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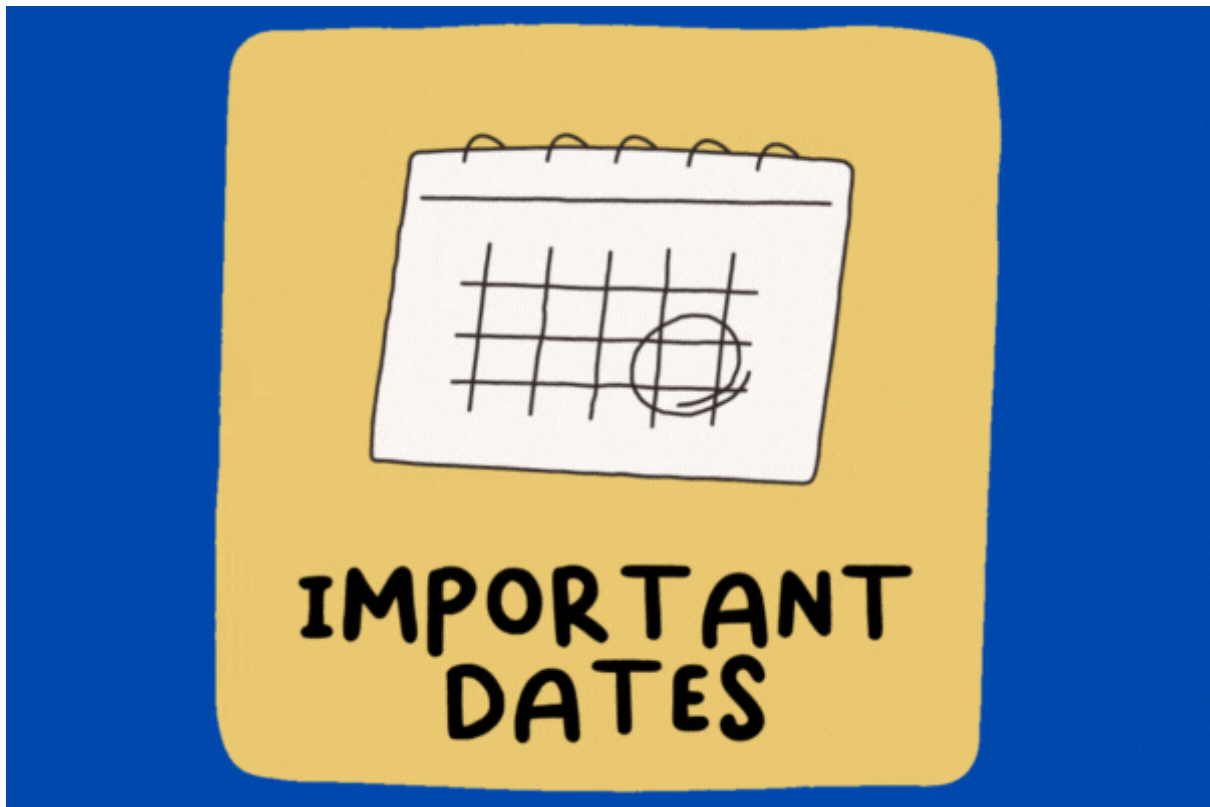
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KPAD Wrap Up

Mike O'Brochta – KPAD Chairman

I am looking forward to the KPAD Wrap Up at this week's Club meeting. That is when we will find out if it was successful. We already know it was different. We were back inside, we were in a new dining hall, our ticket sales campaign was race car themed, we partnered with an organization, we started planning much earlier, we expanded our definition of success to go beyond the traditional financial considerations to include longer term factors, we added emphasis to major sponsors, we added emphasis to marketing, we got support from two pivotal organizations, we added a bit more structure to volunteering, we expanded the yard sale, and we took a new approach to the auction of the Star. With all of those changes in mind, I must express my sincere appreciation to all of you for not only embracing and supporting these changes, but also for volunteering 1,900 hours to make them happen. Impressive.



June 14 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - KPAD Wrap-up Meeting

June 15 - (5:30 pm) KPAD Close-out Meeting at Elks Club

June 16 - (8 - 9 am) Membership Committee Meeting

June 19 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Environment Committee Meeting

June 21 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Larry Jackson, Appalachian Power

June 28 - (12:30 - 1:30 pm) Club Meeting - Maureen McNamara Best, LEAP

July 27 - Salem Red Sox Game

June 14th Club Meeting - KPAD Wrap-up Meeting

Join us Wednesday for our weekly meeting at 12:30 PM to celebrate the success of this year's Kiwanis Pancake and Auction Day (KPAD). This is our largest fundraiser. We use the funds raised at this event for grants to local deserving non-profit organizations, for scholarships to local high school and college students, and for environment projects.

During this KPAD Wrap Up we will recognize the top ticket sales teams and individuals, thank our event sponsors and event partner, give a shout out to our event supporters, spotlight the winner of the Star auction, thank the huge number of volunteers, and learn about the financial bottom line. This is a fun and satisfying event; it answers the question about why we are so excited to be members of one of the largest Kiwanis Clubs in the world.

In addition, as an example of but one of the ways we use the KPAD funds, we will conduct a ceremony to award an Environment Scholarship to a deserving local college student.



**June 21th Club Meeting - Larry Jackson,
Director of Government Affairs: Appalachian Power**

Larry Jackson will be presenting on the deployment of electric vehicles and associated infrastructure in Southwest Virginia. Larry began his career with Appalachian Power in 1980 and has held a number of operational, process improvement, and policy positions over his career. He holds an electrical engineering degree from West Virginia University, and MBA from Averett University, is a registered professional engineer in Virginia and West Virginia, and is a registered lobbyist in Virginia and Tennessee.



**June 28th Club Meeting - Maureen McNamara Best,
Executive Director: Local Environmental Agriculture
Project (LEAP)**

Maureen McNamara Best is the Executive Director with Local Environmental Agriculture Project (LEAP), a 501c3 non-profit based in Roanoke, VA. LEAP nurtures our food community to create an equitable food and farming system which prioritizes health and abundance by supporting community initiatives, markets, farms, and farmers. To tackle the complicated problems in our food system, LEAP works closely with community members, farmers, and organizational and government partners. LEAP programs include LEAP Farmers Markets (West End and Grandin Village), LEAP Mobile Market, LEAP Farm Share, Healthy Food Incentives (financial incentives for produce for people who participate in SNAP, Medicaid, WIC), The LEAP Kitchen, farm to community planning, and regional food system development. LEAP also serves as the fiscal agent for Virginia's statewide Nutrition Incentive Network, Virginia Fresh Match, to make fruits and vegetables more affordable for people who participate in SNAP (food stamps) at over 90 farmers markets, farm stands, and community-based grocery retailers across the Commonwealth.

Maureen has over fifteen years of experience working with food, agriculture, and community. Her work and professional experience is wide-ranging and includes teaching high school agriculture in Raleigh, NC, working with migrant farmworkers in eastern NC and in the Colorado plains, doing food safety inspections in Boulder CO, and studying the economic viability of the local food system in Northern Colorado. Maureen has a Master of Arts in Anthropology from Colorado State University and undergraduate degrees in Agriculture Education, Spanish, and Anthropology from North Carolina State University. Maureen is currently pursuing a Master of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University where she is a Bloomberg Fellow. You can contact Maureen at maureen@leapforlocalfood.org.



Highlights from our last club meeting!







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Happenings

From the Fun Committee

We look forward to our next outing at the Salem Red Sox game on July 27th where we'll be singing our National Anthem. Don't forget to sign up, as usual, "all the cool kids are gonna be there!"

Meeting Recordings

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

Vancouver Kiwanians

Steve McGraw shared the photos below from Vancouver.



D-Day

Please see the photo of four longtime Roanoke Kiwanians attending the 79th observance of D-Day at the D-Day Memorial in Bedford.

Andy Stone, Senator John Edwards, Jackie Bledsoe and John Ewart (left to right) have a combined membership in our club of approximately 125 years. John's father, Judge Richard T. Edwards, was Kiwanis Club of Roanoke president in 1959 and mayor of Roanoke in 1946.



OpX Solutions, a Roanoke-based small business with an additional location in Savannah, GA, was awarded three World Awards by Leadership Management International, Inc.

Leadership Management International, Inc. (LMI), recently announced its top World franchise and associate awards for 2022. OpX Solutions, with offices in Roanoke, VA and Savannah, GA, was recognized as the Franchise of the Year for the America's (North, Central, and South America) and the World Builder of the Year (the #2 LMI franchise in the World).

Additionally, Lois James, OpX Solutions' Director of Leadership Development, was recognized as Facilitator of the Year for the Americas. This award is presented to that Facilitator, Licensee, or Sales Associate who achieves the greatest success in facilitating LMI programs with their clients. Selection is based on results, resales, referrals, and Client Testimonials.

Mike Leigh, President of OpX Solutions, recognizing his team's performance, commented, "It was great to be recognized by LMI for the incredible success we've had. Our business has steadily grown for the past ten years as more organizations have learned how we effectively develop teams and help them achieve their goals. I'm extremely proud of the team we've put together at OpX Solutions, and their dedication to helping our clients achieve greater

success.”

OpX Solutions, LLC, is a group of trusted advisors specializing in helping clients remove the barriers preventing them from achieving their goals. The company’s mission is to help organizations and their leaders achieve greater success. Using process improvement strategies and a world-class leadership development process from Leadership Management International, OpX Solutions delivers measurable results and sustainable behavior change for its clients.

Leadership Management International, Inc. is a world leader in organizational and leadership development. Founded in 1966 by Paul J. Meyer, LMI has hundreds of affiliates operating in over 90 countries, and its materials are printed in 25 languages.



Kiwanis Garden

The first photo is Joyce Montgomery watering our garden. The second is a photo of the new mulch pathway installed by Cynthia Gray and her son, Thank you Cynthia and all our water warriors.



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

Kiwanian June Birthdays

Dan Karnes - 2
Ben Spiker - 3
Joe Gaither - 4
Steve McGraw - 7
Mike Bell - 8
Reif Kessler - 11
Dan Chitwood - 13
Jill Sluss - 14
Sherman Holland - 15
Greg Lionberger - 16
Steve Willis - 16
Bart Wilner - 20
Phil Shiner - 22
Milton Hardy - 25
David Hartman - 25
Peg McGuire - 28
Ray Sarver - 28
Jim Arend - 29
Jeff Leatherwood - 30
Sam Rasoul - 30



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John Montgomery, Secretary-
Treasurer

Clark Goodman, Past President

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Luke Young, 2023

LeeAnn Linkenhoker, 2023

Kevin Reeder, 2024

Stephanie Moon Reynolds, 2024

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Harry Zulauf, 2025



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