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## Announcements

from Mike O'Broctha

- Iron Mike O'Brochta

  This year's KPAD will be different. It will be held indoors on May 6, the Saturday before Mother's Day. And, for the fist time ever, we are partnering with another organization; the folks who run the big Spring Craft Show. This spartnership will open up a huge number of new opportunities. We will have the potential of thousands more paneake eaters. But, only if we think different. If you are energized by opportunities to think different, please contact this year's KPAD Chair Mike O'Brochta soonest, he is recruiting Club members for KPAD leadership positions who will think different.

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  Each year, heat waves kill more Americans than any other natural disaster, and heat is getting worse with the effects of global climate change. The effects of heat are exacerbated in cities because of the "urban heat island" effect, and temperature hotspots that correspond to the most vulnerable populations within cities. To address this problem, Virginia Tech, the City of Roanoke, and community-based organizations are partnering to develop a replicable youth citizen science program to build resilience to extreme heat among vulnerable populations. Youth will be trained in, and implement, citizen science methods including: wearable and fixed-location sensors, participatory (Sic, intercept surveys, and photovoice. The data collected will be used in an online digital heat resilience bub, the creation of which will (1) build social connection and awareness around the issued to heat that are necessary preconditions for community resilience; and (2) increase the inclusivity and comprehensiveness of long-term planning and policy processes for mitigating and managing the effects of extreme heat in the city. Our Club is part of a NSF project run by Virginia Tech; it could turn into something big.



Business Assoc) - Valerie Brown, Exce Dir, introduced by Jeanne Bollendorl (Sce below)

Oct 28 - Membership Committee Meeting

Oct 29 - Merlors Fall Festival 11 am - 1 pm (See below)

Nov 2 - WDBJ? & Digital Branding - Matt Purno VP&GM, introduced by Ji

Sluss (See below)

Now 3 - (4pm) Help lay black plastic to double the size of the Wildflower

Pollinator Garden. Meet behulf Forest Park Academy off of Melrose. Please

contact Cheir Lidrama for more info.

Nov 14 - (4pm)Nature Park Committee meeting at Melrose Library, all

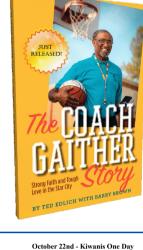
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October 19th Club Meeting - Joe Gaither

## Coach Joe Gaither is a youth basketball coach who led his teams to regional and national championships for over forty years—but this story is about so much more than basketball.

Joe's story grew from his Cameroon roots, his mother's struggles in the Jun Crow South, his start as a Black boy abandoned by his father, and his journey from player to coach, from young man to husband and father. Along the way, Coach Gaither became an inspiring mentor to hundreds of inner-city kids, enabling them to travel to distant cities for the first time in their lives, competed and win on the national level, and find a way to a college education that would otherwise be out of reach.

Coach Joe built a network of coaches, volunteers, donors, and non-profit organizations to improve the lives of his players long after their days on the court. You'll be inspired by this story about reaching across racial and economic divides for the good of a community. In The Coach Gaither Story, youth baskedball was simply the foundation for his ministry, a way of living out his faith in the service of a much larger and powerful story.



Please SAVE THE DATE for October 22nd. We are again partnering with Clean Valley Council to do a Horton's Branch Watershed Clean Up AND a Save Our Streams training. We will certainly look at our environment with great intention on that date to not only remove littler but o study the quality o water through invertebrate observations and monitoring. The creek we will clean is adjacent to the Goodwill Youth HQ. Come and learn to see with a new kind of purposed: We will then track the changes over time as we follow the impact of our project from now through 2025 (and perhaps beyond!) OCTOBER 22nd: Kiwanis One Day - for our Kiwanis Club, Key Clubs, Aktion Club, Kiwanis Club partners, Area Churches/faith-based organizations, our Nature Park partners, all who care about our environment & make a difference!

Where? Meet up at the Goodwill Picnic Shelter at 2502 Melrose Avenue 8:30 to 9:00 Gather - Sign In, get your gloves and grabbers and bags 9:00 to 10:30 Clean up the Watershed either right in the creek (wearing boots) or Melrose Avenue or Lafayette Blvd 11:00 to 12:30 Sev Gur Streams activity: learning how to monitor the w quality by looking for the invertebrates

Spread the word! Hope to see you there! RSVP if you possible can to <u>Cheri Hartman</u> bring your friends! Please indicate CLEAN UP and/or Save Our Streams activity when you reply Join the Roanoke Kiwanis Club or a Horton's Branch Watershed Clean U & Save Our Streams training



# Valerie has a background as a professional fundraiser having worked fo non-profits for over twenty years. During her career she has raised over \$50 million dollars for various non-profits. Valerie has currently been serving as the Executive Director for WRABA for nearly five years.

Williamson Road 

Roanoke Public Libraries will be hosting a Fall Festival at the Melrose Branch Library October 20th. We will be introducing the Kiwanis Nature Park introduct to NWn reighborhood. Help Needed! Various shifts available for Kiwanians.

1) 90.00 to 10.30 to set up!

2) 10.30 to 12.00 to get input on Kiwanis Nature Park poster of sehematic and to recruit future gardeness

3) 12.00 to 1:30 to wrap up Fall Festivities and Clean Up

Melrose Fall Festival

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Feature Photos
(Photo credit Mike O'Brochta unless noted other





	Kiwanian Birthdays
October 2	Jenny Lee
October 6	John Edwards
October 8	Patrick Patterson
October 8	Brooke Tolley
October 10	Eddie Smith
October 11	Frank Longaker
October 12	Sherry Dillon
October 16	Roger Talmadge
October 18	Ben Burks
October 19	Lee Osborne
October 21	Don Witt
October 23	Kenny Brooks
October 25	Kevin Reeder
October 28	Rupert Cutler (89!)
	Annala Bartanaga



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