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Meetings

Meetings are held weekly in the Garden Room, Elks Lodge, 289 Willowdale Dr., Frederick, MD 21702. We meet every Tuesday at 12:15 pm, except for the 4th Tuesday of the month when we meet at 6 pm.

Opinion

THE FREDERICK NEWS-POST | FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Frederick has a Kiwanis, too

I read with interest Shuan Butcher's column on service clubs in Frederick County ("Service clubs are unsung heroes in our community," Jan. 25-26).

As a multi-service club member in Frederick, I can wholeheartedly agree with his sentiments concerning community and ways to participate.

Service clubs provide for the needs of a significant portion of the population in giving people an avenue to network, continue or form new friendships and to see and help the community in many different ways.

One thing I did find lacking in this column was mention of Frederick Kiwanis. I know Kiwanis was mentioned — specifically, Mount Airy Kiwanis. Mount Airy Kiwanis is a wonderful organization that greatly benefits the community in a lot of ways.

However, Frederick has our own Kiwanis formed over 100 years ago. We meet weekly at the Frederick Elks and have our hands in multiple needs around the area.

We currently support over 30 children's-based needs such as scholarships, support for therapeutic riding, children's sports, Sleep in Heavenly Peace (building beds for children who don't have a bed), support camps for children suffering from trauma, and similar programs.

I am sure with the myriad of service clubs around, there is always one for anyone who wants to become a part of the support community.

For more information, you can access us online at frederickkiwanis.org.

RICHARD CUTTING

Frederick Editor's note: Richard Cutting is the president of Frederick Kiwanis.

Member Ron Pearcey's son, Jeremy. R.I.P.

We are saddened by the passing of Jeremy Pearcey, son of club member Ron and his wife, Melanie.

The Frederick News-Post - 02/26/2025

Jeremy Pearcey

We are saddened by the loss of our father, son and brother, Jeremy Alan Pearcey, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 at his residence, Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD. Jeremy was born on January 29, 1971 at Frederick Memorial Hospital and was the son of John Ronald Pearcey and the late Kathy Jean Keeney.

Jeremy was a 1989 graduate of Frederick High School and learned the welding trade through his vo-tech studies at Frederick Community College. He later earned an associate degree from the University of Maryland.

He began his career at Abicor Binzel in 1989 and just completed his 35 year anniversary with the company. Over those years, Jeremy developed many friendships with coworkers and traveled to many locations with the company.

Jeremy was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers football fan and enjoyed playing golf with his dad.

He is survived by his daughter, Ashley Marie Kershner and husband Cody, granddaughter Bristol and grandson Colt, and his brother David Brian Pearcey. He is



also survived by his father John Ronald Pearcey and his wife Melanie Reeder-Pearcey. Also surviving are his step-brothers Richard Reeder and his children Zack, Rylee, Lucas, Parker and Declan and Robert Reeder and his children Gavin, Greyson and Emmett. Jeremy also leaves behind a special girlfriend, Angela Spino and her son Kyle Spino.

A viewing will be held at the Mount Olivet Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel, 515 S. Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701 on Friday, February 28, 2025 from 11 a.m. to noon. The funeral service will commence at noon. Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.keeneybasford.com

Frederick Fair Thanks Youth Livestock Sale Buyers & Supporters



Thank You!

Dear Youth Livestock Sale Buyers and Supporters,

We are filled with gratitude for the incredible support you've shown to The Great Frederick Fair Youth. This year, your generosity has once again made a profound impact on the lives of 221 youth livestock exhibitors through The Great Frederick Fair Youth Livestock Sale.

Thanks to your unwavering support and the generosity of our sponsors, 100% of the proceeds—a grand total of \$824,770—went directly to these youth. Your investment in their futures not only helps them reach their goals but also reinforces the sense of community and encouragement they need to thrive.

Together, we are fostering a passion for agriculture, hands-on learning, and lifelong skills that will carry these youth toward success.

As the holiday season approaches, we wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year filled with blessings.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Carrie J. Wolf

Carrie J. Wolf
Programs Coordinator, on behalf of The Great Frederick Fair Livestock Sale Committee

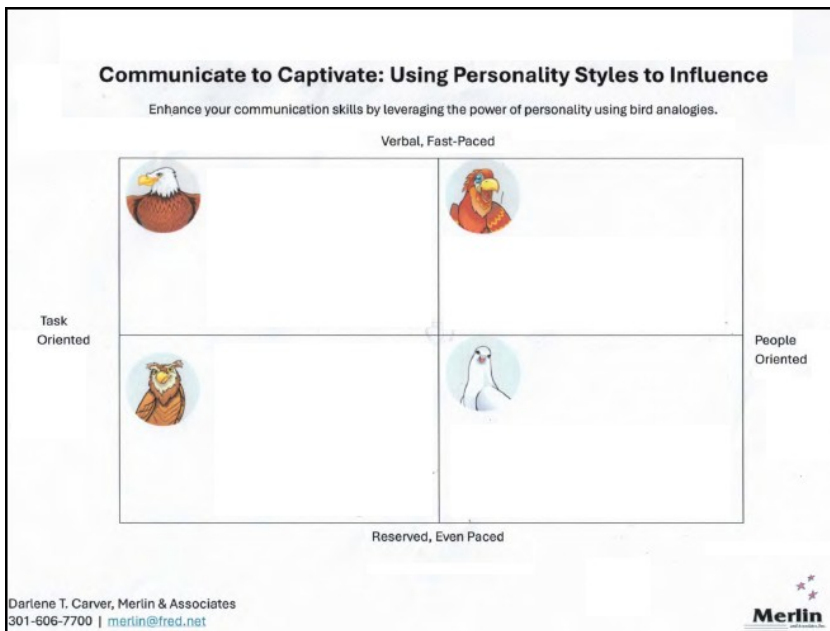
Update from Mt. St. Mary's

Mount St. Mary's University Associate Provost Jan Staiger, Ph.D, recently visited our club to provide an update on the University and how our student grants are being utilized. Pictured below, Pres. Richard (L) presents Dr. Staiger with a coveted Kiwanis Club of Frederick Challenge Coin as a Thank You gift. Joining them is Dr. Bob Kaufmann.



Learning to Communicate “on the fly”

At a recent meeting, trainer and consultant Darlene Carver engaged the membership in a enlightening moment. “Enlightening moments are the times when you hear, read, experience, or engage in something that produces a flash of realization. We use lightning-bolt moments in a training process that is flexible and powerful yet simple – **Engage, Excite, Empower,**” Darlene said. In our case, using the below graphic, we used the characteristics of four birds to help identify people as being verbal and fast paced, people oriented, reserved and ever paced, or task oriented. Some of us were parrots. Some owls. Not many doves, but lots of eagles. In bottom photo, Pres. Richard (L) thanks Darlene as Dr. Bob Kaufmann looks on.





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CLUB OF MT. AIRY

PANCAKE

BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 29th

7 am to 11 am

**Calvary United Methodist Church
Good Shepherd Hall (Top Level)
403 S. Main St., Mt. Airy**



**Pancakes, Eggs, & Wagner's Sausage
Juice, Milk, Coffee & Tea**

ALL YOU CAN EAT & COOKED TO ORDER!!

Adults · \$12 Children 6-10 · \$6 5 & Under · Free

Proceeds Benefit Local Community Projects!

Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Mt. Airy Net!

Club Thanks Gift Wrap Team Leaders

“We could not pull off our annual FSK Mall Charity Giftwrap for Kids were it not for the dedication of our Team Leaders,” said Gift Wrap organizer, Dave Maloney. Team Leaders are responsible for overseeing the gift wrappers (most of whom are high schoolers), keeping the gift wrap tables neat, maintaining security and assisting new wrappers as needed.

Our club recently thanked Team Leaders by hosting an evening dinner at the Elks. All shared their favorite gift wrap stories including the oddest and largest items wrapped. Laurie Cutting even made a special banana cake for dessert!





Team Leaders Theresa Thompson, Coach Dolly, Darlene Carver and husband Gary



TL Coach Dolly and Dave Maloney



How Much?

FSK Mall donated four partially-filled buckets of coins removed from the fountain at mall center court. Take a guess at how much is in these buckets and maybe win an amazing prize! More later...



Club Member Peter Brehm Seeks Office

The Frederick News-Post

FREDERICK

Brehm brings community involvement experience in campaign for City Council

By NOLAN WILKINSON

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Peter Brehm wants to use his experience in community involvement to serve on the Frederick City Council in the downtown district.

Brehm's community participation includes positions in LGBTQ+ affirming organizations, church committees, Neighborhood Advisory Councils (NAC) and more.

Candidate filing has not opened yet, but Brehm, a Democrat, told The Frederick News-Post on Friday he will run for a seat in District 3, which is expected to encompass the downtown area.

"One of the things that I am seeking to be elected on is the fact that I am aware, through all of these activities, about the many ways that the city interacts with neighbors and neighborhoods, and I'd like to have a chance at leading that effort," Brehm said in an interview Monday.

Under the new city charter passed in September, the number of City Council members will increase from five to seven. Five council members will represent districts, and two will remain at large representatives of the city.

The City Council is set to vote on a map with district boundaries in its meeting on Thursday.

Both versions of the map that are being considered include most of the downtown area as part of District 3.

Filing for the election will open after districts are finalized, city spokesperson Allen Etzler said in January.

Brehm is the treasurer for the LGBTQ+ resource provider The Frederick Center and has lived in Frederick with his husband, Jack, for around 15 years.

He is president of the Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ's governing body, the consistory.

Brehm was previously a coordinator for NAC 9, which encompasses an area between U.S. 15, Jefferson Street, Bentz Street and Rosemont Avenue.

The Neighborhood Advisory Councils are forums for residents to communicate with the city to improve their neighborhoods, according to the city website.

His time as a NAC coordinator helped him better understand the "granular needs" of neighborhoods, Brehm said.

The new district system should enable council members to pay better attention to residents as well as neighborhood advocacy organizations like East Frederick Rising, The Golden Mile Alliance, and the NACs, he said.

The city should also be "visible and vocal" about supporting community needs in the face of federal policy changes initiated under President

Donald Trump, Brehm said.

Brehm said he supported the City Council's decision in September to grant non-citizen residents the right to vote.

"I understand that they may not necessarily have all the documentation as a citizen, but they're still my neighbor, and they're still a resident, and therefore they should have a voice in the process," he said.

Legislation in a similar vein can help support marginalized communities like immigrants and LGBTQ+ people in the face of hostility from the federal government, Brehm said.

A lack of affordable housing is one of the most important issues the city is facing, he said.

He suggested taking a closer look at the city's current practice of allowing developers to pay a fee rather than meet a requirement that 12.5% of new housing projects be affordable housing.

"I just wonder if we couldn't move faster with providing more affordable units if we asked builders to build the units, as opposed to pay the in-lieu fee," he said.

The city also needs to focus on becoming more environmentally sustainable, Brehm said.

He suggested the city look into transitioning city vehicles to electric models and building solar panels over parking areas.

"I understand it's not cheap," Brehm said. "I understand it takes time to make that change, but I just want to see that happen."

He said the city needs to consider ways to reduce light pollution. Specifically, the city has been exchanging old bulbs on lamp posts in the downtown area for LED bulbs, which he said leads to an overabundance of light.

The primary election for City Council and mayor is scheduled for Sept. 9, and the general election is scheduled for Nov. 4.

As of Tuesday, one other candidate, Wag's Restaurant co-owner Dave Schmidt, a Democrat, had said he will seek election in District 3.



Peter Brehm has said he will seek a seat on the Frederick City Council, representing District 3.

Staff photo by Katina Zentz

Upcoming Events

Feb. 28 – March 2nd

Capital District Kiwanis Midyear Conference.

Held at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort in Cambridge, MD. The title of the Conference is “Elevate Our Impact” mirroring Governor Josh’s theme for the year. Registration (Early Deadline is Feb. 7, final deadline is Feb. 21). Hotel Information (Deadline Feb 13)

June 25-28th

Kiwanis International Convention 2025 in Pittsburgh, PA

Register early to get the best price. To access convention information and registration on Kiwanis.org, you will need to use your Kiwanis Connect user name (email address) and password. If you do not have a Kiwanis Connect login, you can request one at members.kiwanis.org. If you have further questions, email Member Services at memberservices@kiwanis.org or call 1-800-549-2647.

Members Help Key Club with Dining in the Dark

Club members Colette Baker and Phoebe Barreto recently visited the Walkersville High Key Club and learned all about "Dinner in the Dark", a fundraiser to help support the blind population. The Key Club is partnering with the Leo Club, a student service club sponsored by the Glade Valley Lions club. The Key Club and Leo Club students will be serving guests who attend this fundraiser. There will be a social hour, dinner, speakers from Leader Dog and a silent auction.



Dining in the Dark is a gastronomical experience that invites you



to explore the full potential of your taste buds in a uniquely entertaining atmosphere. While blindfolded, you'll enjoy delectable surprise dishes and feast on a curated 3-course meal without using your sight, thereby enhancing your other senses. [Go Here](#) to register for this March 14th evening event.

Library Volunteer Expo



(Above) Middletown Library had a Kindness Festival Volunteer Expo Monday, February 17. Our Kiwanis club was represented by Dr Bob Kaufman, and Lauri and Richard Cutting. Among the presenters were representatives of Blessings in a Backpack, WAGS, the Frederick Library system, Kiwanis, Lions and others.

Wind Tunnel Update



Sarah Schwartz, Children's Library Specialist, Middletown Branch Library reports that the wind tunnel our club recently purchased for the Library was being well received during a recent Storytime at the Library. "They Love it!" she said.



Agenda for February 11, 2025 – Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order - President Cutting
Secretary's Report - Lauri Cutting
Treasurer's Report – Bob Failor
Community Foundation Update - Colette Baker
Key Clubs – Colette Baker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Gift Wrap Appreciation Dinner
Salvation Army Update
Wind tunnel Update
Cool Kids request for financial support for a Frederick Student – (letter and information emailed out 1/28/25)
Proposed Travel Procedure – (sent by email 1/20/25)
Upcoming training – Capital District Midyear Conference in
Cambridge, MD – (see your Kiwanis Save the Date Events Sheet)
Audit Committee Meeting
Request by a knife museum in Middletown for help with funding for an Electric sign. Response was sent that as this was not a direct children's issue and we regretfully declined.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Realignment for Division 4 to DelMarVA Region as of 1/26/2026.
Ratify Motion of Feb. 4th to donate the Frederick Police Dept. \$200.00 for children safety materials.
Vacant Officer's Position

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED:

Angela Knight, Branch Administrator for our donation of the Wind Tunnel, Fan & Scarves.
Eric Stephens i9Sports for our donation (\$500) and support.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Monthly Volunteer Hours: January 2024

by Colette Baker

Here are volunteer hours for the month of January 2024. 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>

Assist Seniors	2 members	8 hours	
Bed Building	2 members	6 hours	50 youth
CTC Beekeeping Mentor	1 member	8 hours	
Gift Wrap	1 member	6 hours	
Middletown Library Wind			
Tunnel Presentation	6 members	6 hours	
FFA Club	1 member	4 hours	24 youth
4-H Club	1 member	3 hours	10 youth
Hospice Board Meeting	1 member	2 hours	
Cub Pack 285/Troop 795	1 member	2 hours	

Read the February/March *The Capital Kiwanian!*



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