



Important Reminders & Volunteer Opportunities

- **NO MEETING NEXT WEEK**
- An **interclub** is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 20**, this will be a Friends & Family Low Country Boil at 530pm at the Carvins Cove picnic shelter - cost is \$20 per person, **deadline to register is Friday July 15**
- We're still looking for some volunteers to help take care of the **Kiwanis Nature Garden** - **please contact Cheri Hartman** if you can take a week for watering and spraying deer repellent
- We're accepting **grant applications** now! Notifications went out last week from the Grants Committee. **Submission deadline is August 15**
- The **CHIP Backpack program** is on the horizon, we have more children in need and the cost of supplies has gone up - our goal is to raise \$4,000 to provide enough backpacks. **Betsy Bohannon is the point of contact**
- Our **Phoenix Star Aktion Club** will be volunteering at the **Feeding America** warehouse (Electric Road in Salem) from 9AM-Noon on Thursday, July 28. We have spaces for three additional Kiwanians to join us. If interested, contact **Mike Loveman (540-355-3218)** or **Ken Briggs (540-314-9616)**.
- **We need your help for another Melrose community clean-up!** The Horton Branch Watershed clean-up will take place on August 27 at 10am in partnership with SERV (Standing for Equity in the Roanoke Valley).
- **Would you like to be more involved in Kiwanis?** Jeanne Bollendorf is taking on the Vice President role in October and we're searching for a newsletter editor to take her place. While Jeanne is happy to train any interested club member, this is also an opportunity to make updates to how and when our newsletter is sent to our membership. **Please email her at jbollendorf@gmail.com or call 757.773.3312 to discuss the possibilities!**

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IMPORTANT KIWANIS DATES

- **JULY 13, 2022** - APPALACHIAN PIPING ACADEMY
- GEOFFREY SAUR
- **JULY 20, 2022** - NO MEETING
- **JULY 20, 2022** - INTERCLUB - FRIENDS & FAMILY
@530PM @CARVINS COVE
- **JULY 27, 2022** - GROWING UP IN SOUTHWEST
VIRGINIA - RALPH BERRIER
- **AUGUST 19-21, 2022** - KIWANIS DISTRICT
CONVENTION (DCON) - BALTIMORE MD
- **AUGUST 27, 2022** - HORTON BRANCH CLEAN-UP
WITH SERV @ 10AM @ MELROSE LIBRARY &
KIWANIS PLAYGROUND



July 4 -
Preston Tyler

July 7 -
Sam Lionberger, Jr.

July 13 -
David Farnum

July 13 -
John Light

July 19 -
Ken Mowbray

July 23 -
Lori Baker-Lloyd

July 24 -
Jamie Bailey

July 29 -
Reggie Harris

August 3 -
Mike O'Brochta

August 4 -
MY Chung

August 6 -
Amy Carter

August 9 -
Cynthia Gray

August 11 -
Alex Barge

August 11 -
Guy Byrd



**This Week at Kiwanis -
Becoming an Artist in a Commercial World**

Our guest speaker will be **Geoffrey Saur**, the Director/Pipe Instructor of the **Appalachian Piping Academy**. Saur will speak to us about the value and struggle of an artist in a world that judges value based on monetary gain rather than the growth and beautification of compassionate humanity.

Zoom Meeting Wednesday July 13 at 1230pm

Link available at roanokekiwanisclub.org

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A couple of weeks ago, we had the pleasure of hearing Jamie Bailey's autobiography. Jamie "kept it real" for us by giving an unvarnished account of her life thus far. At right is her slightly abridged autobiography - if you want to listen to her presentation be sure to check out our Youtube channel

"People raised on love see things differently than those raised on survival" (Joy Marino).

"I remember when I was new and attended a Kiwanis meeting and heard the first autobiography and I cringed thinking and knowing " I don't have these credentials."

My grandfather worked for the railroad and they lived on Hillcrest Avenue in Roanoke. My grandmother had 5 children and she named them a, b, c, d & e - Anne Lee Allman, who was my mother, then Bonnie, Charles, David and Eddie.

My mother married James "Bud" Newcomb from Botetourt County. He was in World War II and was self-employed as an excavator, shale hauler, water witcher, and well driller. My mother was an Electrical Draftsman for Lawrence Perry and Associates. I have one sister, Stephanie (Burriss) Stott.

I was born in 1964 and we lived in Cloverdale. My earliest memories are of me and my father getting up early and eating toast with butter and grape jelly together and he would sit in the living room and read the newspaper. Around age 4 I remember a lot of arguments from nights of drinking and being out dancing. I remember hiding under the dining room table being afraid - these were physical attacks by my mother on my father. "

Jamie's parents were hard workers - both drank and her mother may have been bi-polar - they eventually divorced. Her mom met and married a man from North Carolina and they moved there briefly and then moved back to Roanoke.

"My mother would take me to the skating rink, drop me off and pick me up when skating was over. I loved to skate, and became a very good speed skater, competing in Regionals and Nationals. I made good grades, As and Bs in high school despite not really studying. My Mother had several bouts with cancer, If I remember correctly she was the first woman in Roanoke to receive a mastectomy and breast implant. "

As a teen, Jamie began working at David's Restaurant downtown and Thriftway in Hollins. Her mother's drinking and mental health issues led to Jamie moving in with her father and living at the Budget Motel on Williamson Road. They shared an efficiency and ate frozen food. Her father was a regular at Goodpasture's, where he supported them with his winnings from card games.

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After graduation, Jamie moved to Northern Virginia with her black 1973 Monte Carlo to attend community college and work to make a life. It was there, while living as an adult that she learned that the behaviors of her mother were not normal.

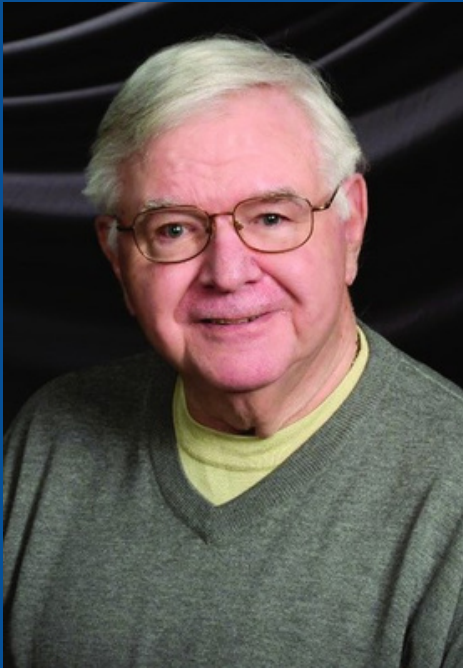
"I drank, did drugs and sold drugs- all while trying to figure life out. I learned that I could not attend college and support myself. I started working more aggressively to make more money. I was a bank teller, assistant to the bank manager, a cashier for Giant, and I got a great job as a service advisor for Koon Ford and for Moore Cadillac. At 22 my mother passed away from Cancer. Shortly after I moved back to Roanoke and got a job at Rick Woodson Honda as a Service Advisor. I got married and worked for First Team Auto Mall for several years had two sweet boys - Jeff and James. I left First Team to work for Colors on Parade and went to dealerships and actually painted cars onsite. In 1996 my father was sick and could no longer work so I quit my job and he came to live with us and I was his caretaker until he died in 1999. In 1998 my marriage was failing and I was out of savings so I took a night job at UPS so I could still take care of my dad and the children. I then separated from my husband and in 1998 I met my husband, Tim at my neighbor's house. I worked for Atlantic Bay Mortgage as a Loan Officer from 1998 to 2004. "

*After working in the mortgage industry and reading **Rich Dad Poor Dad** (Robert Kiyosaki) taking financial control of her life resonated with Jamie, she didn't want to struggle and not be able to retire and live comfortably as her parents and clients had done. She used \$8,000 inherited from her father to buy her first rental property on Orange Avenue. A few years later she and Tim bought more distressed rental properties and invested a lot of sweat equity into them. Her new motto was "what's the worst that can happen" - they continued buying apartment complexes and rental houses. In 2008 she became a branch manager for Alcova Mortgage- right before the market crash! When the market crashed she became a licensed insurance agent and opened her own agency in addition to producing loans and managing the rental properties.*

I am blessed with a wonderful husband, my children Jeff and James work alongside me every day. James works in the office managing the 42 rental units on the paper and internet side, helping with IT and technology and doing anything needed. Jeff does maintenance on the rental properties and can fix just about anything on a home and also does whatever it takes to keep the rentals free of problems maintenance wise. I love my life and looking back I would not change one thing about it! I have passion in my life- I have a wonderful marriage, children that I see almost every day, I help people fix their credit, I help people buy houses and buildings, I insure those houses and the cars they drive and I have rentals which gives people a home. I love to gamble- Texas Holdem is my game! I love motorcycle riding and my little Bichapoo Pookie!

I do see things very differently than many of you, but I am always mindful that each one of us has our own journey that we have lived and we have yet to pursue. We have all had different roads to walk, joys and challenges and it's ok to have different opinions, different views - that is what makes us such a great a diverse group of Kiwanians. So when you want to give those scholarships to the best of the best and I'm pulling for the academic challenged or the plain ole Jane you now understand why.

I leave you with a quote, again by Joy Marino - **"Be expectant....God is not finished writing your story"**



Kevin J. McMahon Sr.

**October 21, 1936 -
July 2, 2022**

On Saturday, July 2, Kevin J. McMahon Sr., of Salem, loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle passed away peacefully at the age of 85.

Kevin, passed peacefully at his Salem home mid-day Saturday.

He had been in declining health for some time.

Kevin was an active member of our club for 20 years, beginning in 1996. He served both as a member of the club's board of directors and later as a member of the Kiwanis Foundation of Roanoke board. Kevin also was a longtime member of the Salem Kiwanis Club, with his memberships overlapping.

Kevin was born on October of 1936, in New York City (Manhattan) to Leonard and Anne (Ratchford) McMahon. He grew up in Danbury, Conn. He attended Mount Saint Mary's University (BS) and the University of Connecticut (MBA). He served six years in the US Army Reserves. He had a 38-year career in banking that finished in Roanoke, Va., including the last 20 years with First Virginia Bank. On July 17, 1971, he married Patricia Opp McMahon. They raised two sons, Shawn and Kevin Jr. Kevin was a private man, but that did not keep him from volunteering his time and talents to organizations like the Kiwanis Club and the Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council. He also was known by those close to him for his humor, wisdom and gentle nature. His disarming wit and gentle spirit were on full display to the staff at Brandon Oaks as his health deteriorated in his last few months.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Leonard; mother, Anne; sister, Robin; twin brother, Brian; and son, Jay. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Tricia; son, Shawn; daughter-in-law, Callie; two granddaughters, Natalie and Macy; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, July 16, 2022, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1831 Deyerle Road, Roanoke. A reception will follow. Kevin would have wanted casual attire.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity. Online condolences may be expressed to the McMahon family by visiting www.johnmoakey.com