have not already signed up to assist Downtown Ashland, please sign up to help at the **Kiwanis Hobo Diner:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44AFA82FA3FBC34-ashland3>

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).

If you have any questions, please contact PJ Edwards, Bill Barga or John Hodges.

Should be another great event this year. Here are pictures from last year's Hobo Diner.





## Key Club Report

### Mechanicsville High School Key Club

The officers met Monday after school to plan activities related to the school-wide campaign called "One School, One Purpose" which will directly benefit the American Cancer Society/Relay for Life event. The students will have a drink order during lunches one day in March around St. Patrick's Day then deliver later that day. They will also do "Kiss" a Senior Goodbye where students/parents will purchase Hershey Kiss goodie bags for their senior friends. In May, the members will participate in the Relay for Life event at MHS and host a table where they will sell baked goods to participants. 50% of the profit will go to the One School, One Purpose.

Maureen Hawley

NBCT (National Board Certified Teacher)

Mechanicsville HS & Bell Creek MS

String Orchestra & Guitar Director

## District Mid-Year Convention

### Distinguished Club Award



Past President Roy Mills holding the 2022/2023 Distinguished Club Award our Club earned at this year's Mid-Year Conference





**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Patrick Henry Teacher and Aides Lunch  
Wednesday May 8th**

Call or Text PJ at 804-510-6590 to sign up

We will provide burgers, dogs, chips and drinks  
Free Lunch on Teacher Appreciation Week

- ⇒ Set up starts at 9:15 am
- ⇒ First burgers and dogs served about 11:15
- ⇒ Finished by 2:00 pm
- ⇒ Cleaned up by 3:00 pm

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*Words of Wisdom*

*So long as you know you're green, you grow,  
But when you think you are ripe, then you begin to get rotten*

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## Thank You Notes

### Wings of Hope

Thank you all for generously selecting Wings of Hope as a recipient of your annual grant! This year we have been able to serve 40 youth <sup>(cousins)</sup> during one-time Winter Session! We are looking forward to hosting 36 rancher this spring during the 9-week session. Your support made it possible.

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for our team of volunteers to serve and provide a quality program at no cost to families and care givers.

Thank you from our "K"

Elizabeth

### BEYOND BOUNDARIES

ADVENTURE IS FOR EVERYONE

Thank you so much for your support in 2023! We are looking forward to another amazing year ahead.

Best,

the BB crew

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

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## Thank You Letter



**YMCA of Greater Richmond**  
Patrick Henry Family YMCA  
217 Ashcake Rd.  
Ashland, VA 23005  
P 804.798.0057  
F 804.798.5941

March 7, 2024

Mr. Ed Hutchinson  
Ashland Kiwanis Club  
P.O. Box 2045  
Ashland, VA 23005-5045

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for your generosity and support. We received the Ashland Kiwanis Club's thoughtful gift of \$4,000 on March 6, 2024 to the Patrick Henry YMCA.

The YMCA is committed to strengthening our communities through out-of-school time learning experiences, advancing whole health, promoting water safety measures, and building community and connection. Thanks to you, we can empower more people to thrive.

Your donation enables us to offer new, quality programming and provide for our communities, regardless of need. We provide access to affordable health care in partnership with Capital Area Health Network at our Mobile Health Care unit. Our branch has been working to improve food disparity through monthly mobile food pantries in partnership with FeedMore, supporting over 225 families each month in our community. Our teen leaders continue to grow in their roles and support our seniors. With donors like you, we can continue to offer financial assistance to one of every five members at Patrick Henry.

At the YMCA of Greater Richmond, we are honored to continue our legacy of strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. Thank you for your belief in our community and the Patrick Henry Family YMCA.

Sincerely,

Phillip Cobb  
Executive Director  
Patrick Henry Family YMCA

*The Ashland YMCA  
is so thankful for  
the Kiwanis club and  
the impact you're making  
to the families in our community.*

Charitable gifts to the YMCA are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For tax purposes, this letter also serves as acknowledgement that no goods or services were received in exchange for this gift.

**OUR MISSION:** To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.





## Our New Web Site

### MEMBER ONBOARDING - GETTING TO KNOW THE NEW PORTAL

## MemberDay

Introducing the Memberday member portal. Portalbuzz is shutting down on February 29; we have identified a great replacement in Memberday. Print this to help you browse through the new app.

**1ST** Use this link to get started: <https://app.memberday.com>. Click the forgot or need password link. You will receive an email to create a password. You can use the same link to log into MemberDay each time you need to.



#### DASHBOARD

This area shows your activity, club announcements, and upcoming meetings and events.



#### MEMBER LIST

Members are categorized by member type.

- Click on the category name to see members in a specific category.
- Click on member to view information.
- Update your own information by clicking on the 3 dots to the right of your name. You can also add a photo.



#### MEETING AND EVENTS

- Regular, Committee, and Events are displayed. There are 3 buttons at the top if you want to see only certain types. You would 'un-highlight' the ones you want to hide.
- Click on the button on the upper right to see past meetings and events.
- Click the blue + button at the bottom to add new meeting or event. (Admin only)
- Click the meeting/event to open to see volunteer opportunities, events & meeting details.
- Admins - Attach an agenda, other documents to a meeting or event. Send an RSVP to members.

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[WWW.MEMBERDAY.COM](http://WWW.MEMBERDAY.COM)



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### MemberDay

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#### **COMMITTEES**

This section shows a list of Club committees and the Chair with a general description of their responsibilities.

- Click on the Committee name to see members and details.



#### **EMAIL**

You can compose and send emails to each member, committees, groups of members using distribution lists and members.

- Include attachments with your email.
- There is no list for ALL members. Select the member types that represent your members. For example, if you have members and senior members and would like to send an email to all members you would select member and senior member.



#### **FILES**

- Create folders.
- Add club documents and photos.



#### **EVENT REGISTRATION (COMING SOON)**

This section will be used to house and manage event registration. Online payments will be available.



#### **DUES BILLING (COMING IN MARCH)**

The dues billing module will feature easy to use member dues billing.

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## Club Officers

**2022/2023**

**PRESIDENT**

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**PRESIDENT ELECT**

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**VICE PRESIDENT**

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**SECRETARY**

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Ed Hutchinson  
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**PAST PRESIDENT**

Roy Mills  
248-830-0052

## Club Directors

**2022/2024**

Dan McGraw

Charlie Martin

PJ Edmonds

Ranny Robertson

**2023/2025**

John Hartman

Suz Morrison

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

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