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## **No Ghosts**

### **Mike O'Brochta – KPAD Chairman**

When I was a child, I was afraid of ghosts. As an adult, not so much. Until now. Now that I am running KPAD, I have redeveloped a fear of ghosts. Volunteer ghosts. That term refers to well-meaning volunteers who show up at KPAD without using our official SignUp system to register in advance of the event. This terrifies me. Why? Because this year, as a consequence of our new partnership with the Spring Craft Show, we have the unpredictable potential for a huge surge in walk-in breakfast eaters who buy tickets on the spot. If that happens, maybe when that happens, we will need to quickly redeploy volunteers to address back-ups in our breakfast production operation. Can't do that very well if we don't have an accurate understanding of who is volunteering, where and when; can't do that if we have ghost volunteers who are not registered in our official SignUp system. Please, even if you have been volunteering in the same KPAD position forever, register

this year in our official SignUp system in advance.



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## **KPAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke annual KPAD (Kiwanis Pancake & Auction Day) 2023 needs volunteers on May 5 & 6! Use the link on this invitation and choose a slot (or several!). You may also signup friends, relatives, or neighbors who are willing to volunteer, OR you can invite them by sending a link via your personal email. We especially need volunteers to SETUP Friday and TEARDOWN after the event Saturday. THANKS! Harry

**Sign Up Now!**

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# Southwest Virginia Regional Conference

The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke will pay the registration fee for any Roanoke Kiwanians who wish to attend?

Please let club secretary John Montgomery know if you are interested.



## Kiwanis®

KIWANIS FAMILY  
OF SOUTHWEST  
VIRGINIA:  
DIVISIONS  
15, 16, 17

**SATURDAY,  
APRIL 22**

## SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

- Connect with Kiwanis, Key Club and CKI clubs from Divisions 15, 16, & 17
- Guest speakers including Governor Jen Wolff, Governor-Elect Eric Lamb, and more!
- Division meetings and breakout sessions

LOCATION:

Wytheville Community College  
1000 East Main Street  
Wytheville, VA



## Registration

- Check In 8:45-9:30
- Sessions 9:30-3:00
- \$35 per person for Kiwanis
- \$20 per person for Key Club and CKI
- Includes lunch and snacks

Scan with  
phone camera to  
register online



<https://kiwanis-club-of-christiansburg-va.square.site/>

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## Interclub Event

Enjoy the fellowship of the Central Virginia Kiwanis community April 21st at Stoney Brook Vineyards in Troutville! More info below.

# KICK OFF THE WEEKEND WITH YOUR FELLOW *DIVISION 15* KIWANIANS FOR AN INTERCLUB EVENT

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April 21, 2023

5:30 – 8:00 pm

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## Stoney Brook Vineyards

516 Stoney Battery Road  
Troutville, VA 24175

Join your fellow Kiwanians from Central Virginia  
along with distinguished guests, including

Capital District Governor, Jennifer Wolff

and

Capital District Executive Director, Jeffrey Wolff.

Enjoy great food and wine in a beautiful setting  
as we welcome spring!

Door prizes!!!

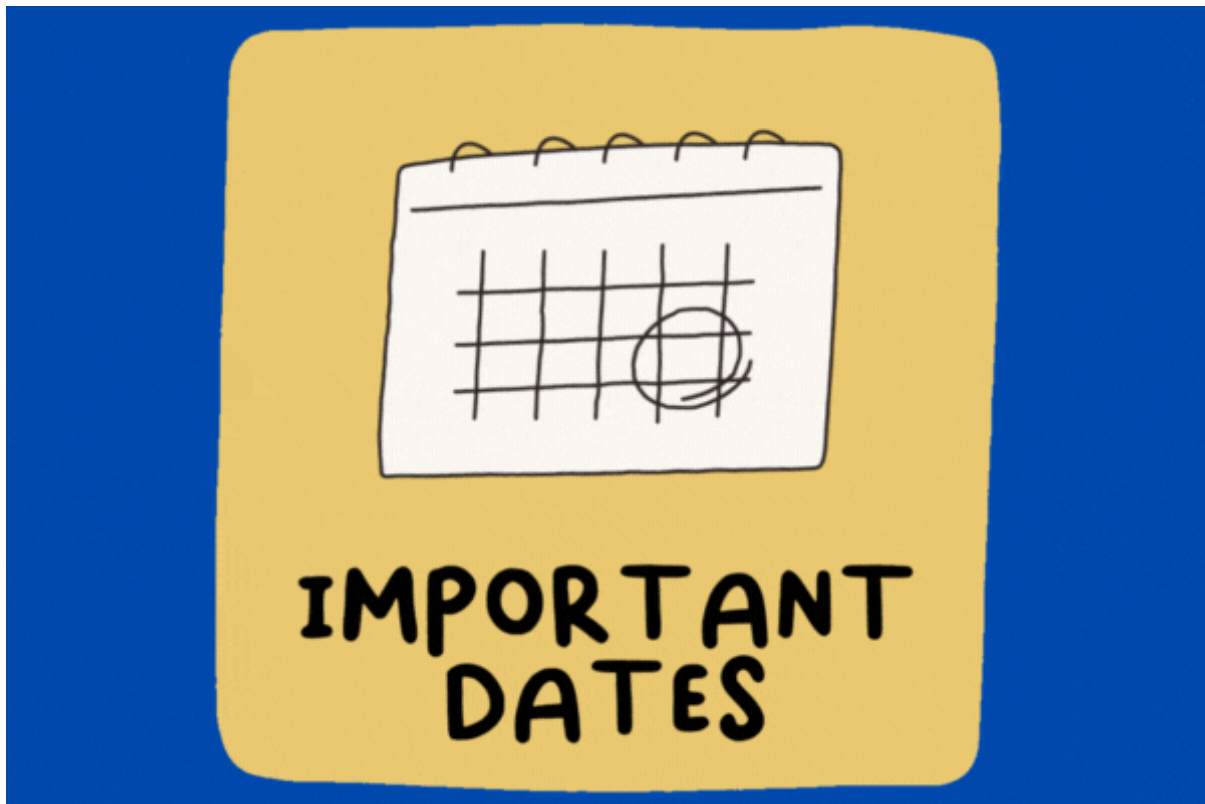


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*\$25 ticket price includes heavy hors  
d'oeuvres and a drink ticket. Invite a  
friend/prospective member!*



*RSVP and remit payment to your CLUB PRESIDENT by Noon, April 17.*



- April 11** - (12:15 - 1:15) New Club Member Training
- April 12** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Frank Maguire
- April 12** - (following club meeting) KPAD Team Meeting
- April 17** - (11 am - 4 pm) Salem Kiwanis Golf Tournament
- April 17** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Environment Committee Meeting
- April 19** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Jimmy Butler
- April 21** - (8 - 9 am) Membership Committee Meeting
- April 21** - (5:30 - 8 pm) Interclub Event
- April 22** - (9 am - noon) Kid's Fishing Day at HopeTree Family Services in Salem
- April 26** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - David Perry
- April 26** - (following club meeting) KPAD Team Meeting
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- May 3** - (12:30 - 1:30pm) Club Meeting - Academic Scholarships
- May 4** - (7:15 - 8:30 am) Prayer Breakfast
- May 6** - (7 am - 1 pm) Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day!

## **April 12th Club Meeting - Frank Maguire**

Frank Maguire is the Greenway Coordinator for the Roanoke Valley Greenways Commission and will be speaking on the Roanoke Valley Greenways: Past, Present, and Future. It will be an overview of the development of the Roanoke Valley Greenways, what is coming in the near term and longer term future goals.

Before coming to the Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission, Frank was the Program Director for Trails and Outdoor Recreation at the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, where his work focused on coordinating and supporting several large scale trail initiatives. Prior to joining PEC, he served as the Regional Director for the International Mountain Bicycling Association and founded a trail consulting firm that focused on hand crew training and trail design. He holds a Bachelor's degree from American University and lives in Wasena with his wife, Beth.



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## **April 19th Club Meeting - Jimmy Butler**

Jimmy Butler, incoming President of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, will be

presenting No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town. It will be a discussion about children in the Roanoke Valley who don't have a bed of their own to sleep in.

Jimmy has many years of experience as a loan officer and financial advisor for First Citizens Bank and Colonial American National Bank. He also was owner of Roanoke Comedy Club for 12 years.





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**April 26th Club Meeting - David Perry**

David Perry, Executive Director of Blue Ridge Land Conservancy, will be presenting on Growing Like a Weed! The Blue Ridge Land Conservancy is growing like a weed! In the last few years, they have expanded to the Lynchburg and Danville regions, purchased a permanent home in Old Southwest, added staff and expanded programs. Learn about their plans for land soon to be acquired in Catawba that adjoins the Appalachian Trail!

The Blue Ridge Land Conservancy is Roanoke's nonprofit land trust dedicated to protecting the lands and waters we love--forever. Prior to joining the organization in 2006, David worked in parks and recreation in Maryland and for the Boy Scouts in North Carolina. A Blacksburg native, David has degrees from JMU and Slippery Rock University.



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**Highlights from our last club meeting!**



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Happenings

Cares and Concerns

- Our sympathy goes to Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Past President Carl Kopitzke, a former member, whose wife Pat passed away in late March. Carl was a member of our club from 1991-2018 and served as club president in 2001-02. "Excellent and Exceptional" was Carl's trademark phrase, a description he often drew upon to describe Kiwanis volunteers. The Kopitzkes moved to North Carolina several years ago to be closer to family....
- We were encouraged to learn that Past President John Bradshaw (1976-77), a 54-year Roanoke Kiwanian, has returned home after several weeks of rehab following his partial hip replacement surgery that resulted from a fall..... Past President (2003-04) and longtime Secretary-Treasurer Lloyd Enoch has some good news also; he is showing progress recovering from a neck fracture he incurred early last week.

### **Fishing Day**

Kids Fishing Day has been an annual Kiwanis spring event for the West End Center children for at least 20 years. This year's day is on Saturday, April 22nd at the Hope Tree Family Services pond in Salem off Red Lane. 500+ trout will be stocked to be caught by the kids with a cookout to follow. Time is 9am to noon. Fishing equipment and bait are provided. Please consider joining your fellow Kiwanians for a fun & rewarding day! Check your calendars and sign up at our next Wednesday meeting. Volunteers are needed for all the positions, especially as fishing guides!

### **Interfaith Prayer Breakfast**

Jackie Bledsoe is bringing a flyer for the Interfaith Prayer Breakfast announcement to get your tickets now -- Ken Briggs and/or Bruce Swanson will be collecting ticket money: official price is \$8 (but rounding up to \$10 is certainly OK, too!!!). The date of this event is Thursday, the National Day of Prayer on May 4th - breakfast to be served at 7 am; Theme = Building Bridges; Kiwanian Sam Rasoul will speak on the Islamic Faith this year with prayers from 4 other faiths to be shared. Our generous sponsor is Howell's Motor Freight. Location is again at the Kazim Temple (7 am - 8:30 am).

Questions about the Prayer Breakfast, Spring FunDay, or Nature Park?  
Cheri and Dave Hartman [davidhartman4@cox.net](mailto:davidhartman4@cox.net)

### **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](mailto:abarge11@gmail.com).

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## Kiwanian Birthdays

April 1 – Chloe Willis  
April 2 – Andree Brooks  
April 5 – Sam Darby  
April 10 – Tim Thompson  
April 12 – Bob Habermann  
April 12 – Bert Boyd  
April 14 – Gary Duerk  
April 18 – Jim Randles  
April 19 – Eddie Barnes  
April 27 – Dwight Steele



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2022-23

### Officers:

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John Montgomery, Secretary-  
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