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Key Clubber Benefits from Volunteering

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Meetings

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

I recently received the below email from one of our Urbana HS Key Club student Gift wrappers. It is very touching — so much so that I made a little video from the clips of this speech she had sent me. Watch the video here:

<https://youtu.be/3seyDBaKuvI>—Dave Maloney

Hi!

I'm not sure if you remember me, but I'm Shreya Parmar, one of the student volunteers at the last holiday gift wrap Kiwanis did at the Francis Scott Key mall.

I recently attended the District Convention for Key Club this year and I actually ended up winning the oratory contest award for the speech I gave. I mentioned the gift wrap in this speech along with you, actually, and how that experience was so important in getting me into volunteering.

I wanted to share it with you just so you know that everything you do is appreciated and even though we may never see each other again, your actions have left a lasting positive impact on my life. Thank you so much for everything!

If there are any other events that Kiwanis is doing and I could possibly help out with, please do let me know! I'd be honored to be a part of anything Kiwanis is doing!

Sincerely,

Shreya Parmars



Seriously? Colette Baker's Grandson Wins Big for Lego Replica of Downtown Frederick!

Block Party at the Delaplaine Arts Center

This 10-day public exhibition offered participants of all ages the chance to show off their creativity. Visitors purchased votes and the funds raised support Delaplaine's community engagement programs serving the underserved, at-risk audiences. Bennett Baker, grandson of Colette Baker, won a jurors award for his Carroll Creek creation.



Most Creative Block Project or Artwork

"There's No Place Like Home" by Bennett Baker

Recent Visitors

Major John Blevins, Jr. a Corps Officer of the Salvation Army of Frederick Officer recently spoke to the club about the origins and history of the Salvation Army. Major Blevins stands between members Roz Nasher (L) and Pres. Sue Vona as he receives a Club Challenge Coin as a Thank-You.



Staff of The Banner School of Frederick visited the club recently. They explained that the School is a non-profit, independent, coeducational school service students through 8th grade. Pictured here with Club Pres. Sue Vona (L) and Bob Kaufmann (Right are Analise Stowers (Director of Marketing & Development) and Martina Bannasch (Primary Head, Third Grade Teacher) receiving Club Challenge Coins as thank you gifts.



Dave Maloney Attended Pack 285 B&G Ceremony

Seven Cub Scouts of our Cub Pack 285 were recently awarded their Arrow of Light award, which is the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve. Their next step is to Cross Over to join a local Boy Scout Troop. Congrats, Scouts!



History of the Blue and Gold Ceremony

Accounts vary, but Blue and Gold Banquets are a tradition in Cub Scout packs. They are a celebration of the anniversary of the founding of the BSA on February 8, 1910. According to BSA's History of Cub Scouting, the story of the Blue and Gold originates in the depression years of the 1930s. In 1933 "Cub Leaders' Round Table" suggested Parent-Cub dinners. Some of the first ones noted were in Milwaukee, WI; Wilcox, Arizona; and Michigan City, Indiana. Pack 1 of Michigan City started the tradition of pot-lucks, but with a twist. The dads were to bring utensils made of wood and carved, sawed or whittled by the cub and his dad. Throughout the later years of the 1930s there were a number of father and son bean dinners and Cub family dinners. In the early 1940s the name "Blue and Gold Banquet started to be used and first appeared in BSA literature in 1943, although planning a family dinner had been part of Pow Wow training for two years by then.

Primarily now they are used to celebrate the yearly achievements of the boys and act as an opportunity of fellowship for the families of the pack to celebrate together. This is also the time that the Arrow of Light, Cub Scout's Highest Award, is presented to the boys that have earned it and provides us an opportunity to say goodbye to the boys as they continue their scouting journey in Scouts BSA.

Tuscarora HS Key Club Report

Rita White, Key Club advisor at Tuscarora High School, reports that their Key Club has been active this year. Club members and the Key Club Carolers are pictured here. Projects to finish out the school year include:

- March: Hygiene Drive
- April: Earth Day 4/22 Cleanup @ Ballenger Creek Park
- May: Teacher Breakfast May 6th

Thank you for your community service!



Congratulations Ashley!

Ashley VanCleaf of Law For Parents and the Parent Resource Center has been named to The Daily Record's 2026 Leaders in Law list, recognizing outstanding legal professionals across Maryland. The annual awards, presented in partnership with the Maryland State Bar Association, honor individuals who demonstrate professional excellence and strengthen their communities through service and leadership.



Jeremy Poling's Report on Food Distribution

One day per month The Maryland Food Bank delivers free nutritious food (fruits and veggies) to Mission of Mercy's Frederick clinic site. The food is delivered in large containers and volunteers are needed to repack-age and distribute the food to our patients. This month's food distribution was on March 30th and was sponsored by Jeremy's organization, the Coffee & Cocktail Connections of Frederick.



Birthday Girl

Diane Reba celebrates her birthday by devouring this entire wedge of Death-By-Chocolate Cake.



Yesterday

Items from the files of The Frederick News-Post
54 Years Ago

March 27, 1972

The newly organized Kiwanis Club of Suburban Frederick got off to a rousing start on Saturday with the presentation of the charter and gifts to the club from nearby clubs. Presenting the charter to Charter President Herman A. Hauver was Dr. George Bogikes, governor of Capital District, who told the ladies night dinner at Francis Scott Key Hotel that Kiwanis is an ideal vehicle for community involvement that is necessary to keep democracy alive.



BOD Agenda for March 3, 2026

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

SECRETARY'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION UPDATE

KEY CLUBS

BUSINESS

In Memory of Dr. Ray Ediger's passing February 7th 2026.

- Celebration of Life dates & times - 3/6/2026 @ 6:00 p.m. & Service 3/7 1:00 p.m. Receptions follow both services.
- Donations in memory of Dr. Ray discussion.

Cub Pack 285's B & G Banquet - 3/07/2026 @ 11:00

Recognition in Memory of Allen Byrne Discussion

Board of Director's Appointment

At the meeting of February 24, 2026 President Vona appointed Dave Maloney to fill the remainder of Ray Ediger's time on the Board of Directors [10/01/24 - 9/30/27], effective 2/24/2026.

Mt. Airy Pancake Breakfast - March 14th 7 - 11 @ Calvary United Methodist Church 403 S. Main St., Mt, Airy and please bring a nonperishable food item.

Cost \$12 Adults, Children 6-10 \$6, under 5 free. This can be an interclub!

Results of Colette's meeting with Elks Banquet Manager, Mary Onley 3/2 @ 3:00 p.m.

Division Council Meeting - will be virtually held on March 22nd

ADJOURNMENT

Member Monthly Volunteer Hours: February 2026

by Colette Baker

Here are volunteer hours for the month of February 2026. 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>

Wreaths across America	1 member	2 hours	
CTC Beekeeping Mentor	1 member	2 hours	
Gift Wrap	1 member	1 hour	
Cub Pack 285/Boy Scout Troop 795	1 member	2 hours	
Middle School Student Banquet	1 member	2 hours	16 youth
Assist Seniors	1 member	3 hours	



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Upcoming Birthdays!

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Lauri Cutting	6/3	lauruscut@gmail.com