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KPAD Creative Thinking Mike O'Brochta – KPAD Chairman

Thanks to the Kiwanis volunteers on the KPAD Leadership Team, many new and creative ideas are being implemented for this year's May 6 event. All of these creative ideas are focused on leveraging the partnership we have formed with the folks running the Spring Craft Show at the Berglund Center the very same day as KPAD; we will be turning craft show patrons and vendors into breakfast eaters.

We will have signs galore, discounts for those with a craft show purchase receipt, roving musicians and complementary coffee, and a large amount of advance publicity.

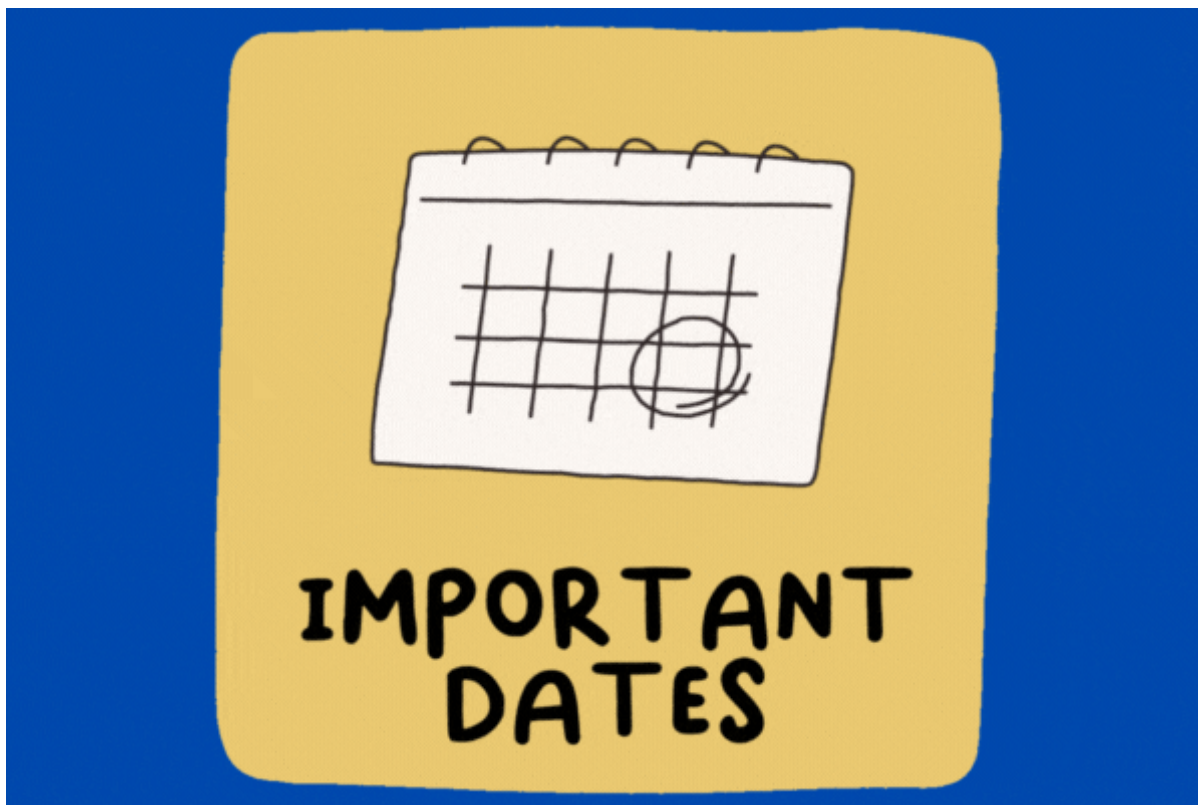
Our Club will kick off KPAD ticket sales at the March 15 Club meeting.

LIFE'S BATTER



**WITH
PANCAKES!**





March 1 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Ryan LaFountain

March 2 - KPAD Ticket Team Draft

March 8 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Patricia Taylor Harris

March 9 - Officer Meeting

March 13 - Board Meeting

March 14 - New Member Training

March 15 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - KPAD Kick Off and Ticket Sales Begin!

March 16 - (6 - 9 pm) Kiwanis Social Night at Mill Mountain Theater, Jersey Boys and Reception

March 22 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Dr. David Jones

March 29 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Ken Fay

March 29 - (following club meeting) KPAD Team Meeting

April 22 - (9 am - noon) Kid's Fishing Day at HopeTree Family Services in Salem

May 4 - (7:15 - 8:30 am) Prayer Breakfast

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

March 1st Club Meeting - Ryan LaFountain

Ryan LaFountain is the Commissioner of the Revenue for the City of Roanoke, elected in November 2021 and started his term of service on January 1, 2022. As Commissioner of the Revenue, Ryan is committed to providing taxpayers with excellent and impartial customer service and being a source of trust for the city's financial well-being.

Hailing from the Northern Tier of New York, Ryan has been proud to call Roanoke his home since 2014. Ryan graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College (now Baldwin Wallace University) in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Shortly after completing his undergraduate degree, Ryan embarked on a career in the credit union industry. Serving in branch management and loan underwriting, the philosophy of people helping people guiding the credit union movement shaped how Ryan views public service: that we are present to lift and empower the members of our community. Ryan has since completed a Master's degree in Business Administration from Virginia Tech and Ryan is an active member of the Roanoke Kiwanis Club, attends Temple Emmanuel in Roanoke, and has served on local non-profit boards.

Ryan is dedicated to serving the city that has provided him the opportunity to grow and thrive and strives to cultivate a staff who grow and thrive in the office while serving the public well.



March 8th Club Meeting - Patricia Taylor Harris

Patricia Taylor Harris is a retired social studies teacher who will be speaking on the Power of Faith and Prayer in healing, a Personal Experience. It is an experience she had in 2006. She will give a testimony about her physical and spiritual journey that strengthened her faith in God and the power of faith in Prayer in healing. Her story goes from one doctor's "We've done all we can do" to "you are a miracle."

Patricia grew up in Franklin County and graduated from Franklin County High School She earned a BA from Virginia State University and retired after teaching middle school social studies for 31 years. She has been

married for 50 years and has a son, daughter, son-in-law, and a wonderful grandson.



March 15th Club Meeting - KPAD Kick Off

Take a look at this interesting photo below -- a clip of a Roanoke Times article published in 1996, the year KPAD debuted. We will be kicking off the 28th pancake day on March 15.

Three Kiwanians in the picture are still in the club -- Don Wilson, Eric Danielsen and Frank Longaker.

You'll flip!

Let Kiwanis members cook pancakes for you Saturday, then try some of their recipes at home

By ALMENA HUGHES
FOOD EDITOR

KIWANIS of Roanoke has always performed civic service, but on Saturday, the 76-year-old organization will test its mettle at food service.

From 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., on the lower level of Towers Shopping Center (Brandon access road), members will flip flapjacks to raise funds.

"Three or four years ago, we had several different projects going. But we wanted one good one for all to participate in," explained Robert E. Brailsford, Kiwanis of Roanoke's president.

His brainchild, Pancakes by Kiwanis, gives all club members a chance to sell tickets, cook or serve.

"Feeding them [the community] is a service ... so that's our community service," joked Jim Bowen, co-chairman with Jerry Strayve of the fledgling event.

The flapjack free-for-all, which the club hopes will be held yearly, will be ably overseen by Eric Danielsen. He thinks he was dubbed Head Chef for the Day because he once managed a McDonald's — and he knows how to quickly and efficiently cook for and feed large crowds. Plus, when the pace is not too hectic, he can make "smiley-face" pancakes the way his mom used to do it, with the faces baked right into the cakes.

The men anticipate selling 4,000 to 5,000 tickets to the 12-hour fund-raiser. They estimate that they will actually feed about 3,000 visitors; other tickets will be given to needy people and organizations that could not afford admission.



Kiwanis of Roanoke members (from left, seated) Robert Brailsford, Jim Bowen, (standing) Curtis Burchett, Geoff Whittaker, Don Wilson, Gail Hall, Matt Iwicki, Mark Sadler, Eric Danielsen, V. Lee Wolfe and Frank Longaker will be among the flapjack flippers at Saturday's Pancakes by Kiwanis event.

During the day, on seven hot griddles, Kiwanians will prepare 1,400 pounds of pancake mix and 1,200 pounds of sausage and drizzle them with 160 gallons of syrup. To wash it all down, they'll set up 50 gallons of orange juice, plus coffee, milk and other beverages, all donated or discounted by

corporate and private sponsors.

The sponsors make it possible for almost all proceeds to be used for the club's roughly 40 service projects for senior citizens, children and youth, and the community at large.

A pancake plate, at \$4 for adults and \$2

PLEASE SEE **PANCAKES/5**

March 22nd Club Meeting - Dr. David Jones

Dr. David Jones will be speaking on Building Beloved Community in the Star City. He will talk about some of the many initiatives that exist in

Ken began his career in real estate in 1988 as a Realtor. Approximately 25 years ago he became a residential fee appraiser in the private sector. Five years later Beach County Appraiser's Office in the public sector. He moved to Roanoke in 2014 where he accepted a appraiser position and was later appointed Director of Real Estate in 2019..



Highlights from our last club meeting!







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Happenings

Cares & Concerns

We are saddened to learn of the passing of Kiwanian Roger Talmadge yesterday. Roger was 85 and had battled a multitude of health issues for several years. Although at the time of his passing, Roger was on a leave of absence from the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke, he remained an enthusiastic supporter in various forms of club causes.

Roger was a retired Army colonel who was heavily involved in the founding and operations of Military Family Support Centers, an organization dedicated to offering assistance to military families in need. The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke has extended several grants to MFSC over the years.

Roger joined the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke in 2015, in part because he was appreciative of Kiwanis support extended to the organization he so ardently promoted.

You can find his obituary [here](#).

We extend our deepest sympathy to Roger's widow, Charlotte, and the entire family.

John A. Montgomery, Secretary-Treasurer

Rubber Chickens

Cheri and Dave Hartman will be presenting at the Capital District Midyear Conference in Arlington March 3-5. They are including the rubber chicken as part of their seminar; should you have any remaining from our club promotion a few years back, and are willing to loan them to the Hartmans this weekend, please bring them to this Wednesday's meeting. They will be returned if you wish. Please put your initials on them.

Joe Lemmer Bio

I was born March 24, 1948 in Arlington Virginia. I share the same birth date, but not the same year, with Cheri Hartman, so I feel I am in good company. My father was born in Rolling Stone Minnesota and raised on a dairy farm in rural Wisconsin. He later graduated from Marquette University with a degree in civil engineering. My mother was born in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, the daughter of a country doctor. She also graduated from Marquette and went on to be teacher. I am the third of five sons. I led a typical suburban childhood in the DC area. Memories that stand out include seeing Queen Elizabeth in 1957 when her motorcade drove by my youngest brother's christening, attending JFK's inauguration in 1960 when he gave his famous speech stating "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country" and meeting John Glenn on his front lawn after his return from 3 earth orbits.

I attended grade school and high school in Arlington and went on to the University of Virginia and graduated in 1970. I attended the University of Buffalo, School of Medicine and graduated in 1974. Following this, I interned in Internal Medicine at Nassau County Medical Center in New York and then went on to a medical residency at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. After this, I served one year at an army hospital in Seoul, Korea and another year at an army hospital at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. From 1979 to 1981, I completed a Rheumatology

Fellowship in Richmond at MCV/VCU. I began practice at Scott & White Clinic in Temple, Texas, as a staff Rheumatologist. In 1984, I joined the Rheumatology department at Lewis Gale Clinic. I practiced there for 32 years until my retirement at the end of 2016.

While in Richmond, I met my wife, Sally, and married before we moved to Texas. Sally was born in Pittsburgh but raised in Danville. She also graduated from the University of Virginia. While in Texas, our first son, Eric, was born in 1982. Our second son, Alex, was born in Roanoke in 1987. Both sons attended Cave Spring High School and the University of Virginia. Eric went on to George Mason University School of Law and now practices law in Arlington. Alex attended University of Virginia School of Medicine, went on to train in GI and Hepatology and now practices his specialty in Atlanta, Georgia. We have two grandchildren Tyson, 8, and Emmie, 5.

Since retiring, I have enjoyed my 4 years volunteering with Kiwanis, Meals on Wheels and The Free Clinic and serving on the Board of the Hunting Hills HOA. Hobbies include yard work, exercising at the gym, and traveling. Travels include visits to our sons, international cruises, and touring the National Parks.

Little known facts about me that possibly qualify as “brag bucks” material are:

My Godfather was Senator Joseph McCarthy, whom my mother knew in college. I have dual citizenship with Luxembourg as both of my parents’ ancestors were immigrants from that country.

I am a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize twice, once in 1985 as one of the many members of Physicians For Social Responsibility and Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War and then again in 1999 as one of the many members of the Physicians Without Borders.

I have been witness to two total solar eclipses one in 1970 and the other in 2017 and hope to experience a third in April 2024 in Texas.

I have a private pilot’s license.

My son and I are official weather spotters for NOAA.

In 1978 I stayed in, what was then, the highest hotel in the world, the Hotel Everest View in Nepal.

During my two week cross country trip in 2019, I was able to complete my goal of visiting all 50 states, when I added Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Prayer Breakfast

May 4th at Kazim Shriners of Roanoke, 627 Campbell Ave. Breakfast buffet opens at 7:00am. Program runs from 7:15-8:30am. Sam Rasoul is the keynote speaker addressing the Building Bridges theme. Tickets cost \$8.00 per person.

Questions? Cheri and Dave Hartman
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Meeting Recordings

Note that club meeting recordings can be found on our YouTube channel [here](#).

Please email any potential happenings to Alex at abarge11@gmail.com.

Kiwanian Birthdays

February 6 -- Barry Akers
February 14 -- Clark Goodman
February 14 -- Mike Quinn
February 18 -- Kathy Cohen
February 24 -- Tara Marciniak
February 28 -- Betsy Head

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



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