



## **Congratulations Cheri Hartman!**

At the December meeting Roanoke City Council adopted a resolution naming Dr. Cheryl Hartman as the City of Roanoke's 2021 Citizen of the Year in recognition of outstanding service to the city.

The event took place at a city council meeting where Cheri thought she was to present the next Kiwanis signature project in partnership with the city, a Kiwanis Nature Park to be located next to Kiwanis Centennial Playground. The ploy was to get her to the meeting along with many supporting Kiwanians. Her script, ready to go, was never presented and she was taken completely by surprise.

Cheri was recognized for her work using science-driven approaches to the prevention of school dropouts, teen pregnancy, obesity, and substance misuse and addiction; her work with the Junior League, Family Service of Roanoke Valley, Carilion Clinic, Roanoke City Public Schools, and Kiwanis Club of Roanoke. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Cheri helped the club adapt many of its programs - virtual weekly meetings, recruiting volunteers for vaccination clinics, and starting a partnership with Roanoke City Public Libraries to make video books available to teachers and the children within the community.

Among her long list of achievements is co-chairing the Kiwanis Centennial Playground whereby she was instrumental in raising over \$425,000; leading Kiwanis "Readers Today, Leaders Tomorrow" program for young students; and co-chairing Roanoke Kiwanis's next signature project a Kiwanis Nature Park located in an underserved neighborhood in the city. Cheri has been a strong advocate for the welfare and education of the city's children. In the playground project she made sure the children provided input for what they wanted to see in the playground. As the nature park has developed, youth have been asked to lay out plastic to kill the grass. She also solicited input from the children to identify wildflowers and other elements of the nature park. Her modus operandi is to engage the local community in determining whatever Kiwanis does and that makes for successful projects.

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**This Week at Kiwanis -  
Rev. Dr. David Compton**

Join us Wednesday for our meeting at 12:30PM presented by Rev. David Compton, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem. Rev. Compton has served St. Paul's since 2020. Compton was a marketing executive with several Fortune 500 companies before becoming a writer. His first spy novel, *The Acolyte*, became a bestseller and was made into a movie called *Executive Sanction*. Rev. Compton lived in Europe with his family where he continued to write and received his ordination in Ireland, serving the Church of Ireland before relocating to Salem.

**Zoom Meeting Wednesday January 5 at 1230pm**

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January 5 -  
Jeanne Bollendorf

January 6 -  
Dirk Kuyk  
Stephanie Moon Reynolds

January 7 -  
John Bradshaw

January 8 -  
Bob Rutherford

January 13 -  
Chris Head

January 15 -  
Tom Blake

January 23 -  
Mark Michie  
Terry VandeLinde

January 28 -  
Pegram Johnson  
John Montgomery  
Andy Stone

January 31 -  
Frank Rogan

Linda Hentschel & Jill Sluss  
receiving a grant check for  
Family Service of Roanoke Valley



*Cheri Hartman with her children and Citizen of the Year plaque*

## IMPORTANT KIWANIS DATES

- **JANUARY 12, 2022** - SUNNYSIDE SUPPLY - WES CANTRALL
- **JANUARY 19, 2022** - BEAM DIAGNOSTICS - SARAH SNIDER
- **JANUARY 26, 2022** - ARCHIVECORE - LENNOX MCNEARY
- **MAY 7, 2022** - KIWANIS PANCAKE & AUCTION DAY - DRIVE THRU @BERGLUND CENTER

**January 5, Wendy is making one last pick up for calendars for the VA Hospital. So far we have delivered 317 calendars!**





## December Wrap Up



Many thanks so far to all who have participated in the Kiwanis Crab fundraiser! So far, we have raised \$640 for our administrative budget.

The Salvation Army bell ringing has been a big success - thanks to all of the Kiwanis and friends who volunteered. We were able to raise over \$1,500!

- The West End Center holiday party provided presents to 53 children - thanks to all of the Kiwanians who donated, shopped, wrapped, and helped with the party. And a BIG thank you to our sponsors - **Steve Bowery, Scott Berglund, Dan and Diane Chitwood, Northwest ACE Hardware, Evergreen Memorial Trust!!**

### Congratulations to our Grant Recipients!

- Community Youth Program (CYP) received \$1,000 on December 1 to support their program of providing field trips to middle school aged youth.
- Congregations in Action received \$1,000 on December 1 to provide fresh fruit and weekend food for 90 students from Highland Park Elementary School
- Clean Valley Council (CVC) received \$3,000 on December 8 to help fund their community signage and street and waterways clean-up activities.
- Family Service of the Roanoke Valley (FSRV) received \$3,500 on December 15 to help provide counseling services for children and families



## 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](mailto: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!