

# Tracking Ashland



Monthly Newsletter of the Ashland Virginia Kiwanis Club

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Please turn to page 5 and see just one example of how our Club and our programs affects our community.

There is a very heartfelt letter there for you to read midway down the page.

Thank you Kyle and your team.

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### President's Column



Dear Members:

The 250 anniversary of our country is this July 4th. It will be a fantastic celebration, and the small town of Ashland will have its annual 4th of July parade. The Kiwanis Club has always marched in this parade. We will have our banner, and we will be passing out three hundred small American flags to all the children on the parade route. Join

me at 10:30 on July 4th at the Old Henry Clay Elementary School parking lot to line up for Grand parade. Put on your new t-shirts or any of your logo items and let us show the Ashland community that we are a strong and workable Club.

The second activity in July will be the Ashland Kiwanis Anthem Lemonaid stand at the Ashland Farmers Market on Saturday July 18th. This is a major event to raise money for children fighting cancer at Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU. We have a website for online donations. Come out on Saturday morning and help support the booth and please donate to the event.

<https://give.chfrichmond.org/campaign/2026-anthem-lemonaid/c774034>

Bill



## Visit our Web Site



**THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ASHLAND**  
**MEETS 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3RD MONDAYS, 6:15 PM**  
**ESTES DINING HALL    RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE**

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## This Month's Club Meetings

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**Monday**                                      **July 6, 2026**                                      **6:15 PM**

*Note Location*

*Oakdale, the Barrel Room  
13497 Ashland Road*

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**Monday**                                      **July 20, 2026**                                      **6:15 PM**

*Speaker:TBD*

**Meeting in Estes Dining Hall    Trustee/Worsham Room**

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**Monday**                                      **July 27, 2026**                                      **6:30 PM**

**Club Board of Directors Meeting**

*All current Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs please attend*

**Duncan Memorial Church**

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## Coming Events for the Club

|  |                |                       |                                |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>4th of July Parade</i>                  | <i>July 4</i>  | <i>10:30</i>          | <i>Old Henry Clay Lot</i>      |
| <i>LemonAid Stand</i>                      | <i>July 18</i> | <i>9 am till noon</i> | <i>Ashland Farmer's Market</i> |
| <i>Charitable Foundation Board Meeting</i> | <i>July 20</i> | <i>5pm</i>            | <i>Estes Dining Hall</i>       |

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Service Project



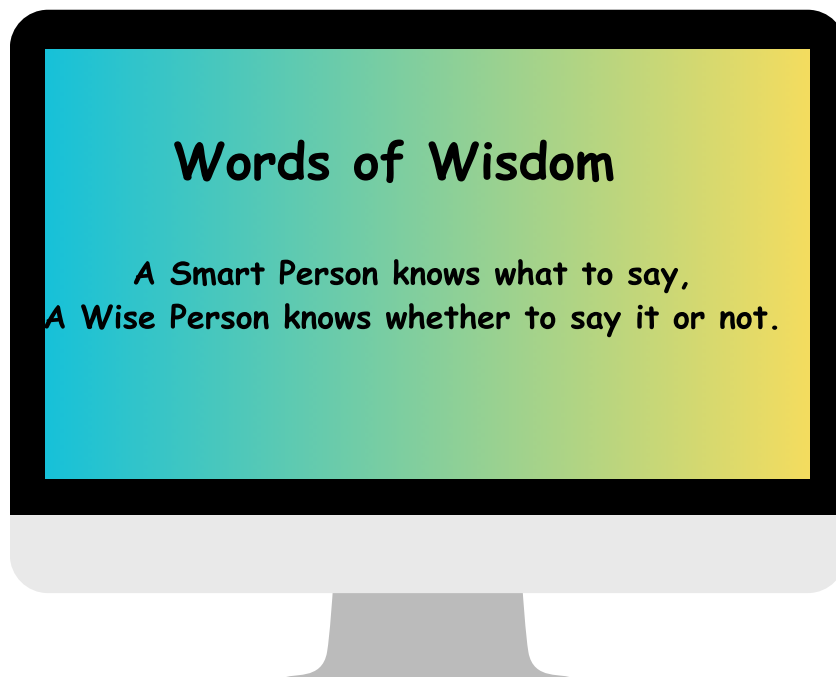
Help the Ashland Kiwanis Club put the squeeze on cancer by buying lemonade or donating to the Anthem LemonAid fundraiser to support kids fighting cancer at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU. 100% of funds stay local to support hematology and oncology services.

Event July 18th.  
At the Ashland Farmers Market.  
9am thru 12.



You may also donate to the project through the web site listed below. All donations will be credited to Ashland Kiwanis Club and help our numbers grow.

<https://give.chfrichmond.org/campaign/2026-anthem-lemonaid/c774034>



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## Aktion Club Event

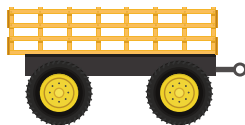


## Aktion Club Celebrates America's 250th Birthday!

The Aktion Club of Ashland proudly marked the 250th birthday of the United States by placing 250 flags in front of the ARC of Hanover building. A special thank you goes out to Cherie Shehane, Pam Sopall, Scott Anderson, and Suz Morrison for joining us and supporting the club in this patriotic celebration!



## Parade Committee Help Needed



Your parade committee is in need of at least a 24-foot trailer or low boy to carry our Perfect Attendance children and their parents in this year's parade. Do you have any connections or sources for a trailer and motive power who would be available for a couple of hours on Sunday November 22?

Please see John or Ranny with any contact information.  
We really can't wait until the last minute.





## Perfect Attendance Program

### 2026 PERFECT ATTENDANCE BIKE REWARD PROGRAM

Once again, the Ashland Kiwanis Club had the pleasure of awarding bicycles to elementary school students who achieved perfect attendance for this past school year. All of those students at each school have their names thrown into a hat, and one boy and one girl from kindergarten thru 2nd grade are selected to receive a bike. Also, one boy and one girl from 3rd thru 5th grade are as well. That's four bikes for each of these schools: Ashland ES, Beaverdam ES, Elmont ES, Kersey Creek ES and Mechanicsville ES.

And as a bonus: every student who achieves perfect attendance gets a \$5 gift card from Sweet Frog frozen yogurt stores.

I would like to thank Luck Chevrolet for letting us store the bike prior to distribution. Also, a big thank you to John Myers & Dan DiCandilo for their help in transporting the bikes and helmets to the schools.

And thank you to those members who attended the award ceremonies at each school to help present the prizes: Pam Sopall, Bill Barga, John Myers, Sandy Grady, Suzanne DuBose and Scott Andersen.

**And here is an email I received on May 26, 2026 from an Elmont ES parent:**

Good Evening Mr. Hendricks,

My name is Kelli \*\*\*\*\* and my daughter, Libbi, was the winner of the perfect attendance bike raffle at Elmont ES this year. Mr. Smith passed along your information, so I just wanted to reach out to thank you and your organization for donating those bikes. Libbi was so excited when she won! She played it cool in front of everyone, but when she got home, she let it all out. Our girl has had some big obstacles this school year that she strongly overcame and this "win" was much needed for her. I just wanted to say thank you and let you know how grateful we are! It meant a lot to not only her, but our entire family. Words could never express our gratitude but thank you, thank you, thank you!

Kelli \*\*\*\*\*

A note from Libbi:

Hello! Thank you for the amazing bike you donated to me I can't explain how much I appreciate you. Thank you and I will 100% love riding it this summer, but when the rain clears up. THANK YOU!



- Libbi

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## Perfect Attendance Program Photos





## Our Scholarship Program at Work

To the Kiwanis club of Ashland,

I am very honored to receive the Kiwanis club of Ashland scholarship. I truly appreciate your generous gift. The Kiwanis Club of Ashland is ~~an~~ an amazing organization filled with wonderful people. My plan is to study accounting at James Madison University and your gift will help me accomplish this educational

goal.

Thank you for your kind support of the students at Patrick Henry High School. It is my hope that future Patriot graduates will continue to benefit from your generosity.

Sincerely,

Catherine Hanson

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## Your Ashland Kiwanis Charitable Foundation

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Our Club's Ashland Kiwanis Charitable Foundation, established in 1996, is a charitable organization focused on the welfare of children, primarily in the Ashland and Hanover County area. Like the Club, the Foundation has its own set of bylaws and board of officers and directors, members of our Club and elected by our Club members. Most of us Ashland Kiwanians are aware of these aspects of the Foundation.

But did you know that members of our Kiwanis Club, as well as "outside entities" can submit grant requests to the Foundation for consideration? To do so (and facilitate the request's evaluation), the Foundation reminds us that a member wishing to make such a submission on behalf of an "outside entity" is requested to adhere to the Foundation's Administrative Guidelines. These Guidelines are accessible through a link on our Club' website, [www.ashlandvakiwanis.org](http://www.ashlandvakiwanis.org), under the "Our Foundation" tab on the homepage. These Guidelines are in the "public" area of our website so that "outside entities," in addition to Ashland Kiwanians, can quickly find out how to request a grant from the Foundation.

The Administrative Guidelines are intended to enable the careful consideration of each and every grant request by the Foundation's board. Usually, your Foundation's officers and directors meet once a quarter to conduct business which, in addition to research and evaluation of requests, may also involve donation promotion efforts and review of financial investment, income results, and available funds for existing projects and additional potential grants.

The Club's Foundation is your Foundation, and you are always welcome to attend its meetings. The Foundation's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2nd at 5 pm before our regular Club meeting the same evening.

## Donations by Check to our PO Box or use the PayPal Giving Fund

URL:<https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1784267>

While we certainly appreciate all donations to the Foundation, please use the address above to avoid the fees charged to us by PayPal on your donations. You must have a PayPal account to use this Giving Fund and to avoid fees charged to the Ashland Kiwanis Foundation Charitable Foundation by PayPal.

If you chose to donate through PayPal without an account, please consider adding 1.99% +.49 to your donation to cover the fees.

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2025/2027

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## Foundation Officers

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TREASURER

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Ed Hutchinson

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John Dwyer

Bill Hamner

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 Snavely

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 Hefe

Newsletter —Ranny Robertson

Perfect Attendance Program--Kyle Hendricks

PR/FB/Instagram—Mike Fonseca/Suzanne DuBose

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Reading Mentors — Michael Kelly

Scholarship Committee –Bill Hefe

Service Leadership Programs—Roy Mills

Speakers —Troy Aronhalt & Charlie Peterson

Steak Dinner — PJ Edmonds & Larry Ham

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