



Kiwanians,

Highlights of our Valentine's Day board meeting last week included the following:

- Approval of the membership application of Ben Burks, executive director of Brandon Oaks. Ben is co-sponsored by Sam Lionberger, Jr., and Vern Danielsen, both Brandon Oaks residents. Ben will be inducted this week. We also said goodbye to three members. Bill Stack passed away in January; Dan Chitwood and Lindsey Barrow submitted resignations.
- Kevin Reeder was approved as our newest board member, filling the vacancy resulting from the board resignation of Betsy Bohannon. Betsy will remain active in the club, but she decided to step back from the board due to the health challenges she has faced this year.
- Vice President Mike O'Brochta briefed the board on our website redesign progress. The new site should be up and running in a couple of weeks.
- Mike O. also shared future plans for several environment committee projects for next year, with the Kiwanis Nature Park serving as the headliner.
- President Clark Goodman briefed the board on a television advertising program that will begin on WDBJ7 in the next couple of weeks. Our successful crab campaign has generated nearly \$2,500 this year, revenue which will help fund this advertising designed to attract new members.
- We're excited to learn that we have been chosen as a "First Fridays" partner this summer, according to Past President Mike McEvoy. In addition to providing social opportunities to mingle with the community, we will benefit from a share of the proceeds as well.
- KPAD Kickoff is tomorrow, Feb. 23. President-Elect Ben Spiker and his team have created a new theme that will be entertaining while also fostering competition. Be sure to attend either in person or on zoom so that you get the scoop!

- Secretary John

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Join us Wednesday, February 23rd, for our weekly meeting at Charter Hall in the City Market Building or via Zoom from 12:30-1:30PM.

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IMPORTANT KIWANIS DATES

- **MARCH 2, 2022** - FLEX METRICS - JAY FOSTER
- **MARCH 9, 2022** - BUILD SMART INITIATIVE - ROBERT LEONARD
- **MARCH 16, 2022** - NORTHWEST/ACE HARDWARE - VANCE OVERSTREET
- **MARCH 23, 2022** - VOLATIA LANGUAGE NETWORK - BARAKA KASONGO
- **MARCH 30, 2022** - HOW THE CITY OF ROANOKE ASSISTS BUSINESSES & NON-PROFITS - BOB COWELL
- **MAY 5, 2022** - KIWANIS PRAYER BREAKFAST @7AM @KAZIM SHRINE, TICKETS \$8
- **MAY 7, 2022** - KIWANIS PANCAKE & AUCTION DAY - DRIVE THRU @BERGLUND CENTER



February 6 -
Barry Akers

February 14 -
President Clark Goodman
Mike Quinn

February 16 -
Steve Willis

February 18 -
Kathy Cohen

February 24 -
Tara Marciniak

February 28 -
Betsy Head

Congratulations to our Grant Recipients!



Melissa Woodson with **Roanoke Area Ministries (RAM House)** was sponsored by Jeanne Bollendorf. Funds support their financial assistance program, helping people pay utilities and stay in their homes.

Tara Marciniak accepted a grant for **Center in the Square** to support their passport educational program for kids.



Rev. Marisa Sifontes accepted a grant for **TRUE** at **St. John's Episcopal Church**. Funds will be used to help provide emergency financial assistance for community members.

Other News

Let's Spring into Action on March 19th: the Clean Valley Council is joining the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, our Environmental Committee, and our Kiwanis Nature Park project to host a Neighborhood Clean Up on March 19th. Let's meet at the Goodwill picnic shelter and join our neighbors in the Melrose-Orange area to remove litter and reduce a cause for the pollution in the Horton's Branch Creek.

Registration at 9:30; clean up from 10:00 to 12:00

We need your help - the creek is one of the worst polluted waterways in our valley. We can make a difference - working together! **Questions? Call Cheri Hartman at 540-798-7984 or email: chartman2423@gmail.com**

Hope to see you there!



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GROW THE LOVE PROJECT

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke needs help growing plants (native wildflowers) that will be transplanted to our nature garden during our Melrose Spring Festival (to be planned for the 3rd week or so in May this year).

Pick up YOUR starter kit (a pot with the potting mix and seeds) - to help us Grow a Nature Park!

Growing plants between now and May will create good strong plants for the Nature Park's FIRST Wildflower Pollinator Garden - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Grow the Love this spring!

Questions? Call Cheri Hartman at 540-981-7099 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cheri can arrange to get these starter kits to you.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!