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Disbanding the Club on June 30, 2026

At the January Board of Directors' meeting, the Board voted unanimously to disband the Exchange Club of Carlisle on June 30, 2026. We will still be actively helping the community through the end of June.

Goal:	800 pinwheels	/ \$4,000
Currently:	50 pinwheels sold/	\$250
Still to Sell:	750 pinwheels	/ \$3,750
Dedicated Individual Gardens:		

Blue Pinwheel Garden Fundraiser

Our goal this year is 800 pinwheels. UPMC has already purchased 50 pinwheels. The Community Garden will be set up

the whole month of April in front of St. John's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church on the Square. On Monday, April 1st, club volunteers will be planting the number of pinwheels sold by the end of March and we will plant additional pinwheels as more people purchase them for a donation of \$5 each. The money raised will go to Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties' children's programs. There is a donor page listing the names of the individuals who donate or elect to designate a pinwheel in honor of a child or other person. A separate page will list any business or organization who donates at least one pinwheel.

Dedicated Gardens are for businesses or organizations donating a minimum of 20 pinwheels at \$5 each which is a \$100 for a small individual garden to be planted at their location. For locations without an area to display the pinwheels, a planter will be provided, so please consider having an organization you belong to consider donating to this project. Some businesses elect to have their pinwheels planted in the community garden in lieu of their location.

Kiwanis Club Membership

An information sheet about the Kiwanis Club is attached to this newsletter. They are accepting new members if any member has time to continue helping the community.

Meetings



President Susan Murray and Fred Gellert

Jan 13, 2026

At the 1/13/2026 meeting, Fred Gellert from the Sunrise Rotary Club in Carlisle gave an overview about the three Rotary Clubs in Carlisle, PA. He explained that the Sunrise Rotary Club meets weekly in the mornings with a breakfast at the Market Cross Pub. There is another Rotary Club that meets twice a month in the evenings also at Market Cross Pub, but members just order their drinks and meals off the menu. The third Rotary Club meets weekly at lunchtime at Comfort Inn in downtown Carlisle where there is a set meal for everyone. Mr. Gellert stated there are openings for each club if anyone would like to join the club.

Participation Opportunities

Feb 10 (Tue) - Regular Meeting at Cumberland Crossings

- 6:00 pm - Social Time
- 6:30 pm - Presentation: Process for Disbanding the Exchange Club of Carlisle
- 7:00 pm - Dinner for \$20 per person (Free if not eating)
- 7:30 pm - Short Business Meeting

Mark Your Calendars

- Feb 10 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at Cumberland Crossings
Presentation: Process for Disbanding the Exchange Club of Carlisle
- Mar 10 (Tue) 5:30 pm - Board of Director's Meeting at Miseno's II
- Mar 10 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at Miseno's II with Easter Egg stuffing
Presentation: TBD
- Mar 28 (Sat) 12:00 pm - Bunny Hop Downtown
3:00 pm
- Apr 1 (Wed) 10:00 am - Install Pinwheel Garden. Meet in front of St. John's
- Apr 5 (Sun) - Easter
- Apr 14 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at Cumberland Crossings
Presentation: Youth of the Year
- Apr 30 (Thu) TBD - Remove Pinwheel Gardens. Meet in front of St. John's
- May 12 (Tue) 5:30 pm - Board of Director's Meeting at Cumberland Crossings
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Presentation: Club Year in Review
- May 25 (Tue) 5:00 pm - Memorial Day Flags on the Square
- Jun 9 (Tue) 6:00 pm - Meeting at an outdoor Picnic - Last meeting
Presentation: Final budget closeout
- Jun 14 (Tue) 5:00 pm - Flag Day Flags on the Square

Our Report Card at National (Patches and Stars)

Details	Americanism	Community Service	Youth Program	Prevention of Child Abuse	Project Subtotal	Project Fundraising	Grand Total
# of Programs entered	3 -July 4 th Flags -Veteran's Day Flag -Girl Scout Flag Training	6 -Backpacks and Supplies -Spooky Saturday -Trunk or Treat -MLK donation -Bell Ringing -Socks for Homeless	1 -SPY Holiday Parties		10	0	10
Award - Patch Sent	2	2	1		5	0	5
Awards - Addl Stars	1	4			5		5
Exchange Children's Day Patch: Not yet achieved <i>(An event must be completed in June)</i>							
National Day of Service Patch: ACHIEVED 11/11/2025							
National Service Award: Not yet achieved <i>(Earn 1 patch in each of the 4 service areas and sponsors any 2 additional projects)</i>							



A Few Words from the President . . .

The Board of Directors has officially voted to disband the club effective June 30, 2026. Please continue to support the club activities through the end of June. We are hoping to have another awesome Pinwheel Garden Program this year.

Multiple Non-profit clubs in Carlisle have extended invitations for our members to join their clubs to continue helping Carlisle. I have included information about the Kiwanis Club in this newsletter.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the February 10, 2026 meeting at Cumberland Crossings.

Stay healthy and warm,

Susan

Kiwanis Club of Carlisle

Kiwanis was founded by a group of businessmen in Detroit in 1915. The name is an Indian word for “We Build”.

The core is community service, with a primary emphasis on addressing the needs of children.

Kiwanis is an international organization with more than 7,000 clubs in more than 80 countries, but its focus is local rather than on children in foreign countries.

The following programs benefit children of the community.

Learn to Read, Read to Learn, provides books to Carlisle Area School District Kindergarten and 2nd grade students twice per year for their own personal home libraries.

Warm the Children raises tens of thousands of dollars from generous community donations to provide as many as 300 needy children with \$125 per child for the purchase of warm clothing in the winter season.

The **High School Senior Recognition** honors the top 5% of graduating seniors from Carlisle and South Middleton School Districts, presenting each a Certificate and \$100 gift card.

The **Community Grant Program** annually distributes several thousand dollars in community grants to local non-profit organizations that support children.

The Club celebrated the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis in Carlisle by raising more than \$650,000 from community donations, corporate sponsorships, grants, and club fundraising to demolish the deteriorated playground and erect the safe and modern Fort Letort playground at Letort Park.

The Club also supports community partners by ringing the bell for the Salvation Army, supporting the Employment Skills Center’s Buck-A-Book Program, and distributing books to children at the joint United Way and Project Share Carlisle 4 Kids back-to-school event at the beginning of the school year.

The primary fundraiser is the annual blueberry sale which raises \$20,000 or more each year to support the community programs. The sale is very well organized and is so popular that the blueberries essentially sell themselves.

While working hard to benefit the children of the community, the members also take time to enjoy the company of each other with various holiday and happy hour gatherings at selected locations.

The club meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Carlisle Elks Lodge, 120 W Ridge St, Carlisle.

Dues are a modest \$175 per year. Lunches are brown bag, so there are no hundreds of dollars per year for food expense.

The Kiwanis Club regrets to hear that declining membership is resulting in the disbanding of the Exchange Club of Carlisle after more than 75 years of dedicated service to the children of the community. Any members of the Exchange Club who would be interested in continuing their service to the children of the community would be welcome to stop by a meeting of the Kiwanis Club. Additional Kiwanis information is available at <https://www.carlislekiwanis.org/about> or you may contact Wayne Shade at waynefshade@comcast.net or Nancy Sigrist at ncsigrist@gmail.com.



2026 PINWHEEL ORDER FORM

Blue Pinwheels are a national symbol of child abuse prevention, and April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. In April, the Exchange Club of Carlisle will be planting donated pinwheels to help raise awareness for this cause. For those wishing to donate pinwheels, you can donate them to be planted in the Carlisle Community Pinwheel Garden. You can also purchase a Dedicated Garden to be planted at the donor’s choice of location. Pinwheels can be donated throughout month of April and the proceeds will go Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties (DVSCP).

ORDERING PINWHEELS to be planted in the downtown Community Garden:

Name: (individual or business) _____

Name to be listed on Donor List: _____

(If left blank, your first and last name will be displayed.)

Check box if you would like to remain anonymous.



Product	Quantity	Amount per item	Total Donation
Pinwheels in Community Garden		\$5	

ORDERING PINWHEELS to be planted at your location in a Dedicated Local Garden with minimum 20 Pinwheels:

Dedicated Gardens: Businesses or organizations who donate 20 or more pinwheels can have a Dedicated Garden at their location, plus be listed on the Donor List. The Exchange Club of Carlisle will assist in establishing and maintaining the garden including a Pinwheel Garden Sign recognizing your organization’s sponsorship with your logo. If you are interested in establishing a Dedicated Garden at your location, please contact Susan Murray at the contact information below.

Company / Organization Name: _____

Point of Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



Product	Quantity	Amount per item	Total Donation
Pinwheels in Dedicated Garden	(Minimum of 20)	\$5	

Why Blue Pinwheels?
 A Virginia grandmother began a Blue-Ribbon campaign as a tribute to her 3-year-old grandson who died at the hands of his mother’s abusive boyfriend in 1989. Then, blue became the national color to represent the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
 Blue pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse prevention to represent a happy and safe childhood.

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 The Exchange Club of Carlisle

Mail form to with check to:
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