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Meetings

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

Save the date

FSK Mall Christmas Giftwrap will be Friday, December 8 through December 24. Setup will be the evening of Thursday, December 7th.



1. Kiwanis Hospital Project Update: President Cutting hared that he has been working on seeking costs for possible purchase of items as a Kiwanis project by presenting stores with a letter explaining our plan for a children's project at the Hospital. To date, there has been no reply. He will venture out to try to obtain objects for the project at a possible discount. He also shared that Charles Botts, who he met from the Mt. Airy Picnic, has donated an unused Keurig for our project.
2. Kiwanis Picnic: Our annual Kiwanis Picnic is scheduled for August 1st. A signup sheet will be available in the near future for salads and desserts.
3. No Meeting Dates: No meeting is scheduled for July 4th due to the holiday or August 1st due to our picnic being held that day.
4. Installation of Club Board Members and Officers: The Board discussed: the date would be September 26 and the President would check with the Elks for accommodations for the date and get back to the Board.

Member Dr. Ray Ediger Recognized



Three College of Veterinary Medicine alumni – Drs. Raymond Ediger, Jerry Brown, and Harold Schott – were recognized for their contributions to the veterinary field during the college’s Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony.



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
College of Veterinary Medicine



Veterinarian Dr. Raymond D. Ediger ('61 DVM) was given the Excellence in Practice Award. The award recognizes the college’s most outstanding alumni for outstanding contributions to clinical, diagnostic, military, public health, regulatory, or other practice service. In addition, Ediger was also recognized with a Diamond Award for being a donor to the college for more than 50 years. Two others were also honored. The honors were awarded in the Mickelsen Lounge in front of dozens of alumni who were invited back to campus.

Member Allen Byrne Recognized



Last month, during the 25th annual International Stationary Battery Conference (Battcon) held in Orlando, FL, Frederick Kiwanis Club member J. Allen Byrne was recognized from the podium as being the conference's most valued individual for the past 25 years. Allen, who was one of the founders of the conference and which he chaired for 16 of those years, was inducted into the international battery hall of fame in 2011. Allen, who is retired from full time work, currently acts as a technical advisor for an industry-leading battery backup provider.

At a recent meeting, Shiara Jackson explained the purpose of Advocates for Homeless Families.

(L to R) Club Pres. Richard Cutting, Shiara Jackson holding a Club Challenge Coin, Club VP Ron Williams.



Club Challenge Coins

Now for sale at club meetings \$10
But What is a Challenge Coin?



The Most Common Assumption

The most well-known story that the internet produced linked the challenge coin tradition back to World War I. As the U.S. started building up its Army Air Service, many men volunteered to serve. One of those men was a wealthy lieutenant who wanted to give each member of his unit a memento, so he ordered several coin-sized bronze medallions to be made.

The lieutenant put his own medallion in a small leather pouch that he wore around his neck. A short time later, his plane was shot down over Germany. He survived but was captured by a German patrol,

who took all of his identifiable items so he would have no way to identify himself if he escaped. What they didn't take was the small pouch with the medallion.

The lieutenant was taken to a small town near the front lines of the war. Despite his lack of ID, he managed to find some civilian clothing and escaped anyway, eventually stumbling into a French outpost. Wary of anyone not in uniform, the French soldiers didn't recognize his accent and immediately assumed he was an enemy.

They initially planned to execute him, since they couldn't ID him. But the lieutenant, remembering he still had the small pouch around his neck, pulled out the coin to show the soldiers his unit's insignia. One of the Frenchmen recognized that insignia, so he was spared.

Instead of being executed, the lieutenant was given a bottle of wine, probably as a form of reparation for his initial treatment. When he finally made it back to his squadron, it became a tradition for all service members to carry a unit-emblazoned coin at all times, just in case.

Not Everyone Believes That Depiction

While that story sounds cool, Air Force Historical Research Agency archivist Barry Spink isn't buying it. He said he'd been told in the 1990s that the tradition started in Vietnam when an Army infantry-run bar tried to keep non-infantrymen away by forcing "outsiders" to buy drinks for the whole bar if they couldn't prove they had been in combat. The "proof" started with enemy bullets, then got a little out of control with grenades, rockets, and unexploded ordnance. So a coin-sized item emblazoned with the unit's insignia became the accepted form of proof. This tradition -- now known as a coin check -- continues today, hence it being called a "challenge" coin.

One More Possibility

Spink also sent me an article called "Coining a Tradition" that was printed in a 1994 edition of *Soldiers Magazine*. It offered a similar version of the Vietnam story, the World War I tale, and one other option, which dates back to the early 1960s: *"A member of the 11th Special Forces Group took old coins, had them over stamped with a different emblem, then presented them to unit members, according to Roxanne Merritt, curator of the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum at Fort Bragg, N.C. A former commander of the 10th SFG picked up on the idea, becoming the first to mint a unit coin for the U.S. military unit. The 10th group remained the only Army unit with its own coin until the mid-1980s, Merritt said, when 'an explosion took place and everybody started minting coins.'"*

So if you've ever wondered how the challenge coin came about, you can take your pick of which story to believe!



(Right) Clifton Jackson, Ex. Dir and Founder, explained the purposes of his non-profit, Living Well Youth-Works.



(Left) Clifton shares information about LWYW with member Ron Williams.

(Right) Pres. Richard Cutting presents Clifton with a Club Challenge Coin.



(Left) Members enjoying Clifton's presentation.





Club SLP Chair, Colette Baker, hosted three of our High School Key Club school advisors at a recent club meeting. (L to R) Colette Baker, Rita Marcotte (Tuscarora HS), Tracey Athey (Middletown HS), Andrea Shephard (Urbana HS). The school advisors shared their club's activities from this past school year and club members invited the Key Club students to participate in some club activities, such as the holiday gift wrap.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Yesterday

Items from the files of The Frederick News-Post

50 Years Ago

June 20, 1973 The Kiwanis Club of Frederick honored Frederick County's retiring teachers and heard G. Hunter Bowers Jr., president of the Frederick County School Board, develop his theme of educational accountability at their weekly luncheon meeting on Tuesday. Among the new developments in education, he said, is that of accountability of the entire educational system to the general

Yesterday

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100 Years Ago

June 13, 1923 Carried back in memory to their school days, forty-six members of the Kiwanis Club were given a spelling test at their weekly meeting in the Blue and Grey room of the Francis Scott Key Hotel Tuesday noon by Prof. G. Nevin Robert, head of the Department of Education at Hood College, who is making a study of the spelling ability of business and professional men in this city. He has given a similar test to the Rotarians of Frederick and the Lions will be the next to be put through the spelling bee. The study is part of a nation-wide investigation.



Dave Maloney recently attended Cub Pack 285's annual "Bridging Ceremony." Our club is the Chartering Organization for Pack 285. During the bridging ceremony, Cubs advance to the next rank. They each cross the bridge which symbolically represents them graduating to the next level. Upon crossing the bridge, they are handed a new Scout book which contains requirements and projects to earn the next rank. Of course, cake followed!



2023 CAPITAL DISTRICT KIWANIS CONVENTION

The Capital District Kiwanis Convention will be held
August 18-20, 2023 at the Marriott Richmond Hotel in
Richmond, VA!

Join us for the fellowship, great speakers, educational
workshops, a service project and more.

[Go here for info](#)



103RD ANNUAL
CAPITAL DISTRICT KIWANIS
CONVENTION 2023

Register for Best Convention Rates by July 15th

Our early bird registration **package rate of \$190** includes all conference materials, all conference sessions, the Saturday Casino Night and five ticketed meals: the Friday Night Murder Mystery Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Lunch and Governor's Gala Dinner, Sunday Breakfast. **This is an \$80 savings** over purchasing your registration and meals separately.

There is no registration fee for non-Kiwanian guests attending with a registered Kiwanis member. Couples who are both Kiwanians must register separately.

Reminder, this early bird **special rate of \$190 ends July 15th**. After that, the rate increases to **\$210**.

Online convention reservation ends August 11th. There will be **no on-site registration**.





Christie Gordon and Bob Cooke recently provided a very interesting discussion on New Neighbors Interfaith Allegiance and how they help refugees to acclimate to America.

(Above) Left to right: Pres. Richard Cutting, Christie Gordon, Bob Cooke, and VP Ron Williams.

(Right) Christie Gordon relating efforts to aid refugee family with housing, employment and transitioning to a new way of life.





Richard Cutting, 2nd from right participated on June 10 in the color guard for NY Run For The Fallen. Runners ran a relay over 4 days covering 100 miles from Watertown, NY to Syracuse and on to Albany. The purpose is to Honor and remember those New Yorkers military members who have lost their lives since the war on terror began.

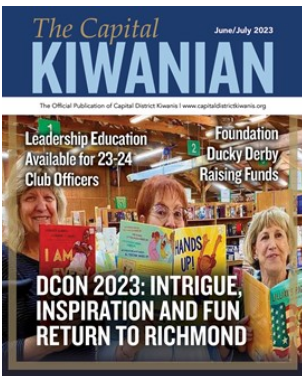


The memorial flag. This one was given to the family of Jason Jablonski, USNA

save the date

Club picnic

Aug 1



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Upcoming Birthdays!

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Member Monthly Volunteer Hours: May 2023

by Colette Baker

Here are volunteer hours for the month of May 2023. Be sure to report your monthly hours on the first of each month for the preceding month. Go here to do so:

<https://davidmaloney.com/machform2/embed.php?id=18517>

Bed Build	2 members	17 hours	40 youth
Camp Jamie	4 members	12 hours	
SLP	1 member	5 hours	50 youth
Assist Seniors	1 member	4 hours	
CTC Beekeeping Mentor	1 member	12 hours	180 youth
Heritage Frederick	1 member	4 hours	
Hood College Commencement And Board Meeting	1 member	3 hours	1500 youth