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Celebrating our
103rd Year



Monthly Newsletter of the Ashland Virginia Kiwanis Club

*Thank
you!*

to all our Outgoing
Officers and
Directors

Congratulations!

to all our Incoming
Officers and
Directors

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President's Column



Greetings to all,

As I begin my term as President of the Kiwanis Club of Ashland, I want to first say that it is an honor to serve in this position. I have had the honor of serving as President of both a state and local probation/pretrial/parole/community corrections association; however, this is my first time serving as President of an organization that directly impacts the community both I and its members live, work, raise families, and play in. Thus, I consider this presidency as far more important; especially since it impacts not only the community we serve, but the children who reside in the community. Our club's mission states: "Improving our community, one child and one community at a time". As many of you know, I serve on the Town Council here in Ashland and we have 3 other members who are Council members. I will be honest in stating that Council activities must take precedence over club activities but know that I will not shirk my duties to the club. When I was President of the above noted organizations, I also held full-time positions in the fields noted. I will push members to bring in new members and to participate in our projects. I will also call on members to continue making our current service projects as successful as they have been, and to improve them when we can. We should also look to creating new events and projects that will ultimately assist the children in our communities. We have the chance

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THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ASHLAND

MEETS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS, 6:15 PM

ESTES DINING HALL RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE



This Month's Club Meetings

Monday	October 5, 2026	6:15 PM
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Installation of Officers & Directors and Youth Protection Program

Meeting in Estes Dining Hall Trustee/Worsham Room

Monday	October 19, 2026	6:15 PM
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Annual Family Picnic

The Martin's Farm

See Next Page for Directions

Monday	October 26, 2026	6:30 PM
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Club Board of Directors Meeting

All current Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs please attend

Duncan Memorial Church

Coming Events for the Club

<i>Charitable Foundation Board Meeting</i>	<i>Oct 19</i>	<i>5pm</i>	<i>Estes Dining Hall</i>
<i>Holiday Parade Volunteer Breakfast</i>	<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Estes Dining Hall</i>
<i>Holiday Parade</i>	<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>2 pm</i>	<i>Streets of Ashland</i>

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Annual Family Picnic



Our Annual Family Picnic

Monday, October 19th At The Martins' Farm

This year's annual family picnic is being held once again at the farm of Ann and Charlie Martin in Hanover, Virginia. Delicious cookout fare with all the trimmings, cold drinks, games and socializing with our members and their families are on the menu in addition to Charlie's popular riding tour of the farm. As in the past, we encourage all Ashland Kiwanians to bring their families, including children and grandchildren, and friends to the event. The picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m. and run until 8:00 p.m. or thereabouts. If we have inclement weather, the meal will be held in the farm's barn.

Where?

- North on US-301 to Hanover, VA
- Continue on US-301 North, past intersection with VA-54 (on left) to Normans Bridge Road (second road on right after passing VA-54)
- Turn RIGHT onto Normans Bridge Road and drive NE for approximately 1 ½ - 2 miles to Hanover Quarter Road (State Route 728) on the left
- Turn LEFT onto Hanover Quarter Road and drive to the end of the road
 - Drive through the gate and look for parking signs on the right

A cadre of volunteers will be doing all they can to provide a delicious picnic meal - with all the trimmings - and social time for members, spouses/partners and children/grandchildren. Various activities, including Charlie's 'tour,' are envisioned.

Hope to see you there!

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Aktion Club



Back in Aktion!

After taking two months off, we're excited to get back together! Beginning in October 2026, we have a full schedule of fun, fellowship, and service activities planned.

 **October 12th, 2026: Miniature Golf at Hanover Sports Park** 
All members are welcome!

 **November 2026: Packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child** 
More information will be coming soon about how you can help.

 **December 2026: Making Christmas/Holiday Cards**  

 **January 2027: Game Night** 
All members are welcome!

 **February 2027: Making "Be Kind" signs** 

We're looking forward to being Back in Aktion and making a difference together! Come join us! 

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4th of July Parade Photos



You are correct
It was planned for the 4th of July but actually
held for Labor Day
You don't mess with Mother Nature



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to establish a new club in Mechanicsville, and I look forward to having members of the Ashland Club participate in that endeavor. We have created a new Finance Committee and through that group we should have a clearer picture of our overall budget. We also have a new Key Club at Atlee High School, a new Builders Club at Liberty Middle School, and hopefully a new K-Kids club relationship will be established with Ashland Elementary School. This once again shows our commitment to the children of our community. I look forward to serving as President, but know that I will make mistakes, and I will learn from those mistakes. I follow in the footsteps of many key leaders in our club and I will endeavor to lead in the same committed way that they have lead and continue to lead.

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Thank You Letter

*LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Ashland, Virginia*



Thank you so much for
providing the hot dogs for our
Kick Off Cook out! We appreciate
your support and contribution to
our Liberty community.

Thank You!

Stephen M. Salvestro

And a special great big "THANK YOU" to Ed Cooper, our
outgoing Treasurer who has served for as long as I can
remember.



Club Factoids



Club Factoids*

- Kiwanis International approved our charter 2/2/1923.
- Our Club's Charter Presentation/Meeting was 3/26/1923.
- The Charter Presentation/Meeting was held at the Henry Clay Inn in Ashland.
- At one point, Ashland Kiwanis Club dinner meetings were held at the Wigwam Restaurant, south of Ashland on Route 1.
- The first Kiwanis club was the Detroit Michigan Kiwanis Club.
- The second Kiwanis club was the Ontario, CA Club (across the river from Detroit), thus making the organization "Kiwanis International."
- The first 50 Kiwanis clubs established did not include any in Virginia.
- Kiwanis International went coed 7/7/87; our Ashland Club was coed by 1993.
- The ages of our current members range from 34 to 95 years of age.
- The range for current members in terms of length of membership is from less than 1 year to 65 years.

*Term coined by American writer Norman Mailer in his 1973 biography of Marylyn Monroe

Words of Wisdom

Some folks are like ducks;
they seem to glide along easy
because you can't see how hard they
work below the surface.

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Bill Hamner
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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 Hefe
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 Hefe
Service Leadership Programs—Roy Mills
Speakers —Troy Aronhalt & Charlie Peterson
Steak Dinner — PJ Edmonds & Larry Ham
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