



IMPORTANT KIWANIS MEETING CHANGES

May – Meetings:

May 6th will be a Board of Directors meeting @ 12:15 at the Elks – **No regular meeting that day.** We encourage all to attend the Middle School Most Improved Student Recognition Dinner that night at the Elks at 6pm. This is Colette's annual project and is a great job honoring our students from Frederick.

Beginning in May, Kiwanis regular meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 12:15 at the Elks as usual. **No evening meetings any longer.**

Our Annual Meeting will be **May 13th** (which will be our voting for officers) and will follow our 2nd Tuesday regular meeting this month.

Future Meetings

Henceforth, Board meetings will be held at Wegmans on Route 26 on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Regular Kiwanis meetings will take place the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Elks at 12:15 pm. **We will no longer have evening meetings.**

2024-2025 OFFICERS

Pres. Richard Cutting

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301-874-4866

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518 593-3164

Treas. Bob Failor

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240-397-3749

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Ray Ediger ('25-'27)

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301-371-4796

Colette Baker ('22-'25)

301-514-9144

Dex Ryberg (5/9/23-'25)

Meetings

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the Garden Room, Elks Lodge, 289 Willowdale Dr., Frederick, MD 21702

Colette Wins Coin Guessing Game!

Club members tried guessing the amount of coinage donated to the club by FSK Mall. Coins are taken from the Mall fountain annually just prior to Christmas. Colette's guess was closest to the actual amount which was \$1,059.92. Her prize was a penny bank full of candy money!



Cool Kids Campaign Explains their Mission

In the top photo, President Richard Cutting and Cool Kids Campaign Grant Director Renne Wooding with a “big check” representing Frederick Kiwanis’s donation of \$1,000!

Founded in Maryland in 2006, the Cool Kids Campaign, has carried out its mission to directly impact children fighting cancer through academic, social and emotional programming. While deciding on our foundation’s name, we kept in mind that kids are kids regardless if they are healthy or sick. Hence the Cool Kids name. Every child wants to feel “cool” even when they don’t feel well.

In the bottom photo, Cutting presents Renee Wooding with a Kiwanis Challenge Coin as a thank you for her presentation on all that Cool Kids does for children, parents and siblings.



Upcoming Events

Save the Dates for Kiwanis Events

- May 6th **Reminder:** Kiwanis Board of Directors Meeting at the Elks 12:15
- May 6th **Middle School Most Improved Student Recognition Dinner** – held at the Elks. Time: set up @5:00, registration @6:00 Dinner @ 6:30. Cost will be \$20 adult and \$10 per child 12 and under.
- May 13th **2nd Tuesday of the month Regular Meeting @ 12:15 with the Annual Meeting [vote] to follow.**
- May 19th **Mission of Mercy Food Truck** @ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 199 North Place, Frederick, MD – 8:00 a.m.
- 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.
- June 30th **Mission of Mercy Food Truck** @ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 199 North Place, Frederick, MD 8:00 a.m.
- July 28th **Mission of Mercy Food Truck** @ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 199 North Place, Frederick, MD - 8:00 a.m.
- August 25th **Mission of Mercy Food Truck** @ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 199 North Place, Frederick, MD - 8:00 a.m.
- September 29th **Mission of Mercy Food Truck** @ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 199 North Place, Frederick, MD - 8:00 a.m.

Richard Lends a Hand at Bed Build

(Left) Richard Cutting, a station mentor, explains to young volunteers one of the build stations.

(Right) Richard inspects a bed end before it goes outside for branding and staining at the April 12 bed build. 50 area children will have a cozy bed as a result of this build.



FSK Portrait Subject of Club Talk: Originated 100 Years Ago

Yesterday

Items from the files of The Frederick News-Post

100 Years Ago

On this and the following two pages, William Grinage's portrait of Francis Scott Key is highlighted. Former club member John Ash-bury reviewed the painting's history with the club in 2023. His presentation is on the following pages.

April 28, 1925 Considerable interest is attached to the formal presentation today of the portrait of Francis Scott Key, author of the "Star-Spangled Banner," to the management of the Francis Scott Key Hotel by the Frederick Kiwanis Club. An invitation has been extended to H. Dorsey Etchison, of the local bar, to refer to the character and talents of the late William Grinage, who painted the portrait to be presented this afternoon.

Historian John Ashbury Tells Story of FSK Portrait

At a recent club meeting, former club and renowned local historian John Ashbury shared the story of the portrait of Francis Scott Key which the Kiwanis Club of Frederick had commissioned William Grinage to paint in 1925. The below article is by Christina Martinkosky, The News-Post May 19, 2019.

The two-story brick structure at 22 W. All Saints St. blends in seamlessly with its neighborhood. Nothing about its form or style would suggest that it holds a unique place in history, but it does.

Historic fire insurance maps from the Sanborn Map Company show that by 1922, this building was being used as a home and photography studio. Other documents, including deeds and census records confirm that William and Esther Grinage were the property owners. At that time, the Grinage home and studio was in the heart of the West All Saints Street neighborhood, which served as the hub of commercial and social activity for the black residents of Frederick.



William Grinage is credited as the first known professional African American artist in Frederick. What Grinage lacked in formal training as an artist, he easily made up for with natural talent and practice. His photography and art studio was at the rear of the house, and it is there that he created his works of art, which are still appreciated today.

William Grinage's reputation as a talented artist may have begun after several successful showings at the Frederick County Fair. In 1924 Grinage won first place for an oil painting he submitted and took home \$1.50 in prize money. Some of his best-known works were influenced by his strong Christian faith and include portraits of an angel and one of Christ. It is believed that his daughter served as a model for the face of the angel while a neighbor posed as the body.

Grinage is best known for his portrait of Francis Scott Key. Sadly, William Grinage died shortly after finishing the Key portrait and never got to appreciate the many accolades it received. The humble portrait painter died unexpectedly in February 1925. He was about 58 years old, and his death was significant enough to be announced on the front page of Frederick's local periodical, The News.

His final portrait painting was created for the Frederick Kiwanis Club, which given to the Francis Scott Key Hotel, where it was displayed for many years. At the presentation ceremony of the artwork in April 1925, his good friend H. Dorsey Etchison provided a speech to address the character and talents of Grinage.

Although no transcript is known to have survived, a letter to the editor published in The News on Feb. 28, 1925, may provide some insights. Etchison, a local lawyer, grew to appreciate the character and talents of Grinage and noted that “he displayed to me so many of the qualities of splendid character and manhood that I deem it appropriate and fitting to give public expression of his worth.

“There is many a man bigger than his environment, and yet, paradoxical as it may seem, that same environment hides him. ... I never doubted for a moment but he would in the end realize his ambition to be recognized and known as a real interpreting painter.”

William’s widow, Esther Grinage, continued to live in the home and made significant contributions to her community during her life. She was one of the first African American teachers in Frederick and was considered a fine educator. In 1937 the Esther Grinage Kindergarten School opened in the old Pythian Castle in the 100 block of West All Saints Street in her honor. However, with increasing enrollment, the school moved to the recreation room in the Lincoln Apartment building on South Bentz Street.

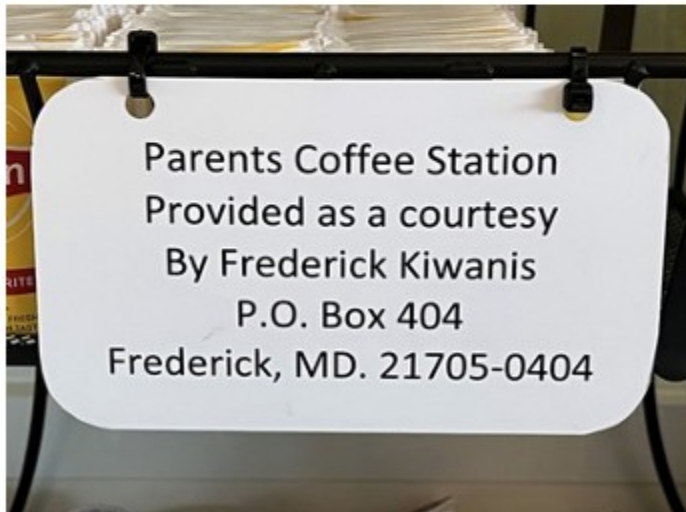


John Ashbury (L) and club member Ray Ediger flank a print of William Grinage’s 1925 painting of Francis Scott Key.

The school served the local black community by providing education and care for 4- and 5-year-olds. Although Esther died in March 1947, her legacy in education continued. Today, the home of William and Esther Grinage is in the Frederick National Register District and the locally designated Frederick Town Historic District. The Grinage House helps illustrate the vibrant African American neighborhood of West All Saints Street.

Club Purchases New Coffee Maker for Hospital Koffee Korner

Richard Cutting reports that the coffee maker at the hospital's Koffee Korner has seen heavy use and needed to be replaced. The new coffee maker is shown to the right. Charli at the hospital reports many happy parents!



Hospice Subject of Speaker Program



Leigh Cadle, Community Services Liaison Frederick Health (Gerontology and Aging Services), recently spoke to our club and provided an update Frederick Health's Hospice Services. Cadle has certifications from the National Academy of Sports Medicine. "My role as Community Services Liaison merges my expertise in gerontology with a dedication to enhancing the lives of seniors," she said. Cadle thanked the club for past Hospice support to the tune of in excess of \$40K. Pictured here, club Pres. Richard cutting presents Cadle with a club Challenge Coin as a Thank You, as Dr. Bob Kaufmann looks on.



Agenda for April 8, 2025 – Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order - President Cutting

Secretary's Report - Lauri Cutting (3/11 Board Meeting and 3/31 Special Board Meeting)

Coin Guess - _____

Treasurer's Report – Bob Failor

Community Foundation Update - Colette Baker

Key Clubs – Colette Baker

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Division Council Meeting & Division Teenager of the Year on Wednesday, March 26th @ 7:00 p.m.
on Zoom

Interclub for the Mt. Airy Breakfast 3/29

Student Appreciation Dinner – May 6th

No Kiwanis Meeting May 6 in lieu of Kiwanis attending the Student Appreciation Dinner

NEW BUSINESS

New Member

Audit Committee

Nominating Committee Proposed Slate of Officers

Donated Kiwanis Sign

May meetings

3/31/25 Special Meeting Discussion

Reminders: [See the Kiwanis Events sheet for further information.]

SPEAKERS: We need a speaker for April 15th . We have speakers for April 22nd and April 29th

ADJOURNMENT

Member Monthly Volunteer Hours: March 2024

by Colette Baker

Here are volunteer hours for the month of March 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>

Hospice Interviews	1 member	6 hours	
Hood Board of Trustee Meetings	1 member	26 hours	1500 students
CTC Beekeeping Mentor	1 member	8 hours	
Gift wrap (coins)	2 members	9 hours	
Cub Scout Pack 285/Troop 795	1 member	1 hour	
Bed Build	3 members	10 hours	60 youth
Assist Seniors	3 members	12 hours	
Centro Hispano ESL Training	1 member	6 hours	
4-H Club	1 member	3 hours	10 youth
Frederick Co. Science Fair	1 member	6 hours	200 youth
Middle School Recognition Banquet	1 member	5 hours	16 youth

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