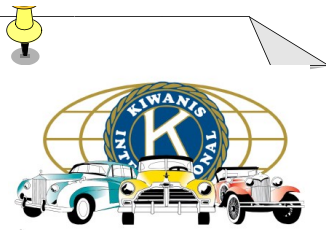


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KarWanis Car Show

May 16th

10am—2 pm

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Have you signed up?

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Dear Members,

Now that we're past the mid-year point, it's a good time to revisit the objectives we shared at the start of the year and take stock of where we are today.

My message at the beginning of the year was simple: lean into the year.

What did that mean? I outlined five focus areas. The first was *service*. We set a goal to take on a service project and pursue a grant to support it. While we didn't complete a grant application, we did launch a new service project—Ashland Little League—and it's on its way to becoming a strong, ongoing effort.

The second focus area was *fun* making sure we enjoy our meetings and strengthen friendships across clubs. We've already held three interclubs, with more to come.

Third was *promotion*. One step we took was purchasing Ashland T-shirts for all members. They'll be especially helpful for Train Day when we can all wear them together. I'd also love to see a strong turnout for Ashland's Fourth of July parade—where we typically have only three or four members. If we can get most of the club out in uniform (our T-shirts), it will be a great way to promote Kiwanis and our club in the community.

Fourth was *leadership*. We've made real progress here, adding close

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We're on the Web

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 May 4, 2026 6:15 PM

Speaker: Mackenzie Babchenko,
Commonwealth Attorney for Hanover County

Meeting in Estes Dining Hall Trustee/Worsham Room

Monday May 18, 2026 6:15 PM

Annual SLP Training Meeting

Meeting in Estes Dining Hall Trustee/Worsham Room

Tuesday May 26, 2026 6:30 PM

Club Board of Directors Meeting

All Current Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs please attend

Duncan Memorial Church

Note Change

COMING EVENTS

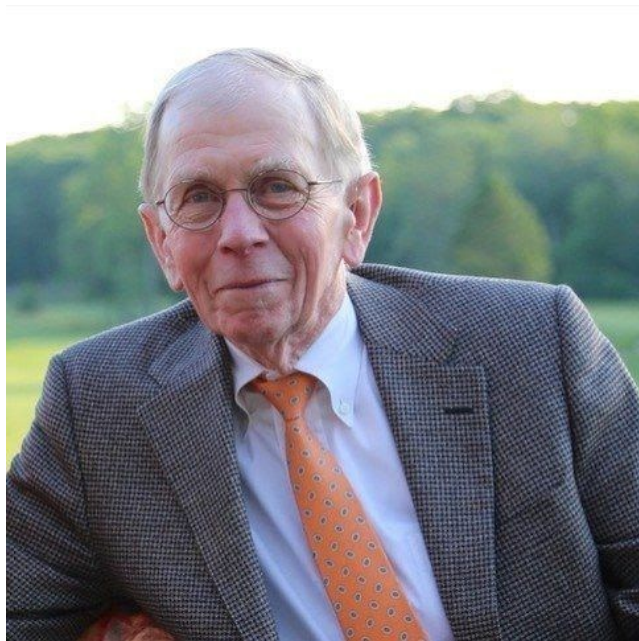
InterClub	May 8	4pm	Richard Bland College Pecan Grove
Petersburg Shrimp Feast	May 8	4-7pm	Richard Bland College Pecan Grove
KarWanis Car Show	May 16	10am-2pm	Ashland Junction Center Parking Lot
ARC Golf Outing	May 18	8am	Hanover Country Club
Charitable Fdn. Board	July 20	5pm	Estes Dining Hall



We Remember

John Ernest “Hunky” Jones Jr.

FEBRUARY 16, 1933 – APRIL 24, 2026



John Ernest Jones, Jr. passed away peacefully at “Woodside,” his beloved home, on April 24, 2026, at the age of 93.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/ashland-va/john-jones-12862130>

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Jonesie's visitation on Friday, May 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Nelson Funeral Home, 412 South Washington Highway, Ashland, Virginia. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, May 2, at 11:30 a.m. at Shiloh United Methodist Church, 17420 Shiloh Church Road, Montpelier, Virginia 23192.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shiloh United Methodist Church or the Montpelier Center for Arts & Education.

“Hunky” joined our Kiwanis Club back in February of 1983.

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Annual Car Show



Kiwanis Club of Ashland, VA
Fifth Annual

KarWanis Car Show

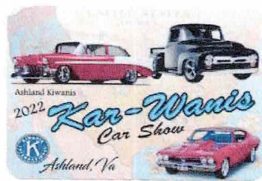


Saturday, May 16, 2026

10 am – 2 pm

Ashland Junction Shopping Center
167 Junction Drive, Ashland, VA 23005

Registration fee: \$25 including day of show
Register at www.karwanis.com



Dash Plaques for
first 50 cars
registered

Food, Fun and Music
for the Whole
Family!
All proceeds support
our mission to:

*“Serve the Children
of our Community”*



Trophies for all
classes

Multiple Classes to be judged on Cleanliness and Condition
All Vehicles Welcome! (Rain date is May 17)
Questions? Contact Roy Mills at 248-830-0052



Aktion Club Event



📰 Aktion Club April 13th Meeting News

Aktion Club Members had a great time at the April 13th meeting getting creative and giving back! We made homemade dog treats using dog biscuits and peanut butter, and prepared cat treats, which were placed in a tube decorated by our members. All of the treats will be donated to the Hanover County Animal Protection and Shelter to help care for animals in need. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this project a success!



Secretariat Day

Photos from our Secretariat Day Service Project



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New Officers and Directors

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to 10 new members since the beginning of this Kiwanis year. That kind of growth strengthens our leadership pipeline, keeps new ideas coming, and helps ensure the club stays active and healthy.

Fifth was our *Service Leadership Programs (SLPs)*. We've started a Builders Club at Liberty Middle School and we're working on a Terrific Kids program at Ashland Elementary. We've also re-added the Aktion Club, and of course we continue to support our Key Clubs.

By all accounts, at this midpoint in the Kiwanis year, we're well on our way to an excellent year. Progress builds day by day, and it's happening because of you. Thank you for all you do and for your continued service.

Bill

The following have been elected to serve on the **Club's Board as Officers and Directors** for the 2026-2027 year beginning in October:

President: Drew Molloy

President Elect: Bill Hefele

Vice President: Mike Fonseca

2025-2027 Directors:

Mike Carter

John Hartman

Roy Mills

Suz Morrison

2026-2028 Directors:

John Myers

Pam Sopall

Mike Kelly

Cheri Shehane

The following have been elected to serve on the **Club's Charitable Foundation Board as Officers and Directors** for the 2026-2027 year beginning in October:

President: Mike Carter

Vice President: George Smith

Secretary: Ed Hutchinson

Treasurer: Ranny Robertson

Directors:

Don August

Jody Korman

Bill Hamner

Mike Kelly

John Dwyer

John Myers

Drew Molloy



Ashland Train Day

Ashland Train Day brought downtown Ashland to life with trains, music, food, and family friendly fun

Ashland's 22nd annual Train Day filled the town with energy yesterday as families, railfans, and community members gathered to celebrate the region's deep railroad heritage. Visitors watched trains roll through the heart of downtown and explored an impressive range of model train displays. Kids enjoyed the lively Kid Zone, complete with bounce houses, games, and a kiddie train ride, while adults browsed local vendors, special event merchandise, and unique railroad memorabilia. Food trucks and local eateries offered a wide mix of flavors, and live entertainment kept the streets buzzing throughout the day. With raffles, scavenger hunts, and hands on exhibits like touch a truck, the event delivered a full day of small town charm and rail themed excitement.

Our own Kiwanis Club cooked hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs for all to enjoy along with PB&J sandwiches for the younger part of the crowd.



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Ashland Train Day — Cont'd



Photos by Scott & Ranny

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40th Annual Shrimp Feast—Petersburg


Kiwanis Clubs of
Petersburg & Dinwiddie


39th Annual Shrimp Feast




FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Richard Bland College Pecan Grove
11301 Johnson Rd., Petersburg, VA

For your comfort, bring your lawn chair or blanket

FRESH STEAMED SHRIMP, COLE SLAW,
POTATO SALAD, HUSH PUPPIES,
BEVERAGES & DESSERT

Rain or Shine
No Refunds
Drive Through & Takeout Available

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
DJ Mellow Smooth

May 8, 2026

TICKETS
\$30
at the Gate

FOOD • BEVERAGES • FUN • FELLOWSHIP

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT

Bank of Southside Virginia – Crater Road
Bank of Southside Virginia – Dinwiddie
First Bank – Airport Branch
Owen Printing • Walnut Hill Pharmacy
Palmore Decorating Center

OR Purchase Online via Eventbrite

For Ticket Info, Call 804-894-2249



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2024/2026

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PJ Edmonds	Pam Sopall

2025/2027

John Hartman	Suz Morrison
Roy Mills	Mike Carter

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 Barga

Kiwanis Club of Ashland Standing Committees

Aktion Club — Suzanne DuBose
Anthem LemonAid — Bill Barga
Ashland Train Day — PJ Edmonds
BBQ — PJ Edmonds
Club Satellite — Bill Barga
Dinner Meeting Raffle — Mike Snively
Empty Bowls — Bill Barga
Food Drive — Suz Morrison & Suzanne DuBose
Fund Raising Committee — Bill Barga
Holiday Parade — Ranny Robertson/John Myers
House Committee—John Myers
Interclub Committee—
Kar-Wanis Car Show— Roy Mills
Membership & Education — Bill Hefele
Newsletter —Ranny Robertson
Perfect Attendance Program--Kyle Hendricks
PR/FB/Instagram—Mike Fonseca/Suzanne DuBose
Quartermaster — Larry Ham
Reading Mentors — Michael Kelly
Scholarship Committee –Bill Hefele
Service Leadership Programs—Roy Mills
Speakers —Troy Aronhalt & Charlie Peterson
Steak Dinner — PJ Edmonds & Larry Ham
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