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### **Success. Well done. Thank you Mike O'Brochta – KPAD Chairman**

Collectively, we held a most successful KPAD. Advertising reached more people, our website traffic exploded, plenty of tickets were pre-sold, many walk-ins were purchased, we handled any surge that came from craft show customers, lots of yard sale items were sold, and music delighted all. We did so much more than that, we showcased just how terrific our Kiwanis Club is. I expect that our customer base has now been expanded to the point where we get repeat business from new customers we served this year. Our auction of the Star runs through Thursday.

During the next few weeks we will close ticket sales, assess our accomplishments in more detail, begin identifying improvements for next year, and conduct the Clean Up program at the June 14 Club meeting. And, a video will be produced.

In the mean time, let's enjoy the feeling that comes from success. I am so very thankful that I have had the opportunity to volunteer on KPAD with so many people.

*Some photos below with more to come!*

# SUCCESS



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## Phoenix Star Aktion Club

Many of you had an opportunity to work with our Aktion Club members at the Berglund Center on Friday & Saturday.

On Monday, May 8, our Aktion Club gathered for “Clubhouse” at the Blue Ridge Independent Living Center on Williamson Road. The Aktion Club members expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to work for KPAD, and for you making them a part of our Kiwanis family.

Our Aktion Club gathers for “Clubhouse” on alternate Monday mornings from 10:00AM to 12:30PM. Our meeting space is provided (at no charge) by the Independent Living Center. Each “Clubhouse” ends with lunch funded by our Kiwanis Service Budget.

At present, Mike Loveman, Mike Adams, and Ken Briggs serve as “Kiwanis Advisors” for our Aktion Club. We’re looking for a couple more Kiwanians who want to join us on Mondays once per month.

For more information, or to schedule a “Clubhouse” visit, please reach out to Mike Loveman (355-3218), Mike Adams (339-8336), or Ken Briggs (314-961

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## National Day of Prayer, Kiwanis Club of Roanoke's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast: Sam Rasoul, speaker

In 1988 on Thursday, May 8, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the designation of the first Thursday in May as the annual observance for the Nation: Prayer. The Kiwanis Club of Roanoke has a long history of celebrating this National Day of Prayer with an interfaith breakfast. In 2023 the Kiwanis Club was honored to have as its Keynote Speaker, Sam Rasoul, who spoke on Building Bridges: The Islamic Perspective. Sam Rasoul has served Virginians as Roanoke delegate, since 2014. He has consistently prioritized everyday Virginians and our planet's future. He has a passion for the common struggles we all share and people together for the common good. Sam has a background in healthcare administration, nonprofit management, finance, organizational change. His guiding philosophy starts with the Golden Rule: Treat others as you would want to be treated. Sam leads with his values of Truth, Love, Grit. Sam lives in Roanoke with his spouse, Layaly, and their 3 children.

Other prayers were offered from the Hindu, Jewish, Buddhist and Christian religions.

We gathered together on the first Thursday of May (the 4th) at 6:45 am at the Kazim Temple, sharing fellowship, food and our faiths. Thank you to our Interfaith Prayer Breakfast Committee, table facilitators, invited guests/speakers/musicians for making this an inspiring event.

Cheri and David W. Hartman (co-chairs)

*A few photos from the event are below.*



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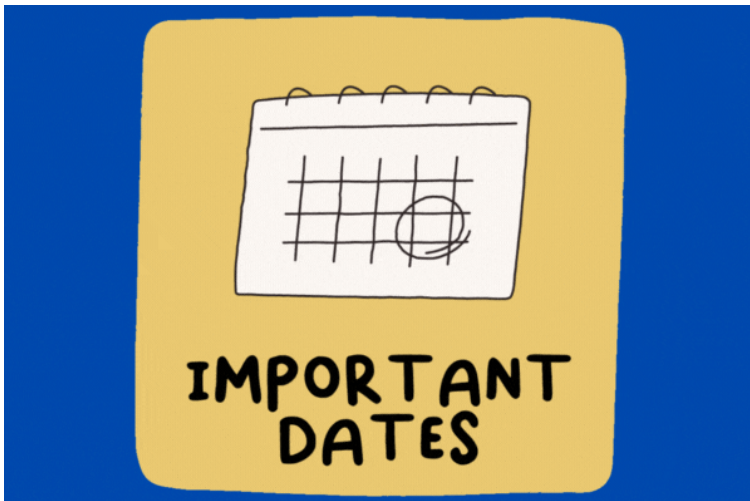
## KPAD Marketing

KPAD on TV!

- Jeanne Bollendorf spoke with WSLS this past Saturday spreading the KPAD good news - [watch here](#)
- Amy Carter & Eric Danielsen were on WDBJ7's Here at Home - [check it out here!](#)
- Amy Carter & Eric Danielsen were on News at Noon on channel 27 - [watch it here](#)
- Roanoke Times columnist Dan Casey has once again devoted an entire column to the event -- this year featuring the CIA background of KPAD Chair and Kiwanis Club of Roanoke President-Elect Mike O'Brochta, along with the novel angle connecting this year's partnership with the Craft Show, which is held concurrently Saturday at the Berglund Center. [Read more here!](#)
- Jeanne spoke with WDBJ7 about the star auction on Sunday! [Check it out here](#)

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

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**May 7 (9 am) - May 11 (6pm)** Mill Mountain Star Auction  
**May 9** - (12:15 - 1:15 pm) New Club Member Training  
**May 10** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Ryan Bell  
**May 13** - (9 am - noon) Orvis Kid's Fishing Day at HopeTree Family Services in Salem  
**May 15** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Environment Committee Meeting  
**May 17** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Legislative Update  
**May 19** - (8 - 9 am) Membership Committee Meeting  
**May 20** - (11 am - 3 pm) Fun Day at Goodwill Picnic Shelter  
**May 24** - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting  
**June 14** - (1:30 - 2:30 pm) KPAD Wrap-up Meeting

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## **May 10th Club Meeting - Ryan Bell "The Power of Community"**

Studies show that one of the primary factors in fostering resilience within children is having healthy relationships within and outside of their family. Explore how The Academy at Belle is using The Power of Community to assist children in establishing those relationships for academic life success.

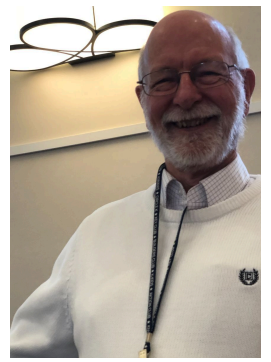
Ryan Bell is the Head of School at The Academy at Belle. A champion for empowering families, he has served as a Manager of Family & Community Engagement for both Roanoke and Richmond Public Schools, a Special Education Teacher and Regional Director of a federally funded statewide parenting collaborative. He is the father of 5 and a proud husband.



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**Highlights from our last club meeting!**







**Cares and Concerns:**

Dear Faithful Friends,

Mike came through the procedure swimmingly and is now back in his room enjoying a delicious dinner!!!! Thank all of you who sent up prayers; the doc everything went perfectly and that he finished early!! YAY.

Dr. Musser likes his patients to remain overnight; therefore, Mike will enjoy one night in lovely RMH. He should return home tomorrow morning. 🥰🥰🥰

Thank you again for your concern and caring! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Sincerely,  
Beth

**Orvis Fishing Day (RESCHEDULED)**

Orvis Kids Fishing Day has ben an annual Kiwanis spring event for the West End Center children for at least 20 years. This year's day is on Saturday, Ma 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 noon. Fishing equipment and bait are provided. Please consider joining your fellow Kiwanians for a fun & rewarding day! Check your calendars and sign our next Wednesday meeting. Volunteers are needs for all the positions, especially as fishing guides!

**Meeting Recordings**

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

**From John Montgomery:**

You will recall that John Bradshaw suffered a fall that required hospitalization partial hip replacement about 6 weeks ago.

This photo of him with his wife, Matilda, was taken at home on Easter -- where apparently they enjoyed lunch with their family of 17 in attendance.

John also made an appearance at KPAD this past Saturday and chatted extensively with several members.

*Please email any potential happenings to Alex at [abarge11@gmail.com](mailto:abarge11@gmail.com).*



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**Kiwanian Birthdays**

May

- 3 - Sheila Umberger
- 5 - Ryan LaFountain
- 9 - Emily Bailey
- 10 - Steve Bowery

- 11 - David Bowers
- 14 - Hi Nicely
- 15 - Luke Young
- 16 - David Points
- 25 - Bob Bradshaw



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