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Celebrating our
103rd Year



Monthly Newsletter of the Ashland Virginia Kiwanis Club

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Please Note

Parade Breakfast
November 22
9:30 AM



Around The Table
Ashland Junction
Shopping Center

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President's Column



Greetings to all in November

As we move into November, we have one of our most important events coming up on the 22nd, the Ashland Holiday Parade. We have two bands this year and over 110 units with the possibility of more. As usual, John Myers and Ranny Robertson have done an excellent job in bringing it all together. This year our pre-parade breakfast will be at a new site, Around the Table's event venue The Gathering Space in the Junction Shopping Centre. I have attended events there in the past and the staff do an excellent job.

At our Club meeting on November 2, we will be voting on our new Foundation Vice-President. I will also be pushing all members to contribute to the Foundation. This is such an important component of our Club, and it is from the Foundation that we fund our scholarships, along with other grants that benefit the children of our community. A donation of even \$25 helps the Foundation. Thanks very much to Mike Carter and the Foundation Board for all they do to sustain the Foundation in such a positive manner.

John Hartman has been working with Ed Cooper to transition the Treasurer's position over to John. We have already experienced positive outcomes with dues collections and reconciliation of the accounts. Thanks very much to Ed for his many, many years as Treasurer and for assisting John in the transition.

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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	November 2, 2026	6:15 PM
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Speaker to be Announced

Meeting in Estes Dining Hall Trustee/Worsham Room

Monday	November 16, 2026	6:15 PM
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Speaker to be Announced

Meeting in Estes Dining Hall Trustee/Worsham Room

Monday	November 23, 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>Holiday Parade Volunteer Breakfast</i>	<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>9:30 am</i>	<i>Around the Table</i>
<i>Holiday Parade</i>	<i>Nov 22</i>	<i>2 pm</i>	<i>Streets of Ashland</i>
<i>Empty Bowls</i>	<i>Feb 7</i>		<i>Oakdale</i>

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Builders Club



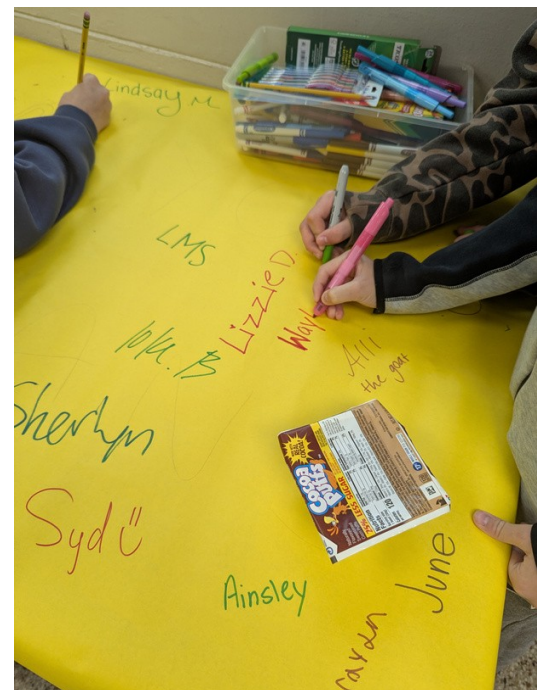
Hello from the Liberty Builders Club

These are some pictures I took yesterday when I attended the Liberty Middle School Builder's Club meeting.

There are 90 6th through 8th grade students who have signed up to be a part of the club. The kids meet once a month to complete various community service projects. Here they are painted rocks for the LMS courtyard and making a sign to thank their custodian, Michael.

An enthusiastic group of builders off to a great start.

Anita



Aktion Club



Welcome to Our New Aktion Club Members!

At our meeting on October 12, 2026, we were excited to welcome approximately 15 new members to the Aktion Club! Each person introduced themselves and asked questions about the club, and everyone shared wonderful suggestions for future service projects and social activities. We are thrilled to see so much enthusiasm and look forward to all the great things we can accomplish together!

 Mark Your Calendars! Our Next Meeting is November 9th!

We will be packing shoeboxes with supplies for Operation Christmas Child.

https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/broadcast-occ-ads/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=155943035

A list of needed supplies has already been emailed to members, and a reminder with the list will be sent closer to the meeting date.

If you would like to give cash, donations will be accepted through November 2nd so we can shop for any additional supplies needed.

We would love to see as many members as possible at this special service project! Thank you for helping us spread joy and make a difference in the lives of children around the world. ❤️

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Family Picnic Photos

Annual Family Picnic at the Martin's Farm

Members gathered under beautiful autumn skies at Martin's Farm for our Kiwanis Annual Picnic! It was a wonderful afternoon filled with great food, warm fellowship, and plenty of relaxed conversation as our team fired up the grill and spent quality time together. A special thank you to everyone who came out, helped set up, and made this annual tradition such a memorable success—we look forward to many more fun gatherings ahead!



Thank You
Ann and Charlie Martin
for sharing your farm

Your Incoming Officers

John Hartman
Bill Hefele
Roy Mills
Suzanne DuBose
Drew Malloy
Bill Barga



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Charitable Foundation Grants



Foundation Grants FY 2026/7

Patrick Henry HS Key Club Scholarship Program	\$5,000
Lee Davis HS Key Club Scholarship Program	\$5,000
Hanover HS Key Club Scholarship Program	\$5,000
Atlee HS Key Club Scholarship Program	\$5,000
Perfect Attendance Program (8 elementary schools)	\$2,600
RMC CKI Club Scholarship	\$2,000
Wings of Hope Ranch	\$4,000
YMCA Bright Beginings	\$2,000
YMCA Summer Camp	\$2,000
YMCA Learn to Swim Program	\$4,000
Happy Reading Program (Angie Miles)	\$2,000
Hanover Center for Trades & Technology	\$2,000
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Comfort Zone Camp	\$3,200
Annual Approved Grant Totals Reviewed every 5 years	\$47,800
Ashland Little League	\$1,658
Little Hands Virginia	\$1,000
Ashland Theater (Children's Christmas Show)	\$3,000
Total One Time Grants Totals	\$5,658
Total Ashland Kiwanis Charitable Foundation Grants FY 2026/7	\$53,458



President's Column cont'd

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We are once again exploring a social event, for the Spring, to invite potential members to attend and learn more about what Kiwanis does in the community to benefit children. Our party guru and Secretary extraordinaire, Suzanne DuBose, will be heading up the planning for that event.

Bill Barga is once again working on the Empty Bowls event the weekend before Super Bowl Sunday. We plan to once again be at Oakdale and to have another excellent event. Bill is looking to have 110 tickets available this year.

Reminder 1: Anita Barnhart is collecting food for the Liberty Middle School Builders Club to be placed in the Patrick Henry Food Store, which serves over 30 students. Anita is collecting food through November 16th .

Reminder 2: It is not too late to donate to the Aktion Club's Operation Christmas Child project. Suzanne is collecting donations or you can shop (see the previous email on this). The last day is November 2nd. You can also assist with packing boxes on November 9th at 5:30 p.m., at the ARC of Hanover store on Route 1.

At the upcoming meeting, expect to hear more about the Holiday Dinner, the Holiday Parade, Empty Bowls, the Wine Tasting Event, SLP, and a potential new member.

Finally, on a sad note, Pettus Gilman passed away recently. Pettus was a long-time member of the Club and he will be missed. More information on his service will be forthcoming.

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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Mike Kelly John Myers John Dwyer

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
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