



Important Reminders & Volunteer Opportunities

- 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).
- **SAVE THE DATE! August 12 at 10am** we will honor Dr. Brenda Hale by naming the Roanoke Star in her honor for 2022-2023
- 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**
- **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 put your own spin on 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

- **AUGUST 3** – ANNA PRESTON, BOTETOURT MUSIC ACADEMY
- **AUGUST 10** – REBECCA CUMMING SCALES, ELEGANCE ARTISTRY
- **AUGUST 17** – DERICK STACKPOLE, CARILION CLINIC VELOCITY CARE
- **AUGUST 24** – GREG BROCK, FIREFLY, DIGITAL MARKETING
- **AUGUST 31** – BENJAMIN OLDHAM, WFXR TELEVISION, DIGITAL BRANDING
- **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 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
Guy Byrd

August 12 -
Lance Bowen
Harry Zulauf

August 14 -
Diane Chitwood

August 19 -
John Pendleton

August 23 -
Dan Chichester

August 29 -
Alex Bowman



**This Week at Kiwanis -
Reading, Writing and Reporting:
The Changing News Landscape in Roanoke**

Our guest speaker will be **Ralph Berrier, Jr.**, freelance reporter. Technology and corporate takeovers changed the newspaper industry, especially at The Roanoke Times, the place where Berrier worked for nearly 30 years. Even as layoffs, departures and cuts decimate papers, the reporters who loved them still want to provide robust coverage of their communities. Reader-supported websites, paid-subscription sites and even bestselling books and television series have become the next realm for journalists to do their jobs.

**Zoom Meeting Wednesday July 27 at 1230pm
Link available at roanokekiwanisclub.org**

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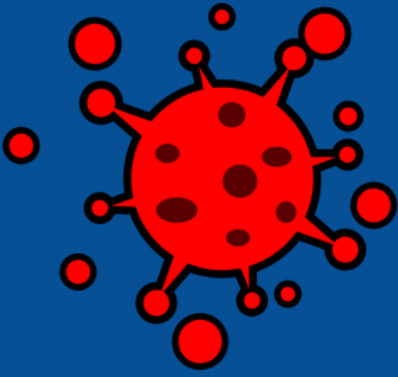
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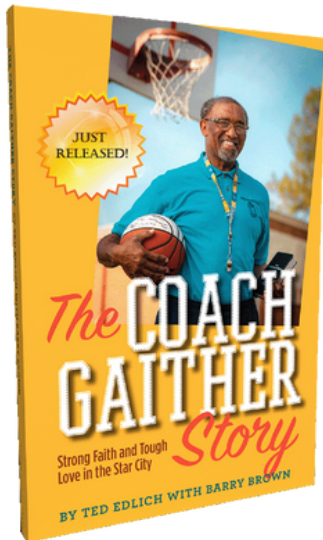
As all of you are probably aware, the COVID issue is not yet history. New variants are active and are easily transmissible, if perhaps less virulent. Additional new variants are very likely to appear in the future. Recent statistics indicate that our Roanoke area is once again in the high risk category with respect to community spread.

Each club member should continue to assess their individual risks and make decisions about what measures they choose for prevention of becoming infected (mask wearing, avoidance of crowds, social distancing and so forth). In the spirit of respect for others (we have a variety of "mature" members, some persons with higher risk factors, etc.) we ask that if you have symptoms suggesting COVID infection, have concerns about having recently been in a situation of high risk exposure, are in an early recovery phase, etc. that you elect to attend Zoom meetings and NOT appear at Charter Hall luncheons or other Kiwanis gatherings, including in-person committee meetings and volunteer work projects.

Thanks for your thoughtful cooperation.

Reif Kessler and Jenny Lee

Co-chairs of the Reboot Committee



Kiwanians - we're excited! We're pleased to learn that club member **Joe Gaither** is the subject of a new book that is available on Amazon. Joe joined the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke about 18 months ago and has been a leader of our successful May FunDay held the past two years at Goodwill Industries.

Joe is well-known in basketball circles as a state champion coach -- but even more importantly, as a longtime developer of local youth. We're proud he is in our club.

<https://joegaither.com/spread-the-word/>

Update From Mike O'Brochta

Hello from Scotland. Since our Kiwanis Club is so proficient at running itself virtually using Zoom and other methods, it was an easy decision for my wife and I to rent a flat in Edinburgh for the summer. In addition to all of the sights and adventures we have been having here (see photo of me on the top of the highest mountain in Scotland), I have been able to manage the weekly Club programs (thanks to the monthly speaker arrangers), participate in Officer and Board meetings, manage the website, manage the Environment Committee (thanks to so many highly engaged committee members), and enjoy weekly Club meetings. What a terrific Club. **Feel free to check out our blog: obrochtainscotland.blogspot.com**



Congratulations to **Tara Marciniak**, who was recently named President and General Manger of Center in the Square!