

Tracking Ashland



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Ashland Little League



Work Day

Coming Soon

Watch for time and day



President's Column

With the return of Robins to our yards and Geese flying overhead, spring is clearly on its way. March will be an active month for our club, beginning with the continuation of our Ashland Little League service project, which includes painting and improvements to the dugouts.

We have also been invited to participate as a sponsor in the Chester Wine Festival on March 14. As part of this sponsorship, we will receive eight tickets, and we are seeking members interested in attending. This event may also help us evaluate the possibility of hosting a similar festival in Ashland.

Our final service project for the month is the annual Ashland Secretariat Day on March 28. Suzanne DuBose will coordinate the event, with Scott Anderson managing the related information.

March promises two meaningful service projects and a unique community engagement opportunity as we welcome the start of spring.

Bill

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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

Monday March 2, 2026 6:15 PM

Speaker: *Richard Groover*

Coyotes in Hanover County

Meeting in Estes Dining Hall Trustee/Worsham Room

Monday March 16, 2026 6:00 PM

Charter Night Social

Please wear your awards and medals

Meeting in Birdsong Hall, Dalton Dining Room



Monday March 23, 2026 6:30 PM

Club Board of Directors Meeting

All Current Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs please attend

Duncan Memorial Church

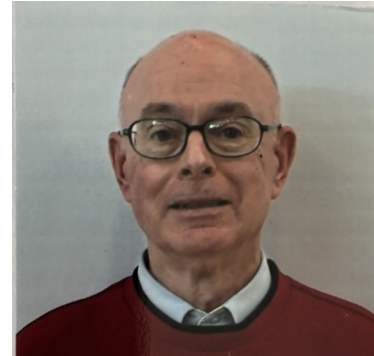
COMING EVENTS

Chester Wine Festival	March 14	Noon till 5 pm
Secretariat Day	March 28	10 am to 1 pm and 1pm to 4 pm
Train Day	April 25	10 am to 4 pm
Karwanis Car Show	May 16	Ashland Junction Center Parking Lot



Aktion Club

Please Welcome Our Newest Member



RICHARD B. FISHER

Preferred Nickname: Dick

Spouse: Catherine (Cathy)

Occupation: Retired in 2000 from USAR and in 2012 from State of Virginia

Home: Ashland

What are your hobbies or spare time activities: Fishing, gardening and restoring his 1964 Chevrolet Malibu Super Sport.

Other interesting facts: Enjoys 6 summer months on Cape Cod and 6 winter months here in Ashland. And is the Architect of Record for Estes Dining Hall.

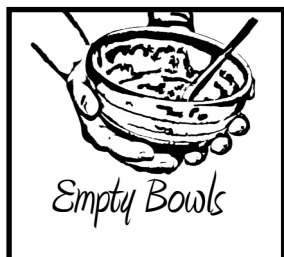
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Empty Bowls



This year's 30th *Empty Bowls* event proved to be an inspiring and heart-warming success, bringing together community members from all walks of life in support of a cause close to many hearts - fighting hunger.

Held at Oakdale, the event welcomed over 100 attendees who enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of food, art, and community spirit. Volunteers, local artists, and chefs donated their time and talents to make the event a memorable one, helping raise funds for Western Hanover Emergency Action

Team (WHEAT), a nonprofit dedicated to alleviating hunger in our community.

One of the highlights of the event was the display of handcrafted ceramic bowls, each one unique and beautifully made by local artists. Attendees selected a bowl of their choice, which was theirs to keep, as a symbol of the fight against hunger.

The event featured a delicious variety of soups and bread from local restaurants and chefs, who generously donated their time and ingredients. Guests sampled a wide array of flavorful soups, each served with a side of freshly baked bread. These meals served as a poignant reminder of how something as simple as a warm bowl of soup can make a world of difference for someone in need.

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of attendees, sponsors, and volunteers, this year's *Empty Bowls* event raised approximately \$5,000 (it's still being counted), of which \$3,000 was donated to WHEAT. But the impact of the event doesn't stop at the funds raised. The event also helped to raise awareness of the persistent issue of hunger in our community. It is hoped that attendees gained a deeper understanding of how widespread food insecurity is, even in communities where many live comfortably.

We are so grateful to everyone who made this event possible - especially Jenn Inge, who has organized the event the last 30 years and is working with the Kiwanis to eventually take over. The support we've received this year will help us continue our mission to ensure no one in our community goes hungry. We look forward to making next year's event even bigger and better.

As we move forward, the *Empty Bowls* event stands as a powerful reminder of how small actions can make a significant impact, proving that when a community comes together, it can make a world of difference.





Article Of Interest

Remember why you joined
the
Kiwanis Club of Ashland?



Whether you are one of our newer members or among those who have been members for many years, you share (at least) three things in common with all Ashland Kiwanians:

1. You are committed to the concept of community volunteer service, especially to benefit the neediest and youngest members of our communities;
2. You were attracted to the synergistic effect on volunteer service by joining with other like-minded individuals who regard "community service" or "giving back" as a core value; and
3. You enjoy the camaraderie of working and socializing with other Ashland Kiwanians.

Now that we are officially into the spring season, we will have a number of service and fund-raising activities to tackle. While many of us are involved in on-going Kiwanis service activities (Reading Mentors, ACES, sponsored SLP organizations, etc.), all members are needed to help with these other service and fund-raising projects. Despite our busy personal lives these days, it is hoped that we will carve out some time to participate in these Ashland Kiwanis projects.



The results of Ashland Kiwanis teamwork are usually quite impressive, and each member receives back more than the effort he/she puts forth.

We all need to respond to help with these projects when the clarion call is given.

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Thank You Note for Club Donation



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February 10, 2026

Ashland Kiwanis Charitable Foundation
PO Box 2045
Ashland, VA 23005

Dear Comfort Zone Camp Supporter,

We are truly grateful for your recent donation of \$3,200.00 to Comfort Zone Camp (CZC). Your support makes a difference in the lives of grieving children—letting them know they are not alone; giving them tools to help them navigate their grief journey and a community of people that understand them. This happens through CZC's year-round traditional camps, family camps, virtual camps, supports groups and workshops.

During the past 26 years, we've helped over 27,000 children. This doesn't happen without wonderful supporters like YOU who understand the importance of giving grieving children a voice and a place.

Thanks again for teaming with us! Together, we change lives in powerful ways.

Warmly,

Lynne B. Hughes
Founder and CEO

Thank you so much
for your wonderful +
ongoing support of CZC
+ grieving children! Please
tell George hello too! ☺
Lynne

Comfort Zone Camp is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous financial donation. Comfort Zone Camp ID# 54-1916517. Please keep this receipt for your records.

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Dear Ashland Kiwanis Club,
Thank you for your generous grant to Little Hands Virginia. Your gift will be used to ensure that children in Ashland have the essentials they need to thrive. As our partners at the First Baptist Church Food Pantry shared, "The diaper bank [Little Hands Virginia] is awesome. Our neighbors know that they can depend on receiving diapers every month. In the past we relied on donations or us purchasing diapers so we didn't have all sizes. With the diaper bank we can fill everyone's needs." Your kind support helps to make this possible. Thanks you again and we look forward to seeing you all this Summer!

Warm Regards,

Danielle Fowler, Asst. Director of Development
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Wings of Hope

Thank YOU!

Ashland Kiwanis Charitable

January is definitely giving us plenty of opportunities to test our winter horsemanship skills. We're thankful that we were able to host two Rancher Orientations in between snowy days and the No Strings Attached Bible Study has only been impacted one day so far. The girls participating in that group have really seemed to enjoy the groundwork activities and getting to work with new friends.

Thank you for joining us on mission. If you have friends that would like to visit Wings of Hope and learn more please share our upcoming February tour link below.

This year we'll have opportunities for donors to come out to the Ranch and participate in an Equine Assisted Learning session. If you are interested in joining us to catch a glimpse of the programs offered to the children let me know.

Blessing and Happy New Year!

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