

Tracking Ashland



Celebrating Our 101st Year

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**Christmas
Social
December 16th
Dalton Room
Birdsong**

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President's Column

Sunday, December 24th we hosted the 55th annual Ashland/Hanover Olde Time Holiday Parade! For the 28th year, the Ashland VA Kiwanis ran an amazing event. This year's parade had 119 units with over 1500 people taking part. We lucked into some beautiful weather which helped make the parade a resounding success. The feedback I've heard tells me that both participants and spectators had a great time.

Special thanks to Ranny Robertson, John Myers, and their committee for organizing this annual tradition!

Thanksgiving marked the beginning of the holiday season and a time for celebration. I would like to remind everyone about our Christmas dinner on December 16th at the Dalton Family Room at Birdsong Hall. Please remember to bring nonperishable items for our food drive.

The holidays and the end of the year are a great time to think about your annual donations. Try to include a donation to the Ashland Kiwanis Foundation. Our Foundation sponsors many worthy causes so please consider a giving a tax-deductible gift to the Foundation by the end of the year.

Happy Holidays and remember that #KidsNeedKiwanis.

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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

Monday December 2, 2024 6:15 PM

Type 1 Diabetes

Speaker: George Smith

Meeting in Estes Dining Hall Trustee/Worsham Room



Monday December 16, 2024 6:00 PM

Christmas Social

We ask that all members who have been presented a Hixson Fellowship or President's Award, please wear your medallion to this meeting.

RSVP to Suzanne by Dec. 11th (kiwanisashlandva@gmail.com)

Meeting in **Dalton Room, Birdsong Hall** at Randolph-Macon College

See Page 5 for more information

Monday December 23, 2024 6:30 PM

Club Board of Directors Meeting

CANCELLED

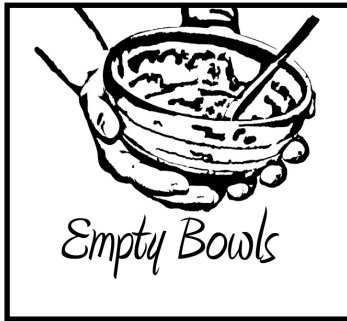
All Current Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs please attend

COMING EVENTS FOR THE CLUB

Ashland Club Foundation Meeting January 20 5 pm Estes Dining Hall

Empty Bowls February 2 4:00 pm Oakdale

Fundraiser Event



Ashland Kiwanis Empty Bowls

Location: Oakdale

Event Date: Sunday February the 2nd at 4:00 PM

The Kiwanis Club of Ashland will be starting the new year off with a continued fundraiser, the Ashland Kiwanis Empty Bowls. The event has been in the community for the last 30 years and has been run by Jenn Inge.

She is going to help us again with this excellent fundraiser. The event will be held at Oakdale this year, and we will be selling \$50 tickets to a max of 100 tickets. This event will not only cover the artistic ceramic bowls that will be available at the event but also the soup and the bread will be donated from local restaurants. The event is all about helping the need to recognize hunger in the area. We will be giving \$1,000 to the Aces group and we plan on making \$2,000 for the Ashland Kiwanis Club's' Civic fund.

This event will be a fun time, the Sunday before the super bowl. It's all about the community helping to raise some funds to help the hunger needs in the community.

Tickets and flyers will be available on the 1st of the new year and with the event being the first week in February, we feel like we can make this a wonderful event that we can continue for years to come.



These bowls are being created by local artists and your bowl will be yours to take home.



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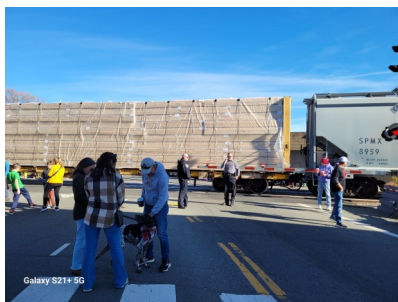
Holiday Parade

Ashland/Hanover Olde Time Holiday Parade

On a beautiful day on November 24th, the 55th Annual Ashland/Hanover Olde Time Holiday Parade ran down the streets of Ashland. The Ashland Kiwanis Club again did all the planning for the event and had about 40 volunteers on hand to help out on parade day.

This years edition had 119 units in the parade and thousands of spectators along the streets of Ashland.

A good time was had by all.



What are the odds a freight train would breakdown on the Route 54 crossing 10 minutes before step off?



The Parade Banner carried by RMC Cheerleaders on a windy day.



Parade Grand Marshals
Bob & Cheryl Lindgren



Here's comes Santa!!



Our Perfect Attendance Float decorated by Jody and friends



And we had horses



St Ann's Message

Photos by David Kuzara , Ranny Robertson & others



Key Club Report

Patrick Henry Key Club Update



During our Nov 18 Ashland Kiwanis Club meeting, we had a brief presentation from the Patrick Henry Key Club updating us on the terrific start they have to the 2024 / 2025 year. Key Club advisor Ms. Merideth Holder, and Key Club Vice President Ms. Kate Balut were in attendance and gave the presentation.

The Patrick Henry Key Club had over 75 students attend the initial interest meeting this fall, and had 45 students attend the latest meeting in November. The club has a great list of projects planned for this year, which include:

- Ashland Parade participation
- Canned Food Drive donating to ACES
- Deck the Halls with Hanover Safe Place
- Participate in Amazon Wish list for PHHS Pantry students
- Sock/blanket drive for hospitals January
- Making Valentine's cards for local seniors in assisted living facilities
- Valentine bouquets created and sold during lunches at PH with funds towards Fusion Formal in April
- Making dog toys and donating to animal shelters in the spring

The Key Club also shared with us some additional details of the Patrick Henry Food Pantry that supports 50 students on a weekly basis. The Ashland Kiwanis Club plans to help support this effort as well. We congratulate the Patrick Henry Key club for a great start to the year, and wish them all the best!



Support the Patrick Henry Key Club Food Pantry

Please bring a non-perishable food item or two to our **Christmas Social** on December 16th to donate to the Patrick Henry High School Key Club Food Pantry



Foundation Note



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FOUNDATION

**Your Year-end donations to your Ashland Charitable Foundation
will certainly be appreciated to keep our work going forward**

Donations may be made by check and sent to :

Ashland Charitable Foundation

PO Box 2045

Ashland, Virginia 23005

OR

Directly from your IRA to the address above by year end

OR

Use the link below to donate through PayPal without a fee charged

paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1784267





T'is the Season

Happy Holidays

Merry
Christmas



seasons
greetings



*To All of Our Members and Friends
from
Your Entire Board of Directors*

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2024/2026

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