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KPAD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Kiwanis Club of Roanoke annual KPAD (Kiwaniis 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!](#)

Earth Day 2023

Earth Day 2023 is being celebrated at our own Kiwanis Nature Park - led by Clean Valley Council - we will educate the community about our Nature Park - we'd love to have you join us and/or invite your friends - open to the public, FREE, come all who share our joy for natural wonders. Appreciation for nature sets the stage for environmental stewardship. We are giving out FABULOUS children's books about nature. Bring the kiddos! See attached flyer! From 9 to 12 noon - adjacent to the fabulous Kiwanis Centennial Playground - where fun abounds!

Cheri W. Hartman, Kiwanis Nature Park Committee Co-chair with Don Witt and Rupert Cutler

EARTH DAY 2023: "Invest in Our Planet"

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Come see Clean Valley Council and partners in the Melrose neighborhood



Melrose
Lower Horton
Park
9am-Noon
FREE!

- Litter cleanup from Salem Turnpike to Melrose Avenue NW
 - Cleanup supplies provided at Goodwill picnic shelter
- Visit Kiwanis Nature Park Pollinator Garden
- Visit EnVision Center Community Garden
- Learn to identify birds with local experts
- Touch a Roanoke City recycling truck and meet the operators
- Create a nature journal

<https://www.cleanvalley.org/events/earth-day-2023-4>
info@cleanvalley.org



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.



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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/>

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

April 21, 2023

5:30 – 8:00 pm

**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!!!



*\$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.

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



Join Kiwanis as we celebrate our annual

Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:00am-8:30am \$8.00

Kazim Temple

628 Campbell Avenue Roanoke VA
(free parking in back)

Join us in learning about the many faiths in the Roanoke Valley.
Ministers of different faiths will facilitate discussions at each table.

*Our Keynote Speaker for 2023 is Sam Rasoul
Music provided by Judy Clark. A thank you to our sponsor, Howell's Motor Freight!*



For tickets contact any Kiwanian or call _____ and leave a message.

KPAD Marketing

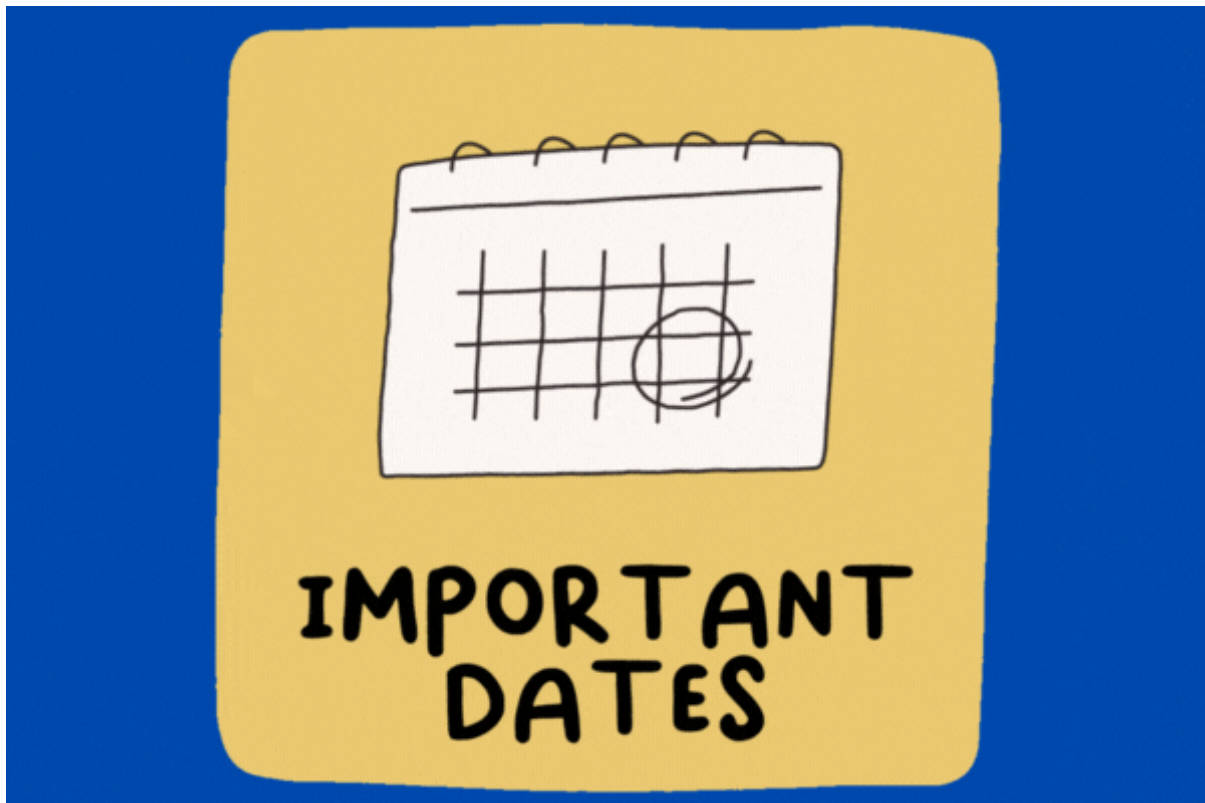
KPAD on TV!

- Jeanne Bollendorf spoke with WSLs this past Saturday spreading the KPAD good news - [watch here](#)

- Amy Carter & Eric Danielsen will be on WDBJ7's Here at Home (My TV 24.1) this afternoon between 3 and 4 pm
- Amy Carter & Eric Danielsen will be on News at Noon on channel 27 next week
- May 3rd, Alex Barge will be on WDBJ7@4 sometime between 4-5 pm

Mike "Webmaster" O'Brochta happily reports that traffic to the KPAD website has doubled in recent days thanks to news coverage, advertising efforts such as being on Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge website, and people spreading the word!

Here is the website for those who would like to share digitally: <https://www.roanokekiwanisclub.org/kpad/>



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

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 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.



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.



Highlights from our last club meeting!





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Happenings

Club Elections

At last week's club meeting, the nominating committee, chaired by Past President Don Witt, and including the other most recent past presidents - - Jenny Lee, Cheri Hartman, Mike McEvoy and Clark Goodman -- presented the following slate of officers and new directors for the upcoming 2023-24 Kiwanis year:

Mike O'Brochta, President
Jeanne Bollendorf, President-Elect
Joyce Montgomery, Vice President
John Montgomery, Secretary-Treasurer
Ben Spiker, Past President
New Three-Year Directors:
Alex Barge, Bill Bestpitch, Brooke Tolley

In accordance with our club bylaws, we will receive nominations from the floor at tomorrow's meeting and then conduct a club vote on April 26.

(Six current club directors are continuing their respective terms and thus will not be part of this year's election : Bob Habermann, Kevin Reeder, Stephanie Moon Reynolds, Bruce Swanson, Sheila Umberger and Harry Zulauf.)

Orvis Fishing Day

Orvis 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!

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

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



Officers:

Ben Spiker, President

Mike O'Brochta, President-Elect

Jeanne Bollendorf, Vice President

John Montgomery, Secretary-
Treasurer

Clark Goodman, Past President

Directors:

Don Wilson, President, Kiwanis
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Jamie Bailey, 2023

Luke Young, 2023

LeeAnn Linkenhoker, 2023

Kevin Reeder, 2024

Stephanie Moon Reynolds, 2024

Bob Habermann, 2025

Bruce Swanson, 2025

Sheila Umberger, 2025

Harry Zulauf, 2025



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