

### ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

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?



# Happy New Year!

### Last Meeting

12 ZOOM      50 in person

Chartered 1921

Distinct 7570, Area 1, Club

January 4, 2024

## OUR SPEAKERS THIS WEEK: NEW MEMBER TALKS

### WHAT'S COMING UP...

11-Jan	Skip Phillips	NW WORKS
18-Jan	Michael Diaz	Veterans Service
25-Jan	Andy Gyurisin	Laurel Ridge Community College
1-Feb	Amelia Stansell	Rotary Action Group against slavery
8-Feb	Scott Trinette	Volunteerism Valley Health

### OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Results of the recent Board member election:

Dan Able	Dave Kelly
Cyril Barch	Diane Ruckman

We thank these Rotarians, and all members who placed their names as candidates, for their willingness to serve. The slate of officers received unanimous approval.

### WELCOME Kaycee!

**Kaycee Childress** is our newest club member. Kaycee is the CEO of the area United Way. She was sponsored by Darcus Breneman and Andrea Cousins.



### COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

*There's still time to help! So far with this year's totals included, we have now given out more than 10,000 coats during the life of this program.*

We ordered over 500 new coats to distribute to children in need throughout the Winchester community this year. We work with Froggy's Closet, Bright Futures, Winchester Day Preschool, Fremont Street Nursery, CCAP, Frederick Douglas Center, and Timber Ridge School to keep kids warm. "Coats for Kids" is funded by YOUR contributions to the Winchester Rotary Coats for Kids Fund at the Community Foundation of the Northern Shenandoah Valley.

*It's not too late.....* contributions can be made here at our meeting today with a check made payable to the Winchester Rotary Coats for Kids Fund, or you can mail a check to the CFNSV, PO Box 1910, Winchester, VA 22604. You can also donate online at: [https://cfnsv.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?fund\\_id=1051](https://cfnsv.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?fund_id=1051)



### LAST WEEK'S HOLIDAY SOCIAL

The club celebrated Christmas this week with children from the Henry and William Evans Children's Home and Family Promise. President Jenny introduced Trish Simpson to begin the program. Trish detailed the hard work that was necessary to bring Christmas to life for these children. She also thanked the club for our generosity since the funds raised come directly out of the pockets of our members. This annual party has been a long-time tradition for our club. Gifts for each child are purchased by the club's "Santa Shoppers" and are given out to be opened at our meeting. This year's club Santas were Shane Wagoner, Marie Dilozenzo, Donna Parrish, Libba Pendleton, Jenny Baker, Tootie Rinker, Jean Barch, and Andrea Cosans.



Trish introduced our club member **Amy Rice**, who is the Executive Director of the Evans Home. She joined the home two years ago following the retirement of the previous director, Marc Jaccard. Many other Winchester Rotarians serve the Evans



Home as Board Members. Amy introduced the children from the home as well as their house parents. Trish also introduced **Robin Russell**, Director of Family Promise, who gave a brief explanation of her organization and introduced the participating youths.

Both women thanked the club warmly for providing a Christmas for these children. The mood was brightened even more with holiday music and a hearty round of caroling. Most importantly, a special guest arrived just before the gift unwrapping began to wish the children a special **Merry Christmas.**



Thank you Larry Weiss & Les Veach for the great photos!

<b>Absentees Dec. 21</b>	Tom W Byrd Robin Cardillo Kaycee Childress Scott Arthur Stanley Augustine Lori Bales Jackie Bates Erik Beatley John Blevins Kim Blosser Jan Bresch Byron Brill Paul Burkholder	Phil Glaize Bob Hall Malinda Henkel Kim Herbstritt Brian Hester Sven Hlywiak Sherry Hudson Doug Joyner Don Karolyi David Kelly David Kent Alexis LaPorte Chris Lewis	Rick Mabe Paul Magness Dan Martin Neile Martin Darla McCrary Chris Merchant David Miles Guss Morrison Kent Mull Steve Parrish Fritz Polite Debra Purrington Mary Riley	Madelyn Rodriguez Karen Schultz Irv Shendow Nancy Silva Karey Starnes Martin Tabaka Brandan Thomas Michelle Thomas Ajay Virmani Ben Weber Ed White
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**Make-ups\*** (Date & Function Attended)

**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.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

**Dick Kent** related the story of his recent “blackout” experience while driving on I-81 and in heartfelt remarks, he thanked the club for all the prayers and support.

**Kevin Callanan** reported that we will be holding a Kaleidoscope event in 2024. Stay tuned for details coming after the new year begins.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**HEALTH REPORT**

President Jenny notified us on Tuesday: *It is with great sadness that I must share with you the passing of fellow Rotarian Dick Wiltshire* Monday evening. He was a long-time Rotarian who joined our club in 1990; he joined the Culpeper Rotary Club in 1978. He was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, DSA and DSA+ awardee.



**DID YOU KNOW.....**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States is an oath of loyalty to the nation, represented by the federal flag.**  
The Pledge of Allegiance has been revised 3 times, each time with the addition of some phrase to the original form.

**The Original (1892)**

Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister, drafted the original Pledge of Allegiance and was first recited in schools on October 12, 1892.  
*“I pledge allegiance to my Flag, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.”*

**First Change (1923)**

1923. By that time, migrant population in the United States had climbed to considerable proportions and the use of the words **‘My Flag’** could have caused confusion between the flag of the United States and the flag of the native countries of the migrants. Hence, to remove the disparity, the phrase **‘Flag of the United States’** was introduced in place of **‘My Flag’**.  
*“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.”*

**Second Change (1924)**

Pledge underwent another change when the word ‘America’ was added to the Pledge.  
*“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.”*

**Third Change (1954)**

Made by President Eisenhower on June 14, 1954, included the phrase **‘one Nation under God’** instead of **‘one Nation’**. This change created the modern Pledge of Allegiance as we know it today.  
Current: *“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”*

**What Does It Mean?**

Oftentimes, the Pledge is learned by routine, without paying attention to its most important component — the meaning it conveys.

- **I pledge allegiance** — I promise my loyalty
- **to the Flag of the United States of America** — to the Flag symbolizing the USA, and all of its states,
- **and to the republic for which it stands** — a country where people have the right to choose their representatives to form the government,
- **one nation** — a united nation
- **under God** — God willing / having faith in God
- **indivisible** — a country that cannot be divided
- **with Liberty** — personal freedom
- **and Justice** — fair treatment from the law
- **for all** — for each and every citizen of the country

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