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Meetings

Regular meetings are normally held every Tuesday at 12:15pm in the Garden Room, Elks Lodge, 289 Willowdale Dr., Frederick, MD 21702.

Currently meetings are being held via ZOOM.

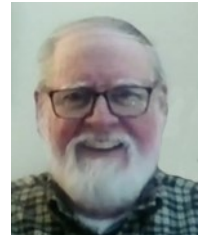
Upcoming ZOOM meetings

Club members will be notified weekly via email by Pres. Allen of upcoming weekly meetings and the planned speaker program, if any. Meetings will be held via ZOOM until further notice. There will be no regular meeting on the 2nd Tuesday. On that day there will only be the monthly board meeting.

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Pres. Allen Bryne

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of long-time member Bill Lukens. In an email exchange with Secretary Sue, I proposed that, as Bill loved fishing and was the driving force behind our kids' fishing event, that we should continue with this annual event and rename it memory of Bill. I will bring this up at the next board meeting.



Art Anderson remembered Bill. He said, "*Bill worked hard for Kiwanis Club of Frederick, in fact he was present at our last Board Meeting. We will all remember the Fishing Camps he organized which brought smiles to boys and girls*

who caught their first fish. We smiled as well because who would not smile under these circumstances. Rest in peace Bill, It's been great having you with us for a while." (Above Margaret Lukens looks on as Bill Lukens and Bob Kaufman solve the world's problems while awaiting their fishing buddies to arrive.)

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William Lukens

William Howard "Bill" Lukens, 82, of Frederick, MD, passed into eternal rest Aug. 18, 2020, at Frederick Health Hospice. He was the loving husband of Margaret (Schierholz) Lukens for 59 joy-filled years. Born on June 16, 1938, in Knightstown, IN, he was the son of the late Robert and Mary Jane (Havens) Lukens.

Bill proudly served in the U.S. Air Force. He earned his bachelor's degree from University of Maryland then earned his Juris Doctor of Law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He practiced law for 47 years, specializing in bankruptcy and probate law for 37 years in Ohio and later in Maryland. He served on the Frederick County Parks and Recreation Commission for nine years and on the Frederick Airport Commission for four years. He enjoyed travel, visiting all 50 states and went on many cruises with his beloved wife. A nature lover, he enjoyed painting landscapes and birds, as well as taking classes at the Delaplaine Center for the Arts. He was a member of Kiwanis International for over 45 years and particularly enjoyed sharing his love of fishing through several Kiwanis fishing clinics for youth. He was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church, serving at Trinity UMC on various stage productions. He was a six-year stem cell transplant survivor.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are his daughter, Dawn Adair (Lukens) Johnson and son-in-law, Frank Johnson of Gaithersburg, MD, his brother, Lt. Col. Bob B. Lukens (Ret.)

of Virginia and sisters Jayne Ann (Lukens) Rosewicz and Margaret (Lukens) Turza of Indiana.

The family has planned a private funeral.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Kiwanis Foundation care of The Community Foundation of Frederick County, 312 E. Church St., Frederick, MD 21701 or to the charity of one's choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Stauffer Funeral Home and Stauffer Crematory, Inc., Frederick. Expressions of sympathy may be offered to the family at www.staufferfuneralhome.com.



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Well, we have another month of Zoom meetings under our belt. Everything was running quite well until the last Tuesday meeting of August, when some members and our guest speaker were unable to access the meeting. It appears that Zoom was having problems and I came across the following shortly afterwards:

"Zoom out . . . We have received reports of users being unable to start and join Zoom Meetings and Webinars. We are currently investigating and will provide updates as we have them. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience. Please follow status..zoom.us", said a company Tweet which was being repeated to all users reporting difficulty using the Zoom service." How do you spell "System Overload?"

On the subject of Zoom, I received the following notice in an email from them. I quote, " . . .starting September 27th, 2020, we will be requiring that all meetings have a Passcode or Waiting Room enabled. We have designed these security measures to give you control over your meeting security options while

keeping the join experience as frictionless as possible." To this end, I am experimenting to see what I can do to make our "experience" go as smooth as possible. I will be creating a repeat weekly meeting so that if we have to use a password, it will be the same for every meeting. More to follow.

During the August 25th meeting there was some discussion regarding the fact that we have the first meeting of each month in the evening, starting at 6:30pm. It was obvious that most of the attendees preferred that all meetings be conducted at the same time, i.e. 12:15 pm. Since there was a quorum of board members present at the virtual meeting, I called for a Special Board Meeting to vote on the subject. A proposal that all Tuesday regular meetings would start at 12:15 pm was made and was passed unanimously.

I sent an email to our membership on August 23rd regarding the installation of the club officers and board members which will be at noon on Tuesday, September 29th. I asked the big question as to whether this should be conducted in person at the Elks Lodge or virtually? As of writing, I have only received a few replies. I will bring this up at the Board

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meeting on September 8th where a final decision will be made.

Dates to remember.

- September 1st. Virtual club meeting at 12:15pm. Guest speaker: Donielle Axline with 4-H Youth Development.
- September 8th. Virtual board Meeting at 12:15 pm. All members are welcome to attend.
- September 15th. Virtual club meeting at 12:15 pm. Guest speaker: Elizabeth Chung with the Asian American Center of Frederick.
- September 22nd. Virtual club meeting at 12:15 pm. Guest speaker: Someone from Student Homelessness Initiative Partnership (SHIP). To be confirmed.
- September 24 – 25th. Time TBD. 4-H virtual livestock auction.
- September 26th. Time TBD. Camp Jamie. More info to follow.
- September 26th. Time TBD. Sleep in Heavenly Peace. More info to follow.
- September 29th. Club Meeting at 12:15 pm. Installation of incoming officers and board members. Meeting type TBD.

Be sure to keep in touch with fellow members who for various reasons cannot attend our virtual meetings. Be safe and remember that a child somewhere needs our help.

President Allen

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
KIWANIS CLUB OF FREDERICK MD
August 11, 2020**

[All meetings are being held online via ZOOM until further notice.]

MEMBERS PRESENT:

OFFICERS

- PRESIDENT ALLEN BYRNE
- SECRETARY SUE VONA

Birthdays!

Kaili Van Waveren	1-Sep
Annette Breiling	2-Sep
Richard Haney	6-Sep
Greg Hutton (Hon.)	18-Sep
Carlos Graveran	22-Sep
Sue Vona	28-Sep

- TREASURER BOB FAILOR
- PAST PRES. BOB KAUFMANN

BOARD MEMBERS

- Art Anderson
- RAY EDIGER
- COLETTE BAKER
- TRACEY BUSH
- BILL LUKENS
- CARLOS GRAVERAN

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Allen Byrne when a quorum had been reached.

SECRETARY'S REPORT—Secretary Sue V. asked members if all had the opportunity to read the July's minutes as printed in the K-Notes. Upon receiving ayes, she asked if there were any omissions or corrections. As there were none, Art A. made a motion of acceptance which was seconded by Bill L. and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Treasurer, Bob F, said that there was no activity in the Administrative Account. From the Service Account the only transaction was the monthly debit for our Verizon service used in our Gift Wrap fundraiser, in the handling of credit cards. He also reported that he would be sending out invoices for membership dues in the amount of \$140/ member. He would like the 20-21 dues paid by mid-September so that we can begin the new year knowing what our membership number is for KI. Art moved to accept this report. Ray E. seconded and the motion was passed.

FOUNDATION REPORT—Foundation Spokesperson, Colette B said that as of June 30 we had a

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total of \$519,041 in the account. A brief discussion ensued as to how our recipients of our collegiate scholarships are selected. The committee is using both need and merit to make the decision. Sue moved to approve the report; motion was seconded by Tracy B and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Gift Wrap—Dave M. suggested that in the light of the complications of Protocol for COVID-19 we not hold the fundraiser this year. This would entail continuing with the inventory, notifying Mr. Giftwrap and the Mall of our decision. Another issue is whether or not we should discontinue paying for the Verizon service. Bob K will head up a small committee to determine the advisability of having the fundraiser, and report to the Board at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICIES – Lt Governor Bill Butts reiterated that Kiwanis Clubs must remain apolitical. We will be more successful in our mission if we can keep politics out of our meetings. This tenant should be told to our guest speakers when they are invited, so that they can present in as neutral manner as possible. Kiwanis members must also remain apolitical when they are in anyway representing the club. Pres. Allen will see that our Speaker guidelines go to all members again.

LIBRARY BOOKS—The club has donated library Books to the Frederick County Library. They were most happy to have received them.

REMINDER—All Funding requests must be presented to the club in writing.

LIVESTOCK SALE—Ray told the club that this club has been supporting the 4-H of Frederick County by participating in the annual livestock sale for 80 years. We are recognized for our support. This year there will be no County Fair so the sale will be virtual. He asks we continue our support. He wants us not to break the tradition of so many years of annual participation. Bob K made a motion that we continue our support. The motion was seconded by Art. and passed by the board.

Bob F. wants to make the check out in this fiscal year. Ray explained that the sale will be late, September 23 and 24. The animals are resold and we get

that money back to the club to distribute to the Charities of our choice. This process may take too long for all checks to be written by Oct. 1. Bob K moved to increase the amount by \$500 for a total of \$3000 to be spent on the sale. Bob F seconded and the Board approved.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS—Pres Allen will send out an e-mail asking members to state their preference for either a face-to-face or a virtual installation. The memo COVID crisis. Either way our officers and new board members will be installed 29 September by our Lt. Gov., Bill Butts.

CAMP JAMIE—will be held sept 26 at Frederick Health Village. Kaili will be notifying the club of volunteer opportunities, prior to the camp date, for pre camp set-up. The actual camp will be manned only by Hospice employees. Carlos said that he would look into the possibility of us holding the Gift Wrap at the Health Village if the mall is closed or is not appropriate this year. Bob K made a motion to donate \$500 to Hospice and the motion was seconded by Art. The motion passed.

Due to the lateness of the hour Bill moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Art and passed. Adjournment was at 1345 hrs.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING—At our August 25th regular meeting a Special Board Meeting was convened. There were two motions passed by the BOD during the special board meeting. The first motion: Art moved that for the duration of the COVID crisis and until another vote to change back is made, that we no longer have evening meetings. All regular meetings will, therefore, henceforth begin at 12:15 pm. The second motion: Sue moved to name our Fishing Camp “The William H. Lukens Memorial Fishing Camp” in honor of our deceased member, Bill Lukens. Motion seconded by Art and passed by the BOD.

Respectfully Submitted, Sue Vona, Secretary ☺

REPEAT: As per in red above, (COVID notwithstanding) there will be no more 6:15PM Tuesday evening regular club meetings the first Tuesday of the month as there has been for the past year. All regular club weekly Tuesday meetings will henceforth start at 12:15 PM.

Below left: Member Elizabeth was recently recognized an influential woman of color in Frederick County! She was also recently honored by the MD Commission of Women 100 year summit as one of 100 distinguished women in the state of MD for their service to their communities. Says Elizabeth, "I am honored and humbled by your praise. I got all the credits but my staff did all the work! It is also colleagues like you whose support meant so much and is so critical to do what needs to be done. I look forward to working with Kiwanis to strengthen our community and our children for our future! God bless America!" ❧

ELIZABETH CHUNG

Originally from Hong Kong, Elizabeth Chung has spent much of her life advocating for equal access to health resources for people of color—and much of that advocacy has been done in Frederick.

After coming to the United States in 1970, Chung completed a graduate

degree in public health at the University of Pennsylvania and founded the Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF) in the 1990s. Since then, she has grown the organization and made its primary mission focused on supporting immigrants and helping them become active members of the community.

The center, located on the Golden Mile, does not just support the Asian residents of Frederick. The staff speak over 30 different languages including Spanish, Hindi, Russian and Tagalog.

The center helps people in various ways including citizenship services, workforce development and maternal health and child care.

Chung is humble about it, though.

"I don't do any of these things because I need the name or the fame...you live in this world with a purpose and at the end, you have to feel positive," she said.

Immigrating to America and realizing the equity gap that still existed is what prompted her to turn her life's work into helping others like herself.

"I came to this country and thought I was free but you still see this discrimination, to me, it was a cultural shock and that's the reason why I became more sensitive to the system," Chung said. "I wondered why are people making decisions for others who don't look like them?"

Now in her 70s, Chung said she hopes to continue to see women come together in sisterhood and friendship and raise each other up because women have more to give.

Her ultimate dream is to see a female president of the United States.

"I think a woman would make a great president...we're not there yet as a country. I get it, but if I don't get to see it, you come to my grave," Chung said with a laugh.



Staff photo by Bill Green

Elizabeth Chung

The Tuesday noon Frederick Kiwanis Club meeting featured a film on "Refreshment Throughout the Years," supplied by the Coca-Cola Company. Kiwanis Marshall Long Jr., manager of the Frederick Coca-Cola Company, told the group that the per capita consumption for local citizens of his product is 150 bottles per person. He compared this to an approximate 500 bottles per person in some southern states. The film traced the history of refreshment from colonial days when natural carbonated water was featured at spas through the development of man-made carbonated water and "soda water" in the late 1800s, to today's "coke" as we know it.

Above: Art Anderson noticed that the "Yesterday" column of the July 2, 2020 FNP, the above clipping appeared regarding the Kiwanis Club of Frederick's Speaker program 50 years ago on July 2, 1970.



Division 7 of the Capital District is supplying two presidents for the '20-'21 administrative year. Our own Sue Vona will be President of the Kiwanis Club of Frederick.; but not to be outdone, the Kiwanis Club of Westminster is supplying Art Riley, KI International President!! Congrats to both!

Kiwanis Club Rose Day

Tuesday, September 29, 2020



Only \$25/dozen for high quality long stem roses
All proceeds benefit children of Washington County

Renee Mackey, renmky@aol.com is selling roses for the Hagerstown Kiwanis community projects. Cost is \$25 per dozen. The day of sales is September 29. She will deliver all orders on that date in the Elks parking lot with mask on and gloves. Members can take them out of her trunk as you social distance. She needs an approximate number by Sept. 11. Contact Sue Vona Vonas@verizon.net if interested in ordering.



At the August 18, 2020 Virtual Meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Frederick, Maciah Thomas spoke about his fledgling foundation called Double Up. He has benefitted from his education, family history and mentorship from Aje Hill of I.B.M. and several other foundations serving the needs of vulnerable children and families. We wish him well as he grows his foundation in our community.

NEIGHBORS

Community Living topic of Kiwanis Club program



Screen shot by Art Anderson

On June 30, Michael Planz, CEO of Community Living Inc., spoke to Kiwanis Club of Frederick via Zoom about the many ways the nonprofit works to improve the lives of individuals living independently with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism, Down syndrome or cerebral palsy. CLI offers a wide range of programs and services to support the people they serve across all aspects of adult life. Everyone they support either works a regular job, attends a day program or participates in their retirement program. With staff help as needed, the people they support do their own shopping, go to public events, and more. Pictured from the left in four rows are: Allen Byrne (Kiwanis president), Art Anderson, David Maloney, Sue Vona, Bob Kaufmann, Phil Pople, Lauri and Richard Cutting, Ron Williams, Ray Ediger, Michael Planz, Colette Baker, Bob Failor, Richard Reba, Stacey Krepel and Roz Nasher (not pictured). The Kiwanis Club of Frederick has been meeting on Tuesdays online via Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic. The club hopes to return to meeting face-to-face in the future at the Elks Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick. On the first Tuesday of the month the meeting is at 6:30 p.m. and at 12:15 p.m. on all other Tuesdays. For more information about membership, email Roz Nasher at roznasher@verizon.net.



Former Member Brian Pick Visits Frederick. A former member of the Kiwanis Club of Frederick, Brian Pick, visited the area from 16 July to 22 July. He was publishing our Newsletter until the end of last year even though he had moved to New Mexico to be near his father. Brian says he regrets not being able to see more of the club but had business to do, retrieve his car, and had many to visit, including a friend on hospice. His son and daughter were with him. They also had family to see. They helped him with the driving on the return trip. He says when the COVID crisis is over he will come for another visit. (Above (L to R): Bob Kaufmann, Brian Pick, Sue Vona)



Remember past speakers Rick and Mary Anne Smith (above) of Mount Airy MD who founded a group called **A is for Africa (AIFA)**, a 501(c) 3 organization involved in providing aid to the children in a Masai village in Tanzania? Well, [click on this link](#) to watch a YouTube video about their most recent adventure. Says LTG Bill Butts, "The Smith family just returned from their latest visit to Matim, Tanzania and this short video captures an update of the positive impact that AIFA continues to have on these African villages and their families and children."

Above: Images of an auto parade held for 100 year old Alfred (Alfie) Kurtz from Elizabethtown, NY. 33 years as a Kiwanian and this was a parade in honor of his 100th birthday. Over 100 vehicles including motorcycles, emergency vehicles, antique cars, etc. participated. Alfie is a WWII veteran of the European theater and was on our first [Honor Flight](#). —Richard Cutting

HONOR FLIGHT Thanks Police

What with all the anti-police sentiment and especially the stress of the Capital Police and Park Police duties, Gina Ricketts of Eyre Bus Lines wanted to show her company's support and appreciation. (Eyre Bus Lines provides busses used for Honor Flight.) She contacted Honor Flight hubs from all across the nation and via money donations and donations of items, Honor Flight was able to provide lunch for our officers: a choice of Mission Barbeque or Arby's, cookies, beverages, t-shirts, hats, etc. Goody bags had candy, thank you letters and notes, challenge coins, souvenirs of their state Honor Flight, etc. We even had bags for K9s with water bowl, tennis ball, dog biscuits, etc. She also put together a booklet of letters from flight hubs and veterans as well. I wrote a letter as retired sheriff, flight leader and former director of operations. Every officer got a copy of the booklet.

The event was kept off social media to keep protesters/anti-police people away, but officers knew to stop by and get their swag. We gave out lunch and swag to 96 officers and lunch to a number of workers such as maintenance workers who were in the area as well.

It was a great day of saying thank you and listening to officers horror stories and getting the real, first hand account of what is happening (instead of network news versions).

With the virus, no Honor Flights were done this year but we are planning for 6 next year: 3 each, spring and fall.

Photos below include Lauri and myself, other Honor Flight reps, officers, as well as part of the ground crew from Dulles airport that greets all Honor Flight coming thru the airport.

For more about Honor Flight, check out our hub at www.nchonorflight.org.

Richard Cutting
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