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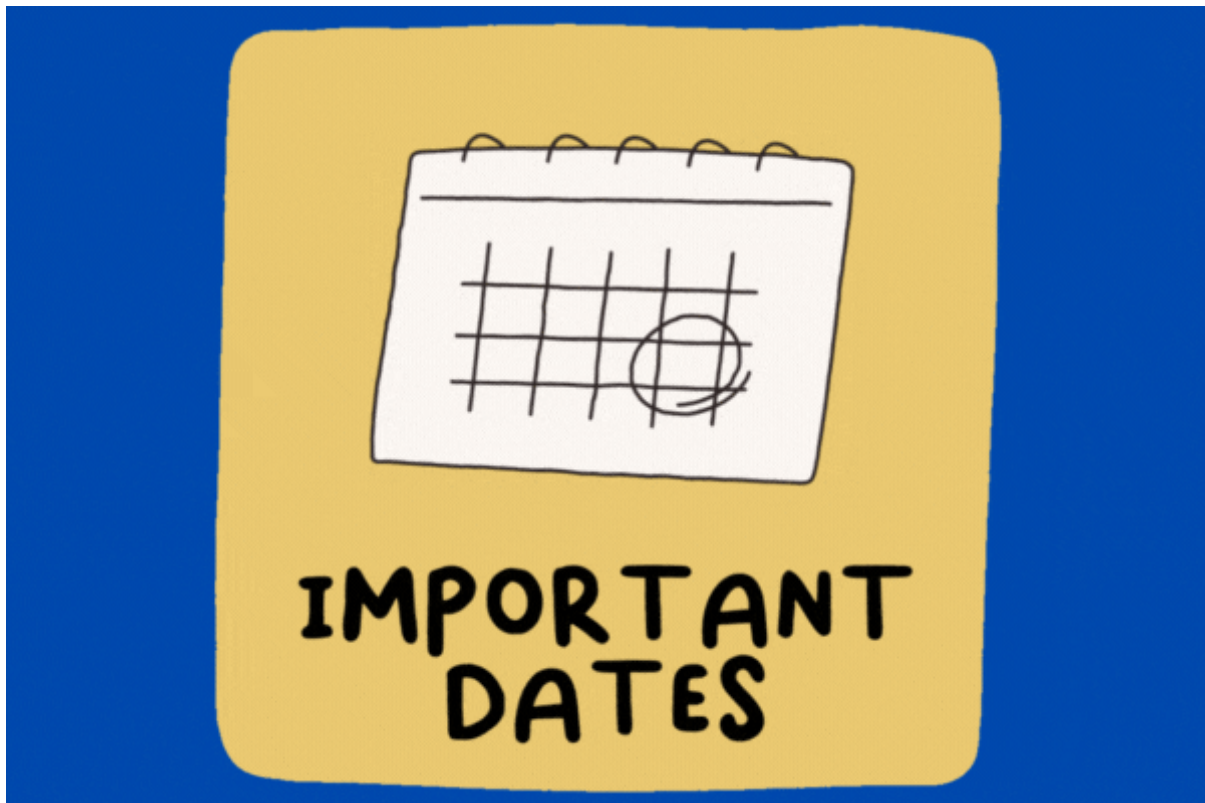
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March 15 - Kiwanis Pancake Ticket sales begin

April 23 - Tentative date for Kid's Fishing Day at HopeTree Family Services in Salem

May 6 - (7 am - 1 pm) Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day!

January 25th Club Meeting - Jesse Bucher, Roanoke College

Jesse Bucher, Director of the [Center for Structures of Race at Roanoke College](#), will be speaking on Histories and Genealogies of Slavery in the Roanoke Valley. His presentation will focus on recent research carried out by students and faculty at Roanoke College. As part of a larger process to commission a permanent memorial to enslaved laborers from southwest Virginia, the research team has used 19th century records to identify the names and identities of enslaved people.

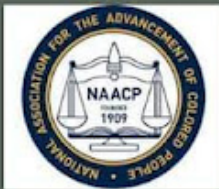
Jesse is an associate professor of African History at Roanoke College where he also directs the Center for Studying Structures of Race.



February 1st - Dr. Brenda Hale, President of the Roanoke Chapter of the NAACP

Dr. Brenda Hale will be speaking on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., History - a look back over 400 years, the Sankofa Bird, and Black History Month. More about Dr. Hale can be found below.

DR. BRENDA HALE



Roanoke Chapter NAACP President

Dr. Brenda Louise Hale

Dr. Brenda Louise Hale is a ten term President of the Roanoke Branch NAACP, V/P Region 4 Virginia State Conference NAACP and brings with her an impressive portfolio of service, achievement, innovation and collaboration.

Dr. Hale has been a Division Leader since 1994 as a Financial Representative with Primerica Financial Service. She was with the Salem Veterans Affairs Medical Center as a LPN from 1982-1989 and as a RN from 1989-1994. She served in the NCOA (Non-Commissioned Officers Association) in Honolulu, Hawaii from 1977-1982 as a counselor advising military retirees and veterans regarding financial planning. She spearheaded vanguard programs in various arenas including, fund raising for Special Olympics and was President of the NCOA Tripler Army Medical Center Chapter from 1976-1978. Sergeant First Class (E-7), Hale retired from the United States Army in 1978 and is a 100% service connected Disabled Veteran.

Education

Dr. Hale graduated from Central High School in Bridgeport, CT. she attended Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii and Roanoke College in Salem, Va. where she studied Psychology. Dr. Hale received her Licensed Practical Nurse education from Fitzsimmon Army General Hospital in Denver, CO. and her Associate Degree Nursing, from Virginia Western Community College in Roanoke, VA.

Civic Memberships

Dr. Hale is a member of Loudon Avenue Christian Church, where the Rev. Anthony Holmes, Sr. serves as pastor. Past church affiliations include: Messiah Baptist Church, Bridgeport, CT., and Fort Devens Baptist Church, Fort Devens, MA. and Trinity Missionary Baptist Church Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

She is a Gold Life Member of the NAACP, other Life Memberships include: the NCOA, DAV, VFW, American Legion, SCLC, WIMSA and BWVA. She is a past Senior vice Commander of VFW Post 1444 in Roanoke, VA. She serves as the secretary of the following Boards: TAP, Roanoke City Rescue Mission and Local Colors. She currently is the Vice Chair of the Community Housing Corporation Board.

Dr. Hale is the first African American elected as Secretary for the Virginia State Board of Nursing in January 2008 and also was listed in "Who's Who" in American Nursing 1990-1991, and listed in "Who's Who American Women" 19th Edition Marquis Publication in 1995-1996.

Awards

Military Medals include: the Army Commendation Medal, National Service Defense Medal, and Expert Marksmanship. She received a Commendation Award from the Salem VAMC, signed by the late Director, Mr. Hugh Davis, for intervening and providing Life Saving Measures on a visitor to the Medical Center.

She received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award from the Roanoke Chapter SCLC on April 4, 2006. The Morning Star Baptist Church presented an Award of Leadership on February 22, 2009. The Bethlehem Bible College bestowed an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters on April 24, 2010. The Roanoke Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. presented a Certificate of Leadership on May 15, 2010. Brenda was named a Paul Harris Fellow on May 16, 2013, by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, issued by the Rotary Club of Salem, Virginia. She received from the Word of Life Theological Seminary, The Degree of Doctorate of Theology in Biblical Studies, and PhD on June 29, 2013 in the City of Roanoke, Virginia.

She received from the Continental Societies, Inc. Roanoke Chapter the 2015 Black Girls Rock Award on Saturday April 18, 2015. She received from the Roanoke NAACP Youth Council, Impactors of Excellent Award on Sunday March 6, 2016. She received the UBU Humanitarian Award on March 25, 2016. Dr. Hale received from Roanoke College located in Salem, Virginia on Saturday May 5, 2018 the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree with all rights and privileges. She received from TAP the Cabell Brand Hope Award on Tuesday October 16, 2018. The Virginia State Conference NAACP, during their 83rd Convention, bestowed the Jack W. Gravely Community Service Award too Dr. Hale on October 27, 2018. Dr. Hale received the 2019 HBCU Spirit of America Community Service Award from Cutting Edge Sports Management, the parent company of the Dream Bowl and the HBCU Spirit of America Bowl, on January 20, 2019. Dr. Hale received from Price Memorial AME Zion Church on February 3, 2019, an Award of Appreciation and Dedicated Service to the Roanoke Branch NAACP. She received from the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, on August 12, 2022 Recognition at the Mill Mountain Star for one year. Dr. Hale received the Friendship Foundation Vision and Values Award on November 3, 2022.

Profile

Dr. Hale is an individual of high integrity and professionally well respected within the region for community service, she is one who works well with individuals and groups of diverse cultural, religious, social, economic and political identities. She is always committed to community and serves as an advocate for justice. She possesses the ability to act as an agent of change at the professional level in the Military, Health Care and Financial environments.

February 8th Club Meeting - Dr. Marylen Harmon, My Journey as an African American

Dr. Marylen Harmon is a retired educator and has spent her life

addressing diversity issues. She has been a voice for the underserved. She will address her life as an African American.



February 15th Club Meeting - Joe Gaither

Joe Gaither will be presenting on 42 Years of coaching and mentoring youth and high school sports.

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 African roots, his mother's struggles in the Jim 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, compete 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 basketball was simply the foundation for his ministry, a way of living out his faith in the service of a much larger and powerful story.



February 22nd - Sherman Lea, Mayor of the City of Roanoke

Sherman P. Lea was elected Mayor of the City of Roanoke on May 3, 2016. Mayor Lea began his political career as a member of Roanoke

City Council on July 1, 2004 and has served 12 consecutive years, holding the position of Vice-Mayor between 2008 and 2010. During his tenure, Mayor Lea has served as Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, and member of the Audit and Legislative Committees. As a member of City Council, Mayor Lea formed the Domestic Violence Task Force in 2005, and began the annual Lea Youth Outdoor Basketball League in 2015 and the Lea's High School Winter Classic Basketball Challenge in 2015.

As a professional, Mayor Lea spent 36 years with the Virginia Department of Corrections assisting people with criminal convictions as they re-entered the community upon release from incarceration. His career dates back to 1976, when he began working as the Institutional Parole Officer with the Virginia Correctional Center for Women in Goochland. Mayor Lea later served as the Adult Probation and Parole Officer, from 1978 to 1984, working in Danville and Pittsylvania County.

In 1984, he was named Chief Probation and Parole Officer becoming the first African American to hold that position in Virginia. Mayor Lea was promoted in 1992 to the Western Regional Director. Despite retirement in 2012, he continues to work with individuals seeking release from incarceration through his appointment in 2014 to the Virginia Parole Board by Governor Terry McAuliffe.

Additionally, Mayor Lea is the founder and president of S.P. Lea & Associates, facilitating training sessions on topics including leadership, management theories and practices, and maintaining the skills needed to remain successful in our ever-changing work environment. He has facilitated workshops for various groups and at various institutions of higher learning to include the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice and Virginia University of Lynchburg. He has also conducted classroom lectures for educators studying to become superintendents.

Mayor Lea has been involved in numerous civic and volunteer activities; as well

as committees, programs, and initiatives including:

- ~ Member, Virginia Probation and Parole Association (VPPA)
- ~ Member, National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCIJ)
- ~ Member, Virginia Correctional Association (VCA)

- ~ Chair, State Board of Directors, Virginia CARES, Inc.
- ~ Regional Surrogate, Attorney General Mark Herring Campaign
- ~ Former Chair, Board of Directors, Total Action for Progress (TAP)
- ~ Former Chair, Blue Ridge Regional School Board Association
- ~ Former Member, Virginia School Board Association (VSBA)
- ~ Founder and Chair of the Annual Western Virginia Education Classic Football Game
- ~ Member, Board of Visitors, Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina
- ~ Former, Virginia High School League Football/Basketball Official
- ~ Former, College Football Official (ACC, ODAC, and CIAA)

On September 20, 2019, Mayor Lea was inducted into the Virginia Union University Athletic Hall of Fame. Mayor Lea was awarded the 2010 William L. Hastie Award by the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) and named the 2014 Citizen of the Year by the Gamma Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from Virginia Union University and an honorary doctorate in Humane Letters for Humanitarian Work in the Community from Bethlehem Bible College.

Personally, Mayor Lea is an Associate Minister of Garden of Prayer No. 7. He was married for 44 years to the late Clara S. Lea, the proud father to Erica L. Rosser and Sherman P. Lea, Jr.; and the loving grandfather to twin granddaughters Jaylen and Mya, and grandson Jonathan, Jr.



Highlights from our last club meeting!







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Happenings

Don Chichester

Longtime Kiwanian Don Chichester continues to convalesce at Friendship Manor North, where he was admitted in mid-December. He is in room 3026 and welcomes visitors; as a lifetime minister, Don recognizes the value of personal contact. Don is being treated for severe back pain and a blood infection. Several members have visited Don and say that his of good spirit.

Lost Coat

David Farnum inadvertently picked up the "wrong" coat after last week's meeting and hopes that another Kiwanian picked up his. David's coat has a Polo logo and is blue; he inadvertently picked up one with the same logo that is black. Please contact David at dmfcfp@aol.com (or bring the coat to tomorrow's meeting) if you can help.

First Fridays awards Kiwanis Club of Roanoke \$3,000

We were delighted to receive a check from First Fridays at the end of December for two nights of volunteer efforts from the summer of 2022. Thanks to Past President Mike McEvoy for submitting our application and also for recruiting 15 club volunteers each evening. This money will be applied toward next year's service budget. We will be eligible to apply again as a First Fridays charity in 2024.

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke turns 103

January 28 marks the 103rd anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke's charter presentation in 1920; we will observe this milestone at this coming Wednesday's meeting. The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke was the 182nd club to receive a charter after the founding of Kiwanis in 1915; more than 20,000 Kiwanis clubs around the world have been chartered since.

Litter pickup at the Nature Park

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke assisted Clean Valley Council and other local organizations in a litter pickup surrounding the Nature Park on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 16. Pictured (left to right) are Kiwanis club past presidents Gary Duerk, Don Witt and John Montgomery, who were among the several dozen volunteers from throughout the Roanoke Valley who assisted.



At the Aktion Club gathering on Monday, members prepared mini-greenhouses with wildflower seeds. Kiwanian John Ewart and his grandson, John Baldrige, provided training and encouragement, pictured below.



Please email any potential happenings to Alex at abargell@gmail.com.

Kiwanian Birthdays

January 5 -- Jeanne Bollendorf
January 6 -- Dirk Kuyk
January 6 -- Stephanie Moon Reynolds
January 7 -- John Bradshaw (Turns 90!)
January 8 -- Bob Rutherford
January 11 -- Steve English
January 13 -- Chris Head
January 15 -- Tom Blake
January 21 -- Rhonda Perdue
January 23 -- Terry Vandelinde
January 28 -- Pegram Johnson
January 28 -- John Montgomery
January 28 -- Andy Stone
January 29 -- Don Evans
January 31 -- Frank Rogan



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