



*Several Kiwanians recently attended a rally in support of Ukraine*

## **Kiwanians,**

### **Highlights of the March board meeting last week included the following:**

- Approval of three membership applications – former member Guy Byrd (sponsored by Ken Briggs), Hill Street Baptist pastor Preston Tyler (sponsored by Sherman Holland), and new Commissioner of Revenue for Roanoke City Ryan LaFountain (sponsored by Stephanie Moon Reynolds). Ryan returns to the Kiwanis Family after previous involvement with Builders Club, Key Club and CKI during his younger years. Our club said goodbye to member Diane Smith, who is leaving the club due to business demands.
- The nominating committee presented its slate for officers and directors for 2020-2023. The slate includes: President Ben Spiker, President-Elect Mike O'Brochta, Vice President Jeanne Bollendorf, Secretary-Treasurer John Montgomery, Past President Clark Goodman and Three-Year Directors Bob Habermann, Bruce Swanson, Sheila Umberger and Harry Zulauf. The slate will be presented to the club for election in April.
- With the recent appointment of Kevin Reeder to fill the unexpired term of director Betsy Bohannon, Kevin is stepping back from the position of club webmaster. Mike O'Brochta has agreed to fill the void temporarily until a permanent replacement for Kevin as webmaster can be found.
- The board approved a recommendation from the Reboot Committee to relax COVID protocol, making the wearing of masks at club meetings and activities optional. The club will continue to monitor the situation and reserve the right to act accordingly should the number of infections in our community sharply increase.

**Secretary John**

## This Week at Kiwanis - Refugees & Immigrants Connecting Worlds

### OFFICERS 2021-2022

Clark Goodman  
President

Ben Spiker  
President-Elect

Mike O'Brochta  
Vice President

John Montgomery  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mike McEvoy  
Past President

Don Willson  
President – Roanoke Kiwanis  
Foundation

### DIRECTORS

Emily Bailey, Jamie Bailey,  
Eric Danielsen, Sherman Holland,  
LeeAnn Linkenhoker, Donna Lynch,  
Stephanie Moon Reynolds,  
Luke Young

Jeanne Bollendorf  
Newsletter Editor & PR Chair

Rupert Cutler  
& Mike O'Brochta  
Photographers

Mike O'Brochta  
Webmaster



Join us Wednesday for our meeting at 12:30PM presented by Baraka Kasongo, the founder and CEO of Volatia Language Network, Inc.

Volatia is the means to mitigate linguistic and cultural disparities that exist in every community. Kasongo spent seven years as a refugee in five different countries before coming to America. In addition to his work with Volatia, Kasongo serves as a Captain for the Roanoke Fire-EMS Department.

### **Zoom Meeting Wednesday March 23 at 1230pm**

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March 3 -  
Bruce Swanson

March 5 -  
Joyce Montgomery

March 10 -  
Wendy Mellenthin

March 11 -  
Don Wilson  
Reggie Wood

March 13 -  
Sherman Lea

March 15 -  
David Lemon

March 18 -  
Russell Clay

March 19 -  
Preston Collins

March 20 -  
Donna Lynch

March 24 -  
Cheri Hartman  
Joe Lemmer

March 27 -  
Dick Clemmer

March 30 -  
David Perry

March 31 -  
Bill Bestpitch

## IMPORTANT KIWANIS DATES

- **MARCH 30, 2022** - HOW THE CITY OF ROANOKE ASSISTS BUSINESSES & NON-PROFITS - BOB COWELL
- **APRIL 9, 2022** - ROANOKE MILL MOUNTAIN STAR CLEAN UP
- **APRIL 11, 2022** - KIWANIS BOARD MEETING @1215PM
- **APRIL 18, 2022** - SALEM KIWANIS SPRING FLING GOLF TOURNAMENT
- **APRIL 30, 2022** - KIWANIS KIDS' FISHING DAY
- **MAY 4, 2022** - KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
- **MAY 5, 2022** - KIWANIS PRAYER BREAKFAST @7AM @KAZIM SHRINE, TICKETS \$8
- **MAY 7, 2022** - KIWANIS PANCAKE & AUCTION DAY - DRIVE THRU @BERGLUND CENTER



Last Week  
Mike O'Brochta  
announced our  
revamped website  
and recognized  
web designer  
Chelsey Blake.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**The Blue Ridge Marathon is Saturday April 16th** and once again Kiwanis will be providing volunteers to support one of the premier races on the East Coast. Below is a sign-up link. You have to complete this online so they can get your contact information and shirt size. Yes, you get a cool T-shirt!

We will be helping to staff an aid station, No. 6 – Top of the Mountain, as well as providing marshals, which are essentially the traffic cops for the race. However any assignment that works for your schedule will do. Remember to pick Kiwanis as your volunteer affiliation so we get credit. We have agreed to provide 15 volunteers so that part is important!

**Type in this link to volunteer:**

**<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/VA/Roanoke/BlueRidge>**

If you want to help out at the aid station, scroll down to Aid Station Top of the Mountain, select it and type in the password kiwanis when asked. If it is full, just pick another assignment.

### **Children's Trust, one of our grant recipients is looking for sweat equity!**



They need help planting a pinwheel garden as part of advocacy for Child Abuse Prevention Month at the **VWCC Arboretum on Friday, April 1 from 9-11am.**

They are asking volunteers to wear blue to show support. They also recommend that planters bring along a long screwdriver, or similar tool, to assist with making the holes that the pinwheels will sit in. When planting over 3,000 pinwheels it helps the process go a lot more smoothly!

The Arboretum is located at Webber Hall, 3094 Colonial Ave SW, Roanoke, VA 24015 - Parking is available behind the gardens. The more the merrier!



# KIWANIS PANCAKE DERBY

## Our Kiwanis Pancake Day fundraiser is officially under way!

Stay tuned to this page for the latest updates -

- **So far we have raised \$20,960** to date (\$5,185 came in last week)
- Top Team last week: **Seabiscuits with Gravy** (Drs. Hartman) with \$1,210
- Top Jockey last week: **Joe Lemmer** with \$700
- The deadline for submitting **ticket sales is 3pm on Tuesday each week** (to be counted in competition) - please deliver to **Sherry at American National Bank** on Colonial Avenue or **John at his home**
- We are having an auction this year and donated **auction items count** toward your overall participation - so get out there and get some cool stuff!



## Run for the Roses Membership Drive:

TWO parts to the Membership Drive:

1. # of Invitations: When you invite a non-Kiwanian to a Kiwanis Club event whether it's a Wednesday meeting, a service project, or a planning meeting for any Kiwanis sponsored event, AND they actually attend - send an email to Donna Lynch telling her who, what, where, and when.
2. # of Actual New Members: When you sponsor someone to join our Kiwanis Club, we will keep track of who has the most new membership sponsorships to win the second part of the contest.

RUN FOR THE ROSES is a GREAT time to invite people to join us and learn how much fun we have while serving our community! The winners for each part will win 2 tickets to a future Mill Mountain Theatre show courtesy of Larry Kufel.

**If you have any questions, please contact Lois James, Membership Chair.**

## More Outdoor Volunteer Opportunities

### Help Install Greenway Signs Friday, April 8, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon

The Environment Committee needs a small core of volunteers to work with City personnel to install 5 interpretive signs along the Roanoke River Greenway.

Our job is to: Mix concrete  
Set and level signs  
Install anchor to keep sign stable while concrete hardens  
Direct greenway traffic as necessary

The City will: Drill the holes  
Deliver the signs  
Provide construction tools  
Provide water for mixing concrete



**Julie & Bruce Swanson  
sporting fashionable vests  
at the Melrose Clean Up**

### Our Club's Environment Committee is hosting a Clean Up of the Roanoke Mill Mountain Star on Saturday, April 9th from 9:30am to 11:00am.

On site registration will begin at 9:00am at the picnic pavilion behind the main parking lot (the first one on the left). Food and beverages will be provided for participants. We will also provide trash bags and gloves. Feel free to bring your own gloves or "grabbers". And don't forget to invite a friend to join us! To sign up please email

**Sam Lionberger at [slionberger3@lionberger.com](mailto:slionberger3@lionberger.com)**



# KIWANIS PRAYER BREAKFAST



**Kiwaniis**  
CLUB OF ROANOKE



Join Kiwanis as we celebrate our annual

## Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 5, 2022

7:00am-8:30am

\$8.00

**Kazim Temple**

628 Campbell Avenue Roanoke VA

(free parking in back)

Join us in learning about the many faiths in the Roanoke Valley.  
Ministers of different faiths will facilitate discussions at each table.

*Our Keynote Speaker for 2022 is Rev. George Anderson from Second Presbyterian Church.  
Music provided by Judy Clark. A thank you to our sponsor, Howell's Motor Freight!*



For tickets contact any Kiwanian or call \_\_\_\_\_ and leave a message.

# Salem Kiwanis Club Golf Event

*Salem Kiwanis Club*  
presents  
**2022 Spring Fling Golf Tournament**  
**Monday, April 18, 2022**  
**Hidden Valley Country Club**

Registration - 11:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Lunch – 11:30 am  
Shotgun Start – 1:00 pm

\$400 per team includes lunch, green fee/cart,  
hospitality cart, range balls  
signup online at: [www.salemvakiwanis.com/fundraisers](http://www.salemvakiwanis.com/fundraisers)

Send team names and payment  
no later than Thursday, April 14 to:

**Salem Kiwanis Club**  
**P.O BOX 133**  
**Salem, VA, 24153**

Questions, please call  
**Lisa Bain – (540) 521-4666**  
[lbain@servprormp.com](mailto:lbain@servprormp.com)

**Jerry Brittain - (540) 520-2022**  
[ghbri10@gmail.com](mailto:ghbri10@gmail.com)

**Sponsorships**  
**(due by Friday, April 8, 2022)**  
**Title Sponsor - \$ 3,000**  
(includes 4 teams, hole signs)  
**Golf Sponsor - \$ 1,000**  
(includes 2 teams, hole signs)  
**Hospitality Sponsor - \$ 500**  
(Signage on Hospitality Cart)  
**Cart Sponsor - \$ 250**  
(Sponsor info on every cart)  
**Hole Sponsor - \$ 150**  
(Signage on Tee box/green)

