



**Wishing All of our Kiwanis Family and Friends  
a Very Happy Hanukkah this week -  
*chag Hanukkah sameach!***

**May you have a warm and joyous Festival of Light**



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**This Week at Kiwanis -  
From Recovery to Opportunity in the  
Roanoke Region: Attracting Jobs, Investment and  
New Residents**

Join us Wednesday for our meeting at 12:30PM presented by John Hull, Executive Director with Roanoke Regional Partnership.

The presentation will include an update on employment recovery followed by the RRP's efforts around attraction of business and talent. The presentation will include an outlook of the year ahead for the RRP and its program of work. Information on exciting new regional collaborations and developments will be also presented.

**Zoom Meeting Wednesday December 1 at  
1230pm**

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December 5 -  
Jay Harlow

December 9 -  
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December 14 -  
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December 17 -  
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December 21 -  
Diane DeHaven

December 23 -  
Chuck Baker

December 26 -  
Lois James

December 28 -  
Judy Clark

## IMPORTANT KIWANIS DATES

- **DECEMBER 8, 2021** - WHAT ARE HEAT ISLANDS? - THEO LIM
- **DECEMBER 15, 2021** - WEST END CENTER HOLIDAY PARTY
- **DECEMBER 22, 2021** - NO MEETING
- **DECEMBER 29, 2021** - NO MEETING



**Kiwanis crabs** were making the rounds earlier this month! Some were found hanging out in Salem with JC Taylor - this FUNdraiser has now added \$520 to our budget!

### **Congratulations to Family Promise!**

At our last meeting we awarded them a \$2,500 grant to help them keep homeless families together in temporary shelter.



## Volunteering & Outreach

### Help Needed for West End Center Party!

We are planning to host our annual holiday party on December 15 and we're in need of donations to purchase presents and pay for lunch for 53 youngsters. We will also need volunteers to help with shopping and wrapping. Please let **John Montgomery** know how much you want to donate and he can bill you. **Lois James** is coordinating volunteers.



### It's Red Kettle Time Again!

For the 13th consecutive year, the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke will be ringing the bell during the three Friday evenings of Dickens of a Christmas. We still need volunteers for **December 3 and 17 for the 8-9pm timeslot.**

Please contact **Betsy Bohannon**, 540-529-2102, [elbohannon@yahoo.com](mailto:elbohannon@yahoo.com), or **John Ewart**, 540-529-4751, [johnlewartjr@gmail.com](mailto:johnlewartjr@gmail.com), or **Ken Briggs**, 540-314-9616, [kbriggs916@gmail.com](mailto:kbriggs916@gmail.com).



**Family Service of Roanoke Valley** currently serves 80 individuals in guardianship through their Grand Angel program. Kiwanians have taken this project on for many years and this year, they are asking for \$20 per angel to purchase holiday gifts for the 20 individuals who have been determined to have this need and who otherwise will not receive anything this holiday season. For questions, please contact club member **Jill Sluss**.

To make it simple this year, please just follow this link to make a secure donation: <https://fsrv.networkforgood.com/projects/145934-kiwanis-grand-angel-program-2021>. Thank you for putting a smile on the faces of these seniors!

## Volunteering & Outreach

**Kiwanians** - you should be receiving the annual appeal letter from our Kiwanis Foundation any day now. Please remember our club in your end of year giving! We have a special fundraising initiative - anyone who donates \$102 for our 102 anniversary will be entered into a prize drawing.



### Your Kiwanis Club Needs You!

Are you great with websites and digital technology? We need a new webmaster. Our club website is an important part of how we engage with our members and the community. The good news is that we're hiring a web designer - so any willing volunteers are only being asked to make updates to the website - for example adding newsletters and updating the calendar. If interested, please contact Mike O'Brochta or Jeanne Bollendorf.

**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!