



****Our Kiwanis Meeting Begins at 12:20pm This Week!**

Kiwanians,

This month's board meeting was attended by 15 Kiwanians (10 in person, 5 on zoom). In a brisk, 70-minute session, we worked through a substantial agenda.

The highlights include the following:

- Our membership number remains stable at 143, four behind Capital District leader Richmond.
- Sunshine Tours issued a refund of our charter bus payment of \$1,425 from March 2020. (The Key Club Convention scheduled last year for Baltimore, was canceled at the last minute due to COVID.)
- The December slate of weekly programs was approved. Vice President and Program Chair Mike O'Brochta maintains the complete calendar that can be accessed on our website.
- The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke and the Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke are working jointly to clearly define roles with a document that will enable us to qualify for more grants with less red tape, while clearly delineating responsibilities. Our Centennial Playground and the nearby Kiwanis Nature Park have already qualified for sizeable grants – and more opportunities are on the horizon. Thanks go to Kiwanians Lee Osborne, Will Dibling, Cheri Hartman and others for lending their expertise to this effort.
- Last Saturday's Star Clean Up drew 46 volunteers, representing five separate organizations. One of our club goals this year is to develop a greater number of community partners.
- A redesign of our website will be forthcoming.
- The Key Club Dance Marathon is scheduled for February 19. Our Key Clubs continue to lead the district with the top fundraising event each year, competing with more than 20 divisions.
- Watch for an unveiling of a new administrative budget fundraising opportunity that will enable us to purchase advertising and support our goal of bringing in 25 new members this year.

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This Week at Kiwanis - The Meaning of Veteran's Day

Join us Wednesday for our weekly meeting at 12:30PM presented by Commander Lee Ensley, President of the Southwest Virginia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. He will be speaking about Veterans Day; it's meaning and history, along with his personal observations and experiences.

Commander Ensley served in the United States Navy, was a Radar Intercept Officer in an F-4 Phantom and F-14 Tomcat, had 400+ carrier landings, spent three years in the Pentagon, and 3 years in NATO-London.

Zoom Meeting Wednesday November 10 at 1230pm

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November 1 -
Joyce Waugh

November 3 -
Will Dibling
Jay Massey

November 4 -
Tom Miller

November 8 -
Manly Aylor

November 10 -
David Daniels
Sheyonn Baker

November 13 -
Kevin Berry

November 15 -
Larry Kufel

November 24 -
Paul Oh

November 28 -
JC Taylor

Wednesday's Menu:

Baked ham - sweet
potatoes - green beans
with almonds - rolls -
dessert



IMPORTANT KIWANIS DATES

- **NOVEMBER 17, 2021 - *ZOOM ONLY MEETING*** - HOLLINS HOPE PROGRAM PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATION - ASHLEY BROWNING
- **NOVEMBER 19, 2021 @1130AM** - ADULT CARE CENTER THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON
- **NOVEMBER 24, 2021** - NO MEETING
- **DECEMBER 2, 2021** - MILL MOUNTAIN THEATRE PERFORMANCE OF A CHRISTMAS STORY. TICKETS ARE \$45PP, RECEPTION INCLUDED. SEE LARRY KUFEL FOR RESERVATIONS.



Congratulations to Apple Ridge Farm

(scholarships for two students for Academic Summer Camp) and **Bethany Christian Church** (supporting the Young Entrepreneur program teaching kids how to be successful and good citizens)! **Last week we awarded each of them a \$1,000 grant.**

Volunteering & Outreach

Volunteers Needed to Serve Thanksgiving Meal!

November 19 from 1130am - 2pm

is our annual Thanksgiving luncheon and the Adult Care Center. To sign up to help serve the meal, please contact **Don Chichester**.



Kiwanis Kares Assists Afghan Refugees -

Thanks to generous Kiwanians who pledged money to help families arriving in Roanoke, we were able to provide **42 first aid kits!** Dick's Sporting Goods and Soccer Stop helped the club get **20 soccer balls**

so each family can be given one. More families will be arriving in November. There is a great need for housing. If you personally have an apartment or know of people who have apartments with vacancies, email **Wendy Mellenthin at wmellenthin@gmail.com** who will give you the necessary information to house these families. At this time, used clothing can not be accepted.



Volunteering & Outreach

The Membership Committee would like to invite all interested members to join us as we kick off our **Mentor Program**. This program is a direct result of new member feedback requesting to meet with individual members outside of the regular Wednesday meeting time. This gives the new member, or any member, the opportunity to get to know you better and ask questions about the line of work you are/were in, what committees they may be interested in learning more about, or just wanting to get to know you better as a person to connect with in the Kiwanis club.

Engagement is crucial for new members to feel a sense of belonging, which improves membership retention. All of our members are important part of the process. If you would like to be on our mentor list, please contact **Lois James** at **lois@opxsolutionsllc.com** or **540.467.6737**. we will have a brief meeting to fully explain the program and answer any questions you may have. We hope that MANY of you will sign up for this meaningful program. It will not require a lot of your time to share your wealth of knowledge with others and make a friend in the process!



**We had big volunteer engagement last Saturday for the
Roanoke Star clean-up!**