- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER
- FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



#### Last Meeting

8 ZOOM 60 in person

Chartered 1921

Distinct 7570, Area 1, Club

**OUR LAST PROGRAM** 

November 30, 2023

# **OUR PROGRAM THIS WEEK** Gary Chrisman

Explanation of The Rotary Foundation

WHAT'S COMING UP. . . Next Board Meeting - Thursday Night Nov. 30 6 PM Winchester Country Club

7 Dec Andy Gail

Literacy Volunteer Winchester Area

ROTARY YEARBOOKS are ready! Pick up yours at the Sgt. of Arms Desk.

PLEASE shred your old yearbook.... or turn it in to the Sgt. of Arms Desk and we will have it shredded.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 3:** U.S. Army Band Holiday Festival at DAR Constitution Hall, 3-4:30 p.m. Come join your U.S. Army Band for its festive kick-off to the holiday season at DAR Constitution Hall! All the joy and warmth of the holiday season in a 90 minute concert (no intermission) featuring the men and women of Pershing's Own. Come and immerse yourself in the holiday spirit as we gather together to share traditions and connection. (Free!) If interested, contact Linda Coffman at *lindacoff@hotmail.com* to reserve your seat (36 total tickets reserved). https:// usarmyband.ticketleap.com/2023-american-holidayfestival--Sun-3pm/

Special thanks to Linda for organizing!

## TREX BENCH FOR THE JOHN HANDLEY HIGH SCHOOL PEACE GARDEN

**Pat Koffalt** reported we now have 400 pounds toward our goal of 500 pounds!

We have until Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) to reach this goal. But at the rate our members have been collecting and delivering stretchable plastic, we should reach the goal before Christmas 2023!



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Winter Brooks of the American Foundation for Sui-

Winter Brooks of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) spoke to us as part of their effort to educate the public on recognizing the signs of suicidal behavior and how to combat it. Suicide knows no boundaries in that it affects every class, gender, region, religion and person in the country.

Winter Brooks lost her son, Steven, to suicide shortly before his 26th birthday. Through a show of hands we saw how many Rotarians have been affected by suicide. A brother, a friend, a parent or perhaps a workmate have affected us by their suicide. Suicide is the 12th leading cause of death in America and while any death is sad, suicide is both tragic and preventable.

AFSP advocates for better awareness and resources by lobbying at both the state and federal level and maintains easy to use communication for those in suicidal crisis or those of us trying to help a person in crisis. AFSP maintains both a national text line and live chats at their website so that when there is a crisis support is available. Locally AFSP supports our Crisis Hotline. For more information Google American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

## COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

The arrival of colder weather means our` Coats for Kids campaign in underway. This year our club will be working with Froggy's Closet, Bright Futures, Winchester Day Preschool, Fremont Street



Nursery, CCAP, Frederick Douglas Center, and Timber Ridge School to keep approximately 900 kids warm this winter. Our "Coats for Kids" campaign is funded by YOUR contributions to the Winchester Rotary Coats for Kids Fund at the Community Foundation of the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Please help provide funds for the coats to be delivered in November and December. Contributions can be made with a check to the Winchester Rotary Coats for Kids Fund, mailed to: CFNSV, PO Box 1910, Winchester, VA 22604. You can also donate online at this link:

https://cfnsv.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?
funit id=1051

Absentees Nov. 16 Daniel Abel William Aikens Stanley Augustine Lori Bales Jackie Bates Erik Beatley John Blevins	Kerri Burkhart Michelle Cody Linda Coffman Andrea Cosans Anthony Crosan Nancy Davis Rosalee Delcampo Marie DiLorenzo	Cheryl Fried Rob Frogale Robert Garrett Krista Gibbs Phil Glaize Kim Herbstritt Brian Hester John Huddy	David Kent Dick Kent Alexis LaPorte Chris Lewis Neile Martin Kent Mull Cary Nelson Steve Parrish	Irv Shendow Nancy Silva Jimmy Stafford Karey Starnes Martin Tabaka Kathy Tagnesi Brandan Thomas Michelle Thomas
Kim Blosser	John Elrick	Sherry Hudson	Chuck Peterson	Elyus Wallace
Darcus Breneman	Dale Ervin	George Hummer	Amy Rice	Ridge White
Jan Bresch	Dana Evans	Alex Iden	Tootie Rinker	James Youngblood
Byron Brill	Sharon Farinholt	Doug Jovner	Madelyn Rodriguez	

### FROTHY FRIDAYS

Because of the holidays Frothy Fridays are discontinued until January. We will notify you when they resume.

## SERVICE PROJECTS NEWSLETTER

Every month a Service Projects Newsletter is sent out to all our Winchester Rotary Club members to make them aware of possible service opportunities here in our community. If you know of a non-profit or you run a non-profit that has a need, please pass it on to us. The service to our community can be as simple as mowing the grass/raking leaves to helping man a table at a fundraiser. The newsletter goes out at the beginning of each month and an attempt is made to vary the non-profits featured. To submit a service opportunity for the newsletter, contact Jean Barch: (*barchfam@comcast.net*) or Dave Miles: (*dave@drdavemiles.com*)

## **DICTIONARY PROJECT**

Once again this year our club, with support from the Frederick County club, celebrated National Education week by distributing a dictionary free to every third grade student in Frederick County.



The Frederick County Rotary handles the Frederick County Schools, and our club covers Winchester Public Schools and the private schools located in the county. This project could not be completed without help from our Handley Rotaract Club and the staff at Handley Library, who work together to process the books and add the Rotary 4 Way Test to each book.

EVENT MAKE-UP SLIP The Rotary Club of Winchester		
Print Your Name:		
Event Attended:		
Date of Event: Committee, Board, Community Event		
Date of Missed Meeting:		
(Turn in at Sergeant at Arms Desk)		

<u>Make-ups</u>\* (Date & Function Attended) Dan Abel – 9/17 – Apple Harvest Festival Darcus Breneman – 10/19 – District Finance Meeting Ridge White – 9/17 – Apple Harvest Festival Shane Wagoner – 9/19 – Apple Harvest Festival

#### Turning in a Make-up?

Please make sure to complete all information, including your name, the event or club attended, date attended and date making-up on all make-cards and slips submitted.

#### HEALTH REPORT

Libba reported that sadly Doc Madigan who has been a Rotary member for 55 years passed away at age 85. Doc was a pharmacist well known in the community for many things including employing Patsy Cline. Doc was a member of more civic organizations than you could imagine and took leadership positions in many. An example of Doc's generosity was he, late in life, gave many of his rental units to the very people who rented them. *God Bless Doc Madigan*.

#### HEALTH TIP

Thanksgiving was first celebrated with the Native People and Pilgrims of Massachusetts in 1620. That year 49 of the 100 Pilgrims had died so being alive and sharing a meal was an event in itself. Although it has been celebrated every year since, Thanksgiving was not made a National Holiday until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln signed it into law.

We know that holidays are meant to be recognized and enjoyed but they can offer mental health challenges as well. With that in mind we should make time for exercise, some alone time and that you keep as normal a schedule as possible. Breathing exercises help as does stretching and walking the dog whether you have one or not. So enjoy this season of holidays while being mindful to keep your mind and body healthy/happy.

## **<u>ROTARY BOARD NOMINEES</u>** Voting Dec. 7

Treasurer: Darcus Breneman

#### **Board of Directors Candidates for 2024-2027**

Dan Abel
Cyril Barch
Robin Cardillo
Melinda Henkle

John Huddy Dave Kelly Fritz Polite Diane Ruckman

